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CARS PROJECT STAKEHOLDER INPUT GROUP (SIG) MEETING

MARCH 16, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM



AGENDA

- CARS Project Update
- System Review of the New CAL-ACCESS
- Demonstrations: Lobbying & User Sign-In
- Final Q&A and Wrap-Up

CARS PROJECT UPDATE COMPLETED AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



- SOS User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is underway
- Stakeholder engagement meetings included new groups (*Good Government and Institute of Governmental Advocates (IGA)*)
- Communications continue through website postings, updates to FAQs, periodic newsletters, and “Contact CARS” email

CARS PROJECT UPDATE

PHASED IMPLEMENTATION – THREE RELEASES



RELEASE 1

- Automated Functionality
 - ✓ Filer Disclosures
 - ✓ Filer Registration
 - ✓ Correspondence
 - ✓ Financial Transactions
 - ✓ System Reports
- Data Retrieval / Queries
- System Administration (account maintenance., user notifications, etc.)

RELEASE 2

- Software Fixes
- Non-Automated Functionality
 - ✓ SOS User Notes and Add'l. Correspondence
 - ✓ Additional Financial Transactions
- Migrated Data and Additional Data Retrieval
- Additional System Admin. / System Notifications

RELEASE 3

- Software Fixes
- Final Data Migration
- Public Data Portal / Search
- API (Software Vendor Interface)
- SOS User Training
- Public User Instructional Materials
- System Certification
- Retirement of the legacy CAL-ACCESS

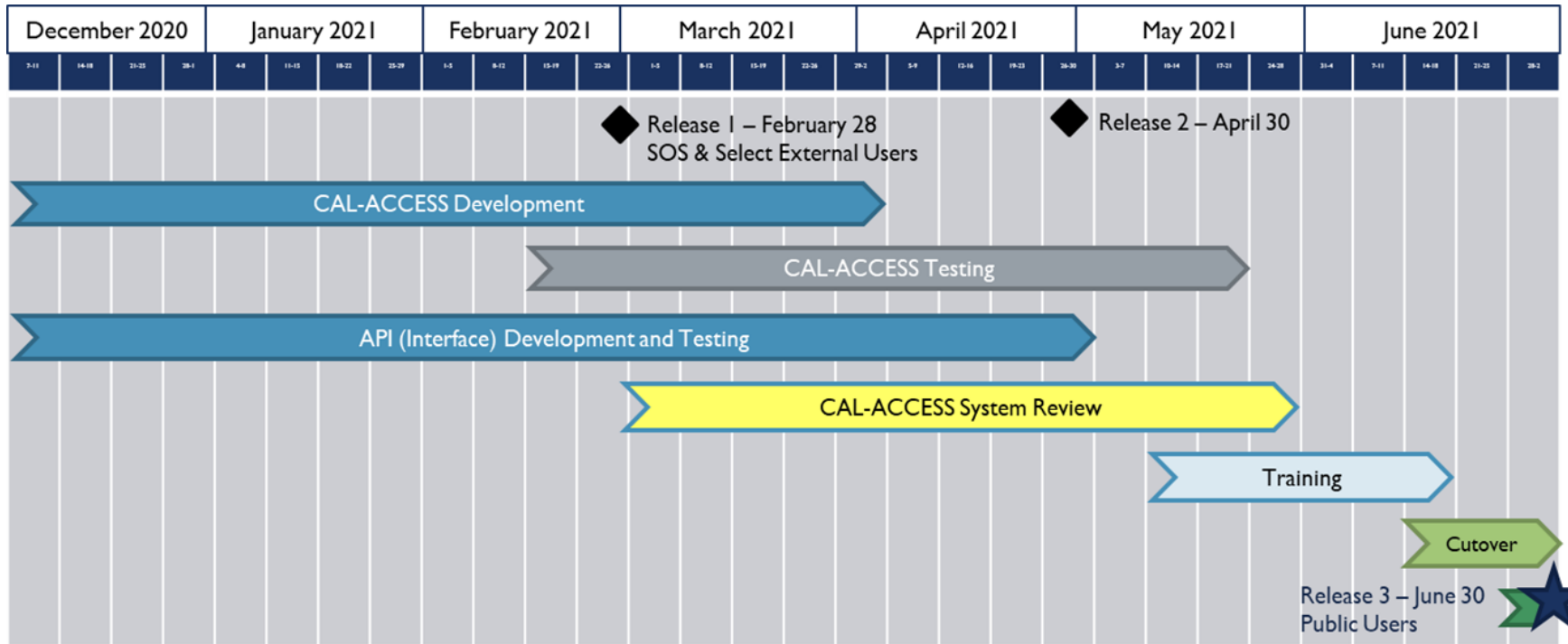
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BENEFITS OF THE NEW APPROACH



- Provides improved product delivery (implement fixes)
- Enables SOS users to gain ability needed to assist external users
- Provides time for select external users to perform a system review and submit feedback
- Provides additional time for software vendors to test the API and become certified software vendors
- Lobbying Directory can be produced within one (legacy) system

CARS PROJECT UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



SYSTEM REVIEW OF THE NEW CAL-ACCESS



- System review schedule and additional details to be communicated in the next two weeks.
- FPPC and Stakeholder Input Group (SIG) will participate.
- Input from the review will be utilized by the CARS Testing Team for consideration in June and for future releases.



DEMONSTRATIONS: LOBBYING & USER SIGN-IN





Q & A

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT INFORMATION



Visit the CARS project website

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-replacement-system-project-cars-updates/>

- View documents, FAQs, and events
- Sign up to receive project updates

CARS Email Address: Submit questions and comments to the CARS project team:
PRDCARS@sos.ca.gov

CAL-ACCESS Replacement System Project (CARS) Updates

