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California

Built around your law — not around generic case management.

Axcess1 takes a request from intake to release under California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq. (Division 10 of Title 1; recodified by Stats. 2021, ch. 614, operative January 1, 2023)).

Your Act
Provisions, time limits, notices and letters already loaded

10 days
The statutory time limit, calculated for every request

Agentic AI, optional
AI assists. Authorized officials decide.

Free for 30 days
One licence, the full product, no obligation

Built around your law

Many case-management products ask a public body to adapt its process to the software. Axcess1 is configured around the legislation, the procedures, the vocabulary and the reporting obligations of each jurisdiction. An organization chooses its Act once; every screen, deadline, letter and report then follows it.

Generic case management

The organization adapts to the software.

Axcess1

The software follows the legislation and the way government works.

Legislative support — CPRA

California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq. (Division 10 of Title 1; recodified by Stats. 2021, ch. 614, operative January 1, 2023))

What the Act requires	As configured in Axcess1
Who it applies to	State agencies (§ 7920.540): every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board and commission or other state body or agency, except those provided for in Article IV (other than section 20) or Article VI of the California Constitution; also the State Bar of California. Local agencies (§ 7920.510): counties, cities, school districts, municipal corporations, districts, political subdivisions, their boards, commissions and agencies, and other local public agencies.
Time limit to respond	10 days (Gov. Code § 7922.535(a)). The due date is calculated when the request is entered, with the holidays of the jurisdiction.
Extensions	Up to 14 days. Up to 14 days, by written notice from the head of the agency or a designee giving the reasons and the date a determination is expected. Unusual circumstances (§ 7922.535(c)): records in separate establishments; voluminous separate and distinct records; consultation with another agency or component having a substantial interest; need to compile data or write a program to extract data; a cyberattack blocking access to electronic records; a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. (Gov. Code § 7922.535(b)-(c))
Third parties	The Act sets no formal notice; consultations are recorded and tracked on the request.
Decision and reasons	The decision letter gives the reasons, the provision relied on and the right of review (Gov. Code § 7922.535(a) (determination and reasons), § 7922.540 (written denial; names and titles of each person responsible), § 7922.000 (justification for withholding)).
Fees	No application fee. Amounts are in U.S. dollars (USD). Copies: fees covering the direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee if applicable (§ 7922.530(a)). No charge for inspecting, or for copying with the requester's own equipment on the premises (§ 7922.530(b)). Electronic records: direct cost of producing the copy; the requester bears the cost of constructing a record and of programming and computer services when data compilation, extraction or programming is required (§ 7922.575).
Review and complaints	the superior court of the county where the records are situated (petition; the Act provides no administrative appeal) (§§ 7923.000, 7923.100 (Division 10 sets no time limit for the petition))

Loaded for this Act

- **43 provisions** (exemptions, exceptions and exclusions) ready to cite on a redaction, each with its section number.
- **Request types:** Public records request (CPRA, Gov. Code § 7922.530).
- **Statutory steps on the timeline:** Determination and notice to the requester, § 7922.535(a) (within 10 days of receipt; reasons; estimated date and time the records will be made available); Extension for unusual circumstances, § 7922.535(b)-(c) (written notice with the reasons and the expected date; not more than 14 days); Assistance to the requester to make a focused and effective request, § 7922.600 (identify records, describe where and how they are held, suggest ways to overcome practical obstacles); Requester directed to the record posted on the agency's internet website, § 7922.545 (a copy must be provided promptly if the requester cannot access or reproduce it); Fees notified to the requester — direct costs of duplication, § 7922.530(a); cost of data compilation, extraction or programming, § 7922.575(b); Written denial in whole or in part, § 7922.540 (names and titles of each person responsible; justification under § 7922.000)….
- **Standard letters** for this Act: acknowledgement, extension, third-party notice, fee notice and decision, from templates your office can edit.

Legislation-to-feature matrix

Legislative requirement	Axcess1 support
Statutory deadline	10 days (Gov. Code § 7922.535(a)): calculated automatically for each request; overdue and upcoming requests on the dashboard.
Extensions and holds	Recorded as events that move the due date, each tied to its section of the Act.
Exemptions and exclusions	The provisions of CPRA in the redaction editor, each with its section number.
Third parties and consultations	Notices, consultation packages and their due dates tracked on the request.
Fees	Fee notices and payments recorded on the request.
Reviews, appeals and complaints	Recorded on the request timeline with their dates and outcome.
Redaction	Done by the analyst in the built-in editor; optional AI suggestions that the analyst accepts or rejects.
Decision letters	Generated from templates for this Act, with the provisions cited.

Legislative requirement	Axcess1 support
Release	A release package built from the reviewed records; redactions are permanent in the released file.
Annual statistics	Annual access statistics for the period, with each figure traceable to its requests.
Audit trail	Every action on a request is recorded with the user and the time.

From request to release

Step	What Axcess1 does
Receive and validate	The request is entered with its type, requester and date received; a number is issued from your own numbering pattern.
Calculate the deadline	The due date follows the Act: 10 days (Gov. Code § 7922.535(a)). Holds and extensions move it and are recorded.
Assign and search	The request is assigned to an officer; the units holding records are tasked and their answers tracked.
Collect and review	Records are uploaded (PDF, Office files, scans with text recognition) and reviewed page by page.
Apply the provisions and redact	The analyst marks a passage and picks the provision of this Act; the released copy shows the section relied on.
Consult	Consultation packages are produced per party, with their due dates.
Approve	The response goes to the approver’s inbox for review and signature.
Release	The release package and the decision letter are generated from the request.
Report	Requests, processing times, decisions and provisions invoked are counted for the period you choose.

Agentic AI across the lifecycle

AI is switched off until your administrator turns it on, one capability at a time. **AI assists. Authorized officials decide.**

Agent	What it does
Intake agent	Proposes a new request from a message, the portal or a drop folder; an officer confirms it.
Document intelligence	Summarizes and classifies the records and finds the people and organizations named in them.
Responsiveness agent	Suggests which records answer the request.
Exemption assist	Proposes provisions of CPRA with reasons; redaction candidates appear in the editor.
Consultation agent	Suggests who should be consulted and on which pages.
Quality assurance agent	Checks a package a second time before release.
Deadline watch	Lists the requests at risk of running late.
Copilot	Answers questions about a request, citing the records it used.

Audio and video, redacted and checked

- **Picture and sound together:** blur or black out part of the picture and mute or bleep what is said at the same moment, each redaction tied to the provision of your Act.
- **Faces, licence plates, screens and text found for you:** detection runs on the server that runs Axcess1 (yours, or ours in Canada), with no outside AI service, and follows each one as it moves. An authorized official accepts or rejects every find.
- **Checked before release:** each redacted copy is compared with the original, box by box and passage by passage, and a copy that fails is not released. Location, author and device details are removed; the original is never changed.

Migration, deployment and security

- **Migration:** case history, requesters and documents are brought over from the system you use today.
- **Deployment:** hosted by SoftSim in Canada, on your own private cloud or servers, or standalone on a PC or Mac.
- **Security:** SoftSim is cleared by the Government of Canada at the Top Secret level. Each organization's records are separate, access is controlled by role and every action is recorded.

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Axcess1 supports configurable workflows designed around the applicable legislation. Government organizations remain responsible for legal interpretation and statutory decisions. Summaries of the legislation are paraphrases prepared from the published text; they are not legal advice. Text of the Act checked on 2026-10-03.