



**REBECCA MARTINEZ,  
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

## NOTICE TO HOME OWNERS

# MAIL SOLICITATION ALERT

Many home owners are receiving official-looking letters as though they are from the County or a mortgage lender urging them to request an “official” copy of their Grant Deed in order to prevent foreclosure, prove that they own their home, and to be in compliance. **The catch:** you have to pay as much as \$200 for the copies.

### THE FACTS

- You can obtain a copy of your Grant Deed directly from the Madera County Clerk-Recorder. No third party assistance is needed.
- The County Clerk-Recorder mails the original Grant Deed document to the homeowner after it is recorded. Therefore, you should already have your original Grant Deed.
- If you have the original Grant Deed in your possession there is no need to purchase a copy. The original is a legally binding document that can be used for your business transactions.

The following are common reasons why you would need a copy of your Grant Deed:

- Lost or misplaced the original recorded Grant Deed;
- Selling or Refinancing the property
- If you need a legal description of your property

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*Our fee for an uncertified copy of a document is \$3 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page per document.*

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You may review the County Recorder Online Index at any time to see if any documents have recently recorded under your name. If you believe or suspect that fraudulent activity has occurred on your property:

- Purchase a copy of the suspicious document from the County Recorder.
- Contact local law enforcement:
  - Madera County Sheriff - (559) 675-7770
  - Madera City Police Department - (559) 675-4200
  - Chowchilla City Police Department - (559) 665-8600
- Cases may be referred to the District Attorney for further investigation and/or prosecution.

### HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR GRANT DEED

- ➊ Visit, [www.maderacounty.com](http://www.maderacounty.com) (click the County Clerk-Recorder-Elections department, then the Online Index tab or scan QR code below), or
- ➋ Make your request via Email to [RecorderInfo@maderacounty.com](mailto:RecorderInfo@maderacounty.com) or,
- ➌ Call or visit the Madera County Clerk-Recorder's office below:

#### MADERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

200 W. 4th Street, 1st Floor  
Madera, CA 93637  
Phone: (559) 675-7724

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

In-person request can be made by cash, check, money order or one of the following debit/credit cards: MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

Web or FAX request can be made by using one of the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover Card.

\*All debit/credit card transactions incur an additional \$2.50 service fee.

Mail request can be made by check or money order payable to the Madera County Clerk-Recorder.

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