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***Birth, Death and Marriage Certificate Shortage Hits Butte County***

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – One of two suppliers of banknote security paper in the United States used for issuance of certified copies of births, deaths and marriages, has gone out of business creating a banknote shortage for many states, including California. The Butte County Clerk-Recorder and Department of Public Health office of Vital Statistics have a limited supply of banknote paper and will have to reduce the amount of copies provided to Butte County residents.

The County Clerk-Recorder will issue only one marriage certificate per requestor. All requests for birth and death certificates will be referred to the Department of Public Health's Vital Statistics office, which is located at 202 Mira Loma Drive in Oroville, and open M-F from 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Public Health Vital Statistics will also issue only one copy of the certificate requested. Exact cash or check is required for certificate purchases through Public Health Vital Statistics.

Additional copies may be ordered through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and may take up to eight weeks to process. Residents may download the CDPH application for certified copy of birth or death records at: [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov).

The Clerk-Recorder is working with schools to utilize a birth year verification form that will not require a certified birth certificate. Residents should call the Clerk-Recorder's office for more details at: 530-538-7691.

Both offices are required by law to issue banknote certificates that meet the California Health and Safety Code Section 103526.5 security feature requirements. These features require a printing process called "Intaglio Printing," which produces a raised ink with the department seal, name and signature of the issuing officer. Banknote paper is typically pre-printed with the County specific information and cannot be shared with other jurisdictions. With one of the two suppliers out of business, plate making, printing and order fulfillment for new banknote paper may take several months.

Limiting requests for original certificates to one per requestor is a short-term solution. Butte County is currently working to place an order with the only other supplier of the required paper. California State and county offices are working on a long-term solution to prevent future shortages. The public is asked to delay purchasing certificates if the request is not necessary at this time.

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