Trinity County Clerk/Recorder/Assessor
Restrictive Covenant Modification Plan for AB1466

Unlawful restrictive language can be contained in many documents within our office and in county recorder offices across California and the nation. As the type of unlawful restrictive language can include discrimination against race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, veteran or military status, or genetic information, it is important to not focus on a specific time period or one type of document.

Following the passage of Assembly Bill 1466 (2021) by the State Legislature and being signed into law by the Governor, our plan will be in place by July 1, 2022, per the requirements of Government Code 12956.3. After July 1, 2022, following the implementation of our required plan, we will begin the process of examining documents using manual examination as needed.

In order to track the subdivisions, parcels, maps, and/or owner names of each Restrictive Covenant Modification (RCM) prepared, we will create a database to store relevant details. This database will also contain an image of the prepared document, the date it was submitted to County Counsel for review and the last day County Counsel must finish their review. Once we receive the reviewed document back, we will be able to add the information regarding the date it was returned from County Counsel, the decision made by County Counsel, document number if it is recorded, or the date it was returned to submitter (if a member of the public).

The most effective and cost efficient methodology for our county will be one that focuses on customer enablement. We rely on the assistance of the public and title companies who may find the unlawful language that requires redaction, followed by manual examination of the document by office staff. We will widely educate the public on this process and encourage the public to identify illegal restrictive covenant language.

As the documents are identified they can be downloaded and saved to a folder for further scrutiny by a member of the staff. Once the final determination is made regarding the document, an RCM will be prepared and transmitted to County Counsel for final review.