

Collecting Paper:

The Current State of Public
Records Access

California Public Records Act

- Government Code 6250
- Records available that you haven't considered
- Records the government won't release

Freedom of Information Act

- Presumption favors disclosure

Court Records

- Criminal files – restrictions on documents generated by other agencies
- Redaction of personal information
- Civil files - privacy of financial records

Death, Privacy and Missing Data

- Why public records are becoming confidential records
- Selling good data to bad people
- Techniques used by private investigators come out of the closet
- Choicepoint and the disappearing myth of privacy

Internet Public Records

- Some government data goes away – the loss of driver license and voter registration records
- The federal and state governments add high quality searchable indexes online
- New proprietary --fee and free-- web-based sources

Cha Cha Cha Changes

- The state of flux –government records managers take the openness of public records under review
- Applying creativity to work-around restrictions and still get the information