

FI\$Cal

Focus

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One state. One system.



Leadership Message

FI\$Cal is moving full-speed ahead with the upcoming 2016 Release. Our July release includes an upgrade to People Soft 9.2, release of Statewide Budget functionality (Hyperion

2.0) as well as a Department of General Services' new Activity-Based Management System and a new Business Intelligence Enterprise program.

We also are bringing six more departments onto the FI\$Cal system to join the 54 already using the system.

All the moving parts of this release are bringing you a system that is continually improving to meet the needs of our end users.

The interdependency of the moving parts of this release will require us to temporarily shut down the FI\$Cal system from July 22 through July 29. We know that business must go on for our end users during this period so we are currently working on plans to assist you with getting that work done during the shutdown. As soon as additional information on that support becomes available, we will share it with you. We are excited to be taking another important step along the way in implementing this historic project that will change the way the State does business.

~ Neeraj Chauhan - Project Director

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New Division Deputy Focus on Strategic Planning

Tamma Adamek joined FI\$Cal on May 16 as the Deputy Director for the new Strategic Planning and Communication Division. She brings to FI\$Cal more than 25 years of experience in journalism, communication, strategic planning, and management. Most recently, Tamma served as the Internal Communication Manager at the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) from 2015 to 2016. Prior to her tenure with CalPERS, Tamma was the Supervising Public Information Officer at the Department of Toxic Substances Control, where she began her State career in 2012. Before joining State service, she held various roles with several newspapers including: Features Editor and Assistant City Editor with the Sacramento Bee (2005 to 2012), Assistant City Editor

with the Fresno Bee (2003 to 2005), and reporter and Metro Editor with the Stockton Record (1994 to 2003). While working at the Stockton Record, she also taught journalism at Lincoln High School in Stockton from 1997 to 1998. Tamma holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and English Literature from San Francisco State University and an Associate of Arts degree in General Education and English from San Joaquin Delta College. Welcome Tamma!



Reminder – Departments Will Soon Handle Their Own Returned Warrants

In the April 2016 edition of the FI\$Cal Focus, we informed departments that effective July 2016 the responsibility for reuniting undeliverable warrants with the correct vendors will transition from FI\$Cal staff to departments. Starting July 1, Returned Warrant Inquiries (form CD-173) will be sent directly to each department for processing per SAM 8422.6 Delivery of Warrants, using the same process as for non-FI\$Cal issued warrants.

Warrants that are undeliverable by the United States Postal Service are returned to and held by the State Controller's Office (SCO) – Disbursements Bureau. Since the implementation of Wave 1 in July 2014, FI\$Cal staff have assumed the responsibility of reuniting these wayward payments with the correct vendor. FI\$Cal performed these duties to monitor and respond to system issues related to returned warrants issued from FI\$Cal and to handle vendor record updates.



The increased volume of returned warrants resulting from additional departments generating payments through the FI\$Cal system, however, has necessitated a change.

For FI\$Cal related warrant questions or questions on the July 1 transition, please contact Cathy Leal (cathy.leal@fiscal.ca.gov) or Monte Hand (monte.hand@fiscal.ca.gov). For SCO – Disbursements returned warrant related questions please contact Cameron Callaway (ccallaway@sco.ca.gov) for SCO.

User Community Forum

Our most recent User Community Forum took place May 18 at the East End Complex in Sacramento.

Topics of discussion:

- *Project Status*
- *Upcoming Training*
- *Tips and Tricks on Access Management*
- *FI\$Cal Service Center – What we've heard from you*



FI\$Cal
**June User
Community
Forum**
[Register Here](#)

If you were unable to attend the Forum or if you want a copy of the [presentation](#) you can access it at our [website](#).

On-Demand Videos

To better assist users, the FI\$Cal Service Center (FSC) is creating short instructional videos. Current titles include "[How to Access the FSC](#)" and "[How to Reset Your Password](#)." You can also access the videos under General Resources on the [FSC page](#).

Cisco webex

As part of the FSC's ongoing efforts to improve customer service and provide end users with ways to find answers faster, the FSC will soon be launching WebEx. WebEx is a screen-sharing software program that will facilitate live sharing of end user computer screens with FSC staff. This way, communication is streamlined and problem solving becomes much less daunting. Watch your emails for information on the upcoming launch of the WebEx feature.



If you have questions regarding your role in converting to FI\$Cal, please contact the designated Change Champion for your department.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our website at www.fiscal.ca.gov or email us at fiscal.cmo@fiscal.ca.gov.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 2016 Release DOJ Sponsor Briefing (DOJ) 2016 Release User Acceptance Testing	2 2016 Release CDPR Sponsor Briefing (CDPR)	3 2016 Release Training Liaison Support Call (Teleconference)
6	2017 Release NRA Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting) 2017 Release DCA, SWRCB Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting)	8	9	10 2016 Release Training Liaison Support Call (Teleconference) 2017 Release CHRB, CalPIA, POST, PERB Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting) 2016 Release CAAM & CRB Sponsor Briefing, (Web Meeting) 2016 Release CSC Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting)
13	14 2017 Release CCCC Sponsor Briefing 2017 Release CDI, SOS, CSAC Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting) 2017 Release OES, CDFR, CalVet Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting) 2017 Release CHHS Sponsor Briefing (Web Meeting)	15 Monthly FI\$Cal User Community Forum	16 Department Transition Meeting #1	17 2016 Release Training Liaison Support Call (Teleconference)
20	21	22	23	24 2016 Release Training Liaison Support Call (Teleconference)
27	28	29 Department Transition Meeting #2	30	