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State Expands its Open Data Portal ***Data Federated from CHHS and CNRA to one site***

SACRAMENTO – Essential data regarding our state’s natural resources and health and human services will be integrated into the state’s open data portal today, bringing more than 1,000 datasets onto data.ca.gov.

The state’s open data portal is a collaboration between the Government Operations Agency and the California Department of Technology. Adding the portals of the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) furthers the goal of centralizing and enhancing open data in the state of California.

“We began the work of establishing a state open data portal to allow the public and other government agencies access to data,” said Government Operations Agency Secretary Marybel Batjer. “Around one-third of open data consumers are from other government agencies which means that as more datasets are added, transparency increases and government can work that much more effectively.”

“In August 2014, the California Health and Human Services Agency became the first state agency to have an open data portal. With all 12 CHHS departments publishing data, we have built strong peer-to-peer relationships across government, posted more than 270 datasets, and received over 250,000 visits.” said Michael Wilkening, Health and Human Services Agency Undersecretary. “We remain committed to making the data widely available and continuing to connect with the communities that use and benefit from the data we supply.”

“The California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal helps local, state and federal agencies make resources-related decisions by giving them access to data that was previously locked in silos,” said Natural Resources Agency Undersecretary Thomas Gibson. “We look forward to seeing this resource grow over time with additional data, visualizations and features.”

The new additions will broaden the portal’s catalogue of data to more than 1,000 datasets and provide centralized access to significant information about health and natural resources on the state’s open data portal. The addition of these datasets



provides the opportunity for users to access this data in context with data already available.

The state open data portal now includes the following 6 topics:

- Water
- Economy and Demographics
- Health and Human Services
- Natural Resources
- Government
- Transportation

The Government Operations Agency is one of the organizers of the Safe Drinking Water Data Challenge (waterchallenge.data.ca.gov/). Federating data from the Health and Human Services Agency and Natural Resources Agency's open data portals will support this challenge with the addition of relevant datasets accessible in a single location.

The state open data portal started with the launch of the CA GreenGov Challenge Portal in October 2015. Since then, the state has worked toward increasing the number of datasets on its portal.

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