

All About Your Escrow



Who Pays What in California? Your Guide to Customary Practices in Closing Costs

COUNTY	CONTACT NUMBER	WEBSITE	ESCROW CHARGES & FEES	TITLE FEE (Owner's Policy)	COUNTY TRANSFER TAX PER THOUSAND	CITY TRANSFER TAX
Alameda	510.272.6362	www.co.alameda.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10 Seller/Buyer split in the city of Alameda only.	Split-Buyer/ Seller: Alameda- \$12.00/ \$1,000 Albany- \$11.50/ \$1,000 Berkeley: \$1,500,000 or less-1.5% \$1,500,001 and above-2.5% Emeryville -\$12.00/\$1,000 Hayward-\$8.50/ \$1,000 Oakland: \$300,000 or less-1% \$300,001 to \$2,000,000-1.5% \$2,000,001 to \$5,000,000-1.75% \$5,000,001 and above-2.5% Piedmont-\$13.00/ \$1,000 San Leandro-\$6.00/ \$1,000
Alpine	530.694.2286	www.alpinecountyca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Amador	209.223.6468	www.co.amador.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	
Butte	530.538.7691	www.buttecounty.net	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Calaveras	209.754.6372	www.calaverasgov.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	Ì
Colusa	530.458.0500	www.countyofcolusa.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Contra Costa	925.335.7900	www.co.contra-costa.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	Split-Buyer/ Seller Richmond (% of purchase price): \$100 to \$999,999: 0.7% \$1,000,000 to \$2,999,999: 1.25% \$3,000,000 to \$9,999,999: 2.5% \$10,000,000 and above: 3% El Cerrito-\$12.00 per \$1,000
Del Norte	707.464.7213	www.co.del-norte.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
El Dorado	530.621.5490	www.edcgov.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Fresno	559.600.3471	www.co.fresno.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Glenn	530.934.6412	www.countyofglenn.net	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Humboldt	707.445.7593	www.co.humboldt.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Imperial	760.482.4272	www.co.imperial.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Inyo	760.878.0222	www.inyocounty.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Kern	661.868.6448	www.co.kern.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Kings	559.582.3211	www.countyofkings.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Lake	707.263.2293	www.co.lake.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	
Lassen	530.251.8234	www.lassencounty.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Los Angeles	562.462.2125	www.lacounty.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	Culver City- \$4.50/ \$1,000 Los Angeles- \$4.50/ \$1,000 Pomona- \$2.20/ \$1,000 Redondo Beach- \$2.20/ \$1,000 Santa Monica- \$3.00/ \$1,000
Madera	559.675.7724	www.madera-county.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split: Chowchilla & Mountain Area Seller: Valley Areas	Seller-\$1.10	
Marin	415.499.6092	www.marincounty.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	Seller pays San Rafael- \$2.00/ \$1,000
Mariposa	209.966.2332	www.mariposacounty.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Mendocino	707.463.4376	www.mariposacounty.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	
Merced	209.385.7627	www.co.merced.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	

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COUNTY	CONTACT NUMBER	WEBSITE	ESCROW CHARGES & FEES	TITLE FEE (Owner's Policy)	COUNTY TRANSFER TAX/1000	CITY TRANSFER TAX
Modoc	530.233.6205	www.co.modoc.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Mono	760.932.5530	www.monocounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Monterey	831.755.5041	www.co.monterey.ca.us	Seller	Split - Salinas Seller - Monterey Peninsula	Seller-\$1.10	
Napa	707.253.4247	www.countyofnapa.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	
Nevada	530.265.1221	www.mynevadacounty.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Orange	714.834.2887	www.ocgov.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Placer	530.886.5600	www.placer.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Plumas	530.283.6218	www.countyofplumas.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Riverside	800.696.9144	www.countyofriverside.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	Riverside \$1.10/ \$1,000
Sacramento	800.313.7133	www.saccounty.net	Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	Split- Buyer/Seller Sacramento \$2.75/ \$1,000
San Benito	831.636.4016	www.cosb.us	Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
San Bernardino	855.732.2575	www.sbcounty.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
San Diego	619.238.8158	sdpublicsdcounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
San Francisco	415.554.5596	www.sfgov.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller pays - city & county same	Per \$500: \$2.50 for less than \$250,000 \$3.40 from \$250,001 to \$999,999 \$3.75 from \$1,000,000 to 4,999,999 \$11.25 from \$5,000,000 to 9,999,999 \$13.75 from \$10,000,000 to \$24,999,999 \$15.00 from \$25,000,000 and above
San Joaquin	209.468.3939	wwwsjgov.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
San Luis Obispo	805.781.5080	wwwslocounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
San Mateo	650.363.4500	www.co.sanmateo.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	Split- Buyer/ Seller San Mateo \$5.00/ \$1,000 Hillsborough \$0.30/ \$1,000
Santa Barbara	805.568.2250	www.countyofsb.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Santa Clara	408.299.5688	www.sccgov.org	Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	Split- Buyer/ Seller Mountain View \$3.30/ \$1,000 Palo Alto \$3.30/ \$1,000 San Jose City \$3.30/ \$1,000 + Additional tax as of July 1, 2020; Under \$2,000,000 - No additional tax \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 - 0.75% \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - 1.00% Over \$10,000,001 - 1.50%
Santa Cruz	831.454.2800	www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Shasta	530.225.5671	www.co.shasta.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Sierra	530.289.3295	www.sierracounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Siskiyou	530.842.8065	www.co.siskiyou.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Solano	707.784.6290	www.solanocounty.com	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	Seller. Vallejo \$3.30/ \$1,000
Sonoma	707.565.2651	www.sonoma-county.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller-\$1.10	Petaluma \$2.00/ \$1,000- Sales Price- Seller Pay Santa Rosa \$2.00/ \$1,000- Sales Price-Seller Pay
Stanislaus	209.525.5250	www.stancounty.com	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller Pays (Except Turlock 50/50)	Seller-\$1.10	
Sutter	530.8227134	www.co.sutter.ca.us	Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Tehama	530.527.3350	www.co.tehama.ca.us	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Trinity	530.623.1215	www.trinitycounty.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Tulare	559.636.5050	www.tularecounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Tuolumne	209.533.5531	www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov	Split - Buyer/Seller	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Ventura	805.654.3665	www.ventura.org	Split - Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	
Yolo	530.666.8130	www.yolocounty.org	Buyer - Davis Seller - all other	Buyer - Davis Seller - all other	Seller-\$1.10	
Yuba	530.749.7850	www.co.yuba.ca.us	Seller	Seller	Seller-\$1.10	

All listed closing costs are reflective of customary practices within the State of California. All items are subject to individual contractual negotiation and change without notice. This information is presented for reference only and is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed. Revised 05/26/2020.