



FI\$CAL USER COMMUNITY FORUM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2016

TIME: 9:30AM – 11:00AM

LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, 707 THIRD ST.,
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605

ROOM: AUDITORIUM

Facilitators:	Julie Bianucci Bill Harrigan Shankar Gaur
Meeting Purpose: Type of Meeting:	FI\$Cal User Community Forum

AGENDA TOPICS/MINUTES

#	Topic <i>[Brief description]</i>	Presenter <i>[Name]</i>	Duration <i>[Time in Min.]</i>
1	Introduction/Agenda/Project Status	Julie Bianucci	10 Mins
2	Changes When SCO/STO Control Agencies are Implemented (July 2017)	Bill Harrigan	72 Min
3	FSC: What We've Heard From You/Close	Shankar Gaur	6 Min

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1. For federal fund payments, will you still run pay cycles and send out a warrant?	A1. There will be specific functions that we are still developing to help transfer the funds, but we cannot make it fully automated. If the cash is not there, it will not hit pay cycle. We will try to re-run it until the funds are available.
Q2. For general payment processing for cash appropriation, is it processed in real time?	A2. Yes, it is based on real time based on what is in the System. However, there are batches that will run that will update the System. What is new in FI\$Cal is that if you post that deposit on one day, it has the potential to show that same day.
Q3. Is there a report/query available that lists all of the vouchers that fail cash validation? If not, can you create one?	A3. We have a couple different reports that show status. However, we are still developing and fine tuning those reports that will provide us with that information.
Q4. How will vendors or counties receive their remittance advice?	A4. This is something that will be discussed for the 2018 Release. We are still currently discussing this function.
Q5. For this integration, will departments be able to see the status of the warrant?	A5. No, viewing warrant status is still a SCO only function. This process will remain the same.



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Q6. So will departments (both in FI\$Cal and not in FI\$Cal) still do a PFA? If so, how will this be done?	A6. The PFA memo will continue to be submitted as is done today and there will not be any changes. The PFA transaction request will continue to be sent by non-FI\$Cal departments as is done today, this process will also not have any changes. FI\$Cal departments will create allocations, labor distributions, and funds distributions in FI\$Cal that will replace the PFA transaction requests.
Q7. Will there be an upload template for Report 14?	A7. Yes, there will be.
Q8. Where is this crosswalk?	A8. The crosswalk will be on the Department of Finance Website http://www.dof.ca.gov/Budget/FISCAL_Resources_for_Budget/ .
Q9. Who will be converting the FI\$Cal Chartfield values to legacy UCM values?	A9. SCO will determine Chartfield values by running it through a crosswalk to convert legacy values to FI\$Cal values.
Q10. SCO staff mentioned a crosswalk for budget item of appropriation that the budget office should be using, but I am unable to find it on the DOF Website. Can someone tell me if it actually exists and where it located?	A10. There are several resource documents available on the Department of Finance Website on the FI\$Cal resources page: http://www.dof.ca.gov/Budget/FISCAL_Resources_for_Budget/ .
Q11. Does this mean we do not have to close out POs to disencumber?	A11. You would need to contact FSC to clarify for your specific department. There are a number of different ways to disencumber funds in FI\$Cal, but they may differ depending on the department. There are also job aids and training available.
Q12. What will happen to encumbered, but not yet paid, funds at year end?	A12. If you have already encumbered it, it won't be swept.
Q13. Is there such impact to non-FI\$Cal departments regarding encumbrance?	A13. For non-FI\$Cal departments from an encumbering standpoint, we do not have access to your accounting system. Due to the fact that we do not have access, we have no way to enforce the encumbrance policy. When we are all in the same System, funds that are not encumbered and not spent will be swept.
Q14. What do you mean by having different mechanisms?	A14. When you are encumbering from a PO, you will need a vendor ID, but you can't always plan for having a PO. It is best to have different mechanisms. More on this soon.



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Q15. For non-FI\$Cal departments, SCO does not currently revert funds. For the future, when we begin preparing statements, will this be related or will SCO now begin to revert funds?

A15. The policy of reverting funds will not change. For non-FI\$Cal departments, we can't enforce it if we don't have access, but we are still determining it for the 2018 Release.

Q16. If our department has never previously amortized or depreciated on our own, what is going to happen?

A16. Within FI\$Cal, we have specific configurations that will run specific depreciations for your department. There are a lot of different factors, but the chartfields, along with the date which will determine the useful life, are entered with each asset. Depreciation is a task included in each department's processing.

Q17. Are Project IDs not required for federal trust fund transactions anymore?

A17. Project IDs are required for all federal trust fund transactions.