



Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

On December 7, 2017, Governor Edmund G Brown Jr. issued an emergency Proclamation for Santa Barbara County due to the effect of the Thomas fire. Pursuant to the Proclamation of a State of Emergency, all fees for certified copies of vital records (birth, death and marriage) are suspended for any individual who lost such records as a result of the wildfires. This is also being extended to the related flooding.

When requesting free copies of vital records, victims should state on the application "Wildfire" and complete the sworn statement declaring under penalty of perjury that they are a victim.

Please be aware that any application not submitted in person (submitted by fax or mail) must be acknowledged, if requesting a Certified Authorized Copy. For fax and mail requests, the vital record(s) will be sent through the United States Postal Service.

The Santa Barbara Clerk-Recorder only has access to birth, marriage and death records that occurred in Santa Barbara County. Marriage records are held by the county that issued the marriage license, not where the marriage ceremony took place.

Please contact our office at (805) 568-2250 or visit our website at www.sbcrecorder.com for additional information.