



# County Open Data Policies: How, Not Why

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# Pending Legislation (*current as of June 24, 2015*)

## AB 169 (Maienschein)

Requires a local agency to post a public record in an open format if the agency voluntarily posts on its website a public record described as “open”.

– Must meet the following requirements:

- Be retrievable, downloadable, indexable, and electronically searchable by commonly used Internet search applications; platform independent and machine readable; available to the public free of charge and without any restriction that would impede the reuse or redistribution of the public record; and retains the data definitions and structure present when the data was compiled, if applicable.

## Pending Legislation (*current as of June 22, 2015*)

### SB 272 (Hertzberg)

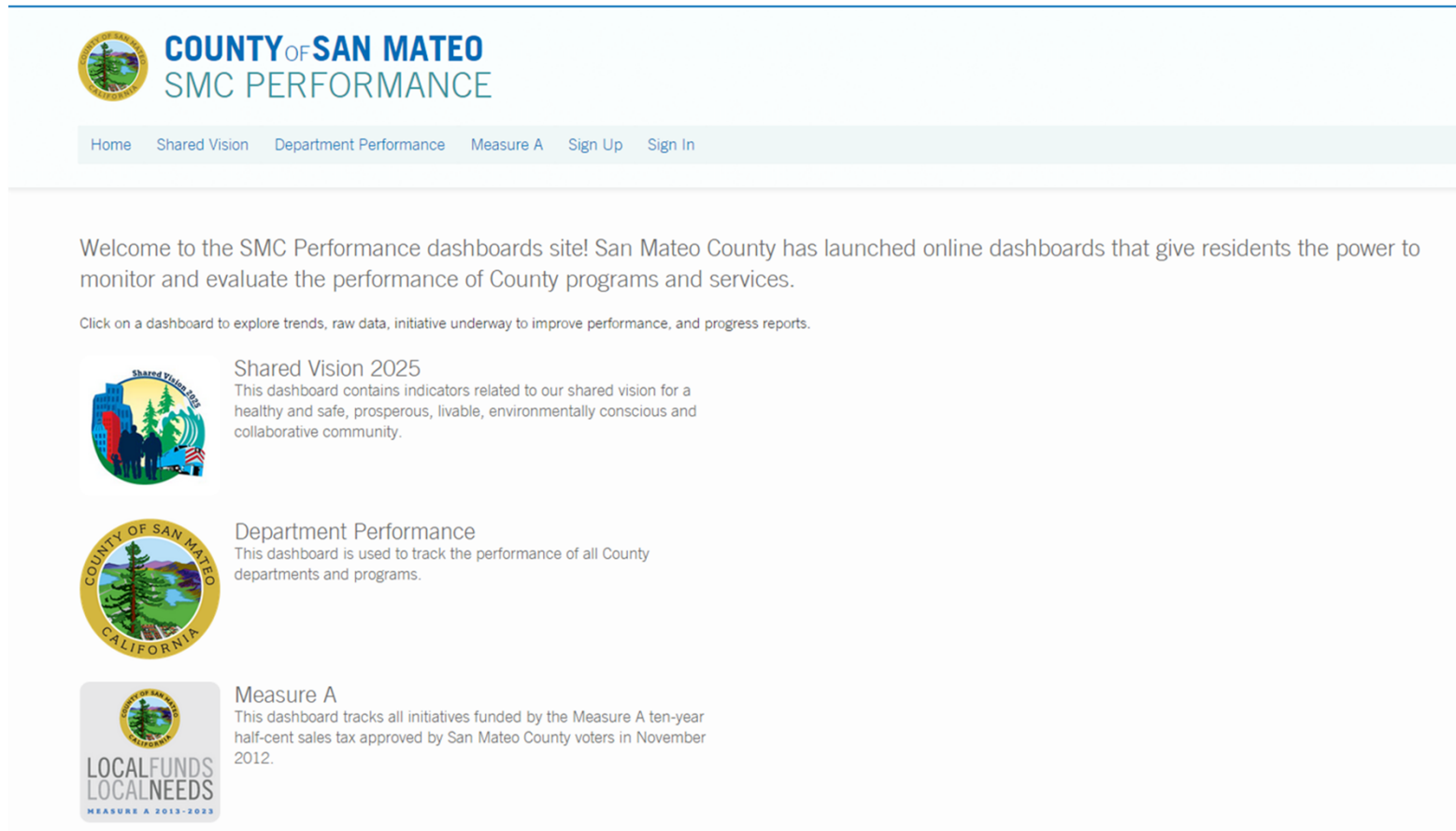
- Requires local agencies to create a catalog of enterprise systems.
- Defines "**enterprise system**" as a system that is both:
  - a) A multi-departmental system or a system that contains information collected about the public.
  - b) A system of record.
- Defines "**system of record**" as a system that serves as an original source of data within an agency.

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- Requires that the catalog prepared by each local agency must:
  - a) List the enterprise systems utilized by the agency.
  - b) Disclose, for each enterprise system, all of the following: current system vendor, current system product, brief statement of the system's purpose, general description of categories, modules, or layers of data, the department that serves as the system's primary custodian, how frequently system data is collected, how frequently system data is updated, and be made publicly available in a specified manner.

# In the beginning . . .



The screenshot shows the homepage of the County of San Mateo SMC Performance website. At the top left is the County of San Mateo seal. To its right is the text "COUNTY OF SAN MATEO" and "SMC PERFORMANCE". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Shared Vision", "Department Performance", "Measure A", "Sign Up", and "Sign In". The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to the SMC Performance dashboards site! San Mateo County has launched online dashboards that give residents the power to monitor and evaluate the performance of County programs and services." Below this is a sub-header: "Click on a dashboard to explore trends, raw data, initiative underway to improve performance, and progress reports." Three dashboard options are listed: "Shared Vision 2025" (with a circular icon showing a person, trees, and a building), "Department Performance" (with the County of San Mateo seal), and "Measure A" (with a square icon showing the County seal and the text "LOCAL FUNDS LOCAL NEEDS MEASURE A 2012-2023").



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# Program expansion



Home Shared Vision Department Performance Measure A Sign Up Sign In

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Click on a dashboard to explore trends, raw data, initiative underway to improve performance, and progress reports.



**Shared Vision 2025**  
This dashboard contains indicators related to our shared vision for a healthy and safe, prosperous, livable, environmentally conscious and collaborative community.



**Department Performance**  
This dashboard is used to track the performance of all County departments and programs.



**Measure A**  
This dashboard tracks all initiatives funded by the Measure A ten-year half-cent sales tax approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012.



Hello, John Ridener Administration Sign Out Help

Search

- Categories
- Business
- Government
- Education
- Environment
- Health & Human Services
- Housing & Development
- Public Safety
- Transportation



### Unclaimed Checks

View Data Download Data

### Open Data Applications



#### Checkbook Explorer

Payments of \$5,000 or more issued for goods and services at all County-operated sites, from health clinics in Daly City to social service centers in East Palo Alto.



#### SMC Performance

Keep track of the progress of County initiatives and programs.

### Spotlight

#### MAKE YOURSELF HEARD



Let us know what you think about this Data Portal

SMC SPEAKOUT

#### Civic Tech Meetup July 21

Come to the first monthly civic tech meetup on July 21 from 6-8pm and work with the County on solving community issues through technology and development. 455 County Center, Room 301 in Redwood City.



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# Motivations

- Ideological reasons
- Practical reasons
- Opportunistic reasons



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# Executive support

- **Absolutely vital**
- **Drives programs to open data**
- **Creates new opportunities**



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# Set program level

- Chief Data Officer
- County Manager's Office
- Information Services Department
- Project Management Office



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# Implementation

- Share data internally
- Authoritative data
- Easy wins
- MVPs



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# Use what others share

- **DataSF** <http://datasf.org/>
- **City of Chicago on GitHub** <https://github.com/chicago>
- **Alameda County Apps Challenge white paper**  
<http://www.acgov.org/government/acdata/documents/whitpaper.pdf>



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# Your open data destination:

## At what cost?

- Use available web services
- Create a website
- Open source



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## Supportive vendors

- Programmatic & technical help



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Thanks!

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