

## **Spotlight – Alameda County Planning Department (from the February 2015 CSDC Network News)**

*The County of Alameda has been involved with the State Data Center (SDC) for nearly 30 years and is currently one of the 35 affiliate agencies within the SDC network.*



**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
Community Development Agency**

The Alameda County Planning Department (part of the Alameda County Community Development Agency) acts as the Alameda County SDC Affiliate for the California Department of Finance. Current SDC activities are performed by staff within the Alameda County Planning Department, Policy, Planning and Research Division (PPR).

The Policy, Planning and Research Division (PPR) provides general countywide demographic information such as population, housing and employment data to members of the public and other governmental agencies.

PPR staff conduct research using land use, environmental, housing, demographic, social, health, and economic data to determine the future needs of the various unincorporated communities in accordance with accepted planning principles and procedures. PPR also maintains and processes amendments to the County's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Specific Plans for unincorporated Alameda County.

PPR implements the General Plan through the preparation of specific plans, the establishment and revision of zoning districts, and the development of ordinances and programs. PPR conducts environmental evaluation of plans to ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State and Local CEQA guidelines. In addition, PPR coordinates plan and policy development with other agencies, jurisdictions, and planning staff; proposes and drafts ordinances and ordinance revisions; and provides local officials, developers, and other members of the public with information and recommendations regarding plans and ordinance requirements.

PPR also supports regional planning efforts and liaisons with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Angela Robinson Piñon, Senior Planner, handles SDC activities for the County of Alameda. In her role as liaison to the SDC, Angela prepares the annual "Housing Unit Change Data Survey" for DOF. She recently took on this role upon the retirement of Michael Munk, Manager of Information Systems. She appreciates the challenge of this position and strives to be effective in her role, as it requires a broad understanding of data sources.

Angela has been working in the public sector for nearly twenty years and is a good fit for handling SDC activities as she has long performed data analysis as part of her work. In addition to her SDC role, Angela manages the preparation of the County's Housing and Safety Elements and coordinates the County's Williamson Act and Historic Preservation programs.