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2026 CALIFORNIA CUSTOMARY PRACTICES GUIDE

COUNTY	WEBSITE	ESCROW CHARGES	TITLE FEE OWNER'S POLICY	COUNTY TRANSFER TAX TAX PER THOUSAND	CITY TRANSFER TAX TAX PER THOUSAND or Percentage of Purchase Price
Alameda	www.co.alameda.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Split - Buyer/Seller Alameda \$12.00 Albany \$15.00 Berkeley ¹ \$15.00 for Purchase Price up to \$1.7 million, \$25 over \$1.7 million Emeryville \$12.00 for less than \$1 million; \$15 for \$1-\$2 million; \$25 over \$2 million Hayward \$8.50 Oakland \$10 of Purchase Price up to \$300,000, \$15 for \$300,001 to \$2 million, \$17.50 over \$2 million up to \$5 million, \$25 over \$5 million Piedmont \$13.00 San Leandro - \$11.00
Alpine	www.co.alpine.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	
Amador	www.co.amador.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	
Butte	www.buttecounty.net	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Calaveras	www.co.calaveras.ca.us/cc	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Colusa	www.colusacountyclerk.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Contra Costa	www.co.contracosta.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Split Buyer/Seller Richmond Under \$1 million = \$7/\$1,000 of purchase price, \$1 - \$3 million = \$12.50/ thousand of purchase price, \$3-\$10 million = \$25/\$1,000 of purchase price, over \$10 million = \$30/\$1,000 of purchase price (see remarks below) El Cerrito \$12.00
Del Norte	www.co.delnorte.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
El Dorado	www.co.eldorado.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Fresno	www.co.fresno.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Glenn	www.countyofglenn.net	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Humboldt	www.co.humboldt.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Imperial	www.co.imperial.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Inyo	www.inyocounty.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Kern	www.co.kern.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller Split: Ridgecrest	Seller \$1.10	
Kings	www.countyofkings.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Lake	www.co.lake.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	
Lassen	www.lassencounty.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Los Angeles	www.lacounty.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: Culver City - 0.45% under \$1.5M; 1.5% for \$1.5M to \$2,999,999; 3% for \$3M to \$9,999,999; 4% for \$10M+ Los Angeles ² - Below \$5,400,000 - \$4.50/\$1,000; 4% for \$5,400,000 - \$10,900,000; 5.5% for \$10,900,000+ Pomona - \$2.20/\$1,000 Redondo Beach - \$2.20/\$1,000 Santa Monica - \$3/\$1,000 under \$5 million; \$6/\$1,000 over \$5 million - \$7,999,999; \$56/\$1,000 on \$8 million & above
Madera	www.maderacounty.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Marin	www.co.marin.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: San Rafael \$2.00
Mariposa	www.mariposacounty.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Mendocino	www.co.mendocino.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	
Merced	www.co.merced.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Modoc	www.modocounty.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Mono	www.monocounty.ca.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Monterey	www.co.monterey.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Napa	www.countyofnapa.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	
Nevada	www.mynevadacounty.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	

1/. Effective January 1, 2026. 2/. Effective for transactions closing after June 30, 2026, the new thresholds for ULA will be \$5,400,000 and \$10,900,000.

Remarks regarding City Transfer Tax, which is based on the sale price of the property and is rounded up to the nearest \$1,000.00. Here are two examples to help you understand the calculation: 1. City of Richmond: If the sale price is \$999,001.00, it will be rounded up to \$1,000,000.00. The applicable tax rate is \$12.50 per thousand dollars. 2. City of Berkeley: For properties sold over \$1.7 million, such as a sale price of \$1,700,500.00, the amount is rounded up to \$1,800,000.00. The tax rate is \$25.00 per thousand dollars. Please ensure that you are aware of these calculations to avoid any discrepancies. For more detailed information, visit the city's official website or contact the city's tax department. Revised 06/2026.

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Orange County	www.ocgov.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Placer	www.placer.ca.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Plumas	www.countyofplumas.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Riverside	www.countyofriverside.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: Riverside \$1.10
Sacramento	www.sacounty.net	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	Split Buyer/Seller: Sacramento \$2.75
San Benito	www.sanbenito.ca.us	Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
San Bernardino	www.sbcounty.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
San Diego	www.sdcounty.ca.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
San Francisco	www.sfgov.org	Buyer	Buyer	Included in City Transfer Tax	Seller Pays: \$5.00 for less than \$250,000, \$6.80 from \$250,001 to \$999,999, \$7.50 from \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999, \$22.50 from \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999, \$55.00 from \$10,000,000 to \$24,999,999, \$60.00 for \$25,000,000+
San Joaquin	www.sjgov.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
San Luis Obispo	www.slocounty.ca.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
San Mateo	www.co.sanmateo.ca.us	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Split Buyer/Seller: San Mateo \$5.00 / \$15 over \$10 Million Hillsborough \$0.30
Santa Barbara	www.countyofsb.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Santa Clara	www.sccgov.org	Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	Split Buyer/Seller: Mountain View \$3.30 / \$15 over \$6 Million Palo Alto \$3.30 San Jose \$3.30 <i>For San Jose: Additional transfer tax applied on sales over \$2.3 Million, based on full sales price: 0.75% - \$2,300,000.01 to \$5,000,000 1.0% - \$5,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000 1.5% - \$10,000,000.01 and higher</i>
Santa Cruz	www.co.santacruz.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	Split Buyer/Seller: City of Santa Cruz* : Under \$1.8 Million: No new city tax. \$1.8M - \$2.5M: 0.5% on the portion in this tier. Over \$2.5M - \$3.5M: 1.0% on the portion in this tier. Over \$3.5M - \$4.5M: 1.5% on the portion in this tier. Over \$4.5M: 2.0% on the portion in this tier (capped at \$200,000 per transaction).
Shasta	www.co.shasta.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Sierra	www.sierracounty.ws	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Siskiyou	www.co.siskiyou.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Solano	www.solanocounty.com	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: Vallejo \$3.30
Sonoma	www.sonomacounty.org	Buyer	Buyer	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: Cotati \$1.90 Petaluma \$2.00 Santa Rosa \$2.00
Stanislaus	www.stancounty.com	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller Pays except Turlock (50/50)	Seller \$1.10	
Sutter	www.co.sutter.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Tehama	www.co.tehama.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Trinity	www.trinitycounty.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Tulare	www.co.tulare.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Tuolumne	www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov	Split Buyer/Seller	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Ventura	www.countyofventura.org	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	
Yolo	www.yolocounty.org	Buyer - Davis Seller - All Other	Buyer - Davis Seller - All Other	Seller \$1.10	Seller Pays: Woodland \$1.10
Yuba	www.co.yuba.ca.us	Split Buyer/Seller	Seller	Seller \$1.10	

* City of Santa Cruz Graduated Transfer Tax (Measure C) goes into effect July 1, 2026.

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