



# TRINITY COUNTY

**Madelyn Woodman**

County Clerk/Recorder/Assessor

February 11, 2026



Re: PRA Request Received February 10, 2026



Below is a summary of your requests regarding Executive Order 14248, titled 'Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections' and the County's specific responses thereto.

**Request #1:** "Actions taken or planned to comply with, respond to, or evaluate the order;"

**Response #1:** The Public Records Act provides the public with the right to prompt availability of existing public records, as well as inspection of public records. A public record is defined "as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics" (Gov. Code § 7920.530). Moreover, a public agency is not required to create a public record that does not exist at the time of the request. (Id.; *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001), 26 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1061, 1075.)

Despite a diligent search and reasonable inquiry, the County of Trinity did not identify any records in its possession, custody or control that were responsive to your requests.

**Request #2:** "Communications with federal agencies (including the Election Assistance Commission or Department of Justice) concerning implementation or challenges to the order;"

**Response #2:** The Public Records Act provides the public with the right to prompt availability of existing public records, as well as inspection of public records. A public record is defined "as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics" (Gov. Code § 7920.530). Moreover, a public agency is not required to create a public record that does not exist at the time of the request. (Id.; *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001), 26 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1061, 1075.)

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**Request #3:** “Any internal analyses, meeting notes, or correspondence with state officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders related to voter roll verification, mail-ballot receipt deadlines or documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements;”

**Response #3:** The Public Records Act provides the public with the right to prompt availability of existing public records, as well as inspection of public records. A public record is defined “as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public’s business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics” (Gov. Code § 7920.530). Moreover, a public agency is not required to create a public record that does not exist at the time of the request. (Id.; *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001), 26 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1061, 1075.)

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If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,



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