



CalSAWS | JPA Board of Directors Meeting



February 19, 2021

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Confirmation of Quorum and Agenda Review
3. Public Opportunity to speak on items NOT on the Agenda. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker, except that a speaker using a translator shall be allowed up to six minutes.

Note: The public may also speak on any Item ON the Agenda by waiting until that item is read, then requesting recognition from the Chair to speak.

- All lines will be muted when meeting begins.
- To unmute:
 - ✦ When connected via computer – click the microphone icon.
 - ✦ When connected via telephone – press *6.



Action Items

Action Items

4. Pursuant to the JPA Agreement, Article III, Section 3.01, the Board of Directors shall elect from among its Directors, a Vice-Chair.
 - a. Seek nominations and creation of a slate for Board of Directors Vice-Chair for the period of February 19, 2021 – June 30, 2021.
 - i. Delfino Neira – Fresno County – Region 4
 - b. Proceed to elect the Vice-Chair for the period of February 19, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

Action Items

5. Approval of Consent Items

- a. Approval of the Minutes and review of the Action Items from the January 22, 2021 joint meeting of the CalSAWS JPA Member Representatives and Board of Directors.
- b. Approval of Accenture LRS/CalSAWS Change Notice 8, which includes requests for:
 - i. Los Angeles County DCFS IVR Call Flow Implementation Services
 - ii. Continuum of Care Automation
 - iii. Earned Income Disregard (EID)
 - iv. Additional M&E Hours

Continues

Action Items

5. Approval of Consent Items (Continued)

- c. Approval of Accenture C-IV Allocation Request 1, which includes requests for:
 - i. Los Angeles County DCFS IVR Call Flow Software
 - ii. Earned Income Disregard (EID)
 - iii. Additional Application Maintenance Hours
 - iv. County Purchases for Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Imperial, Kings, Kern, Lake, Madera, Modoc, Mono, Mariposa, Merced, Napa, Plumas, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, Shasta, Sierra, San Joaquin, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, and Tuolumne for various Services, Equipment, and Software items

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- d. Approval of First Data LRS Quality Assurance Change Notice 2, which includes requests for:
 - i. ABAWD
 - ii. SB 1341
 - iii. Testing Staff Augmentation
- e. Approval of Deloitte Change Order 2, which includes requests for:
 - i. Updates to the Release and Timeline

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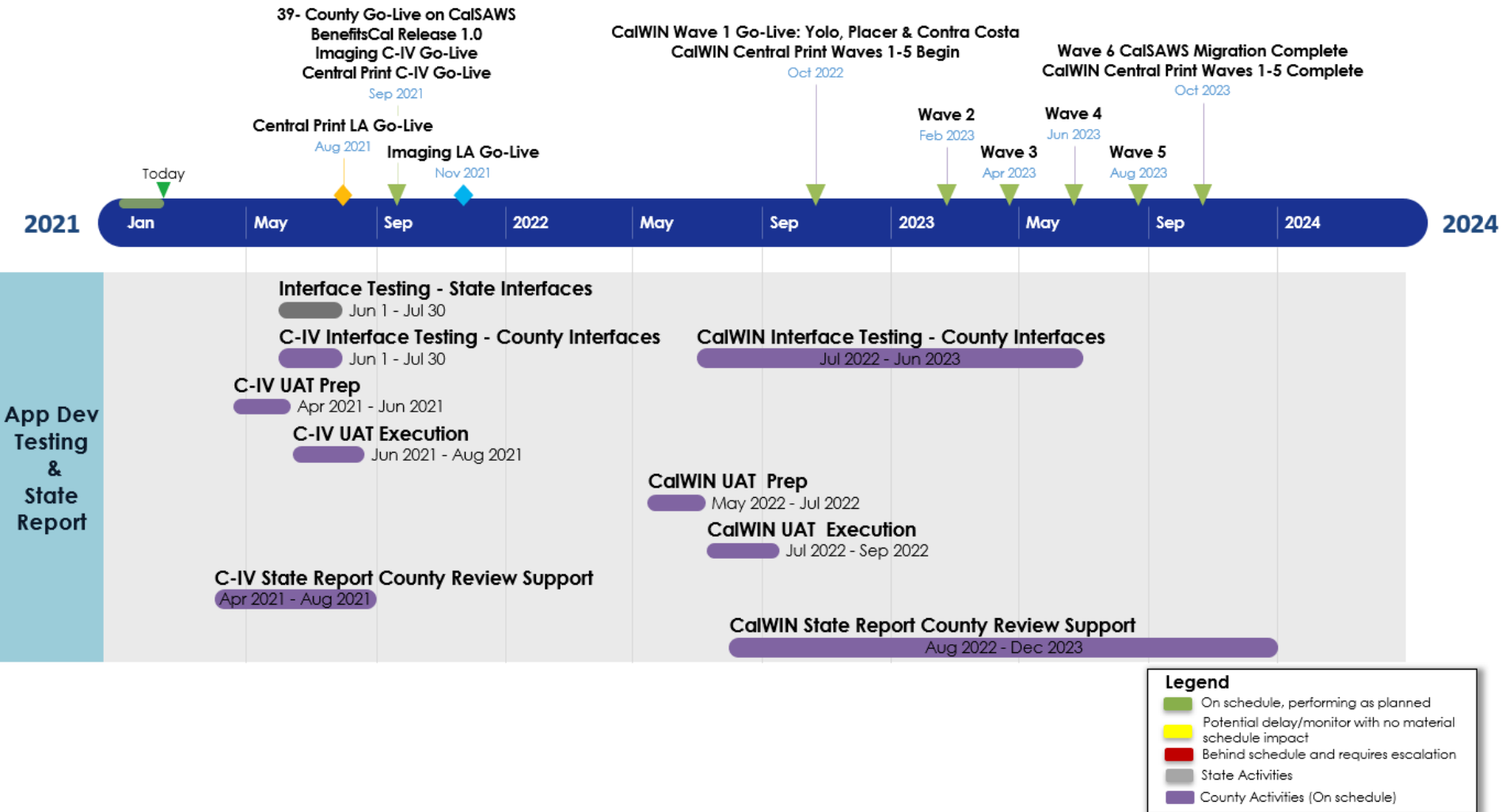
Informational Items



CalSAWS Gantt Chart Update

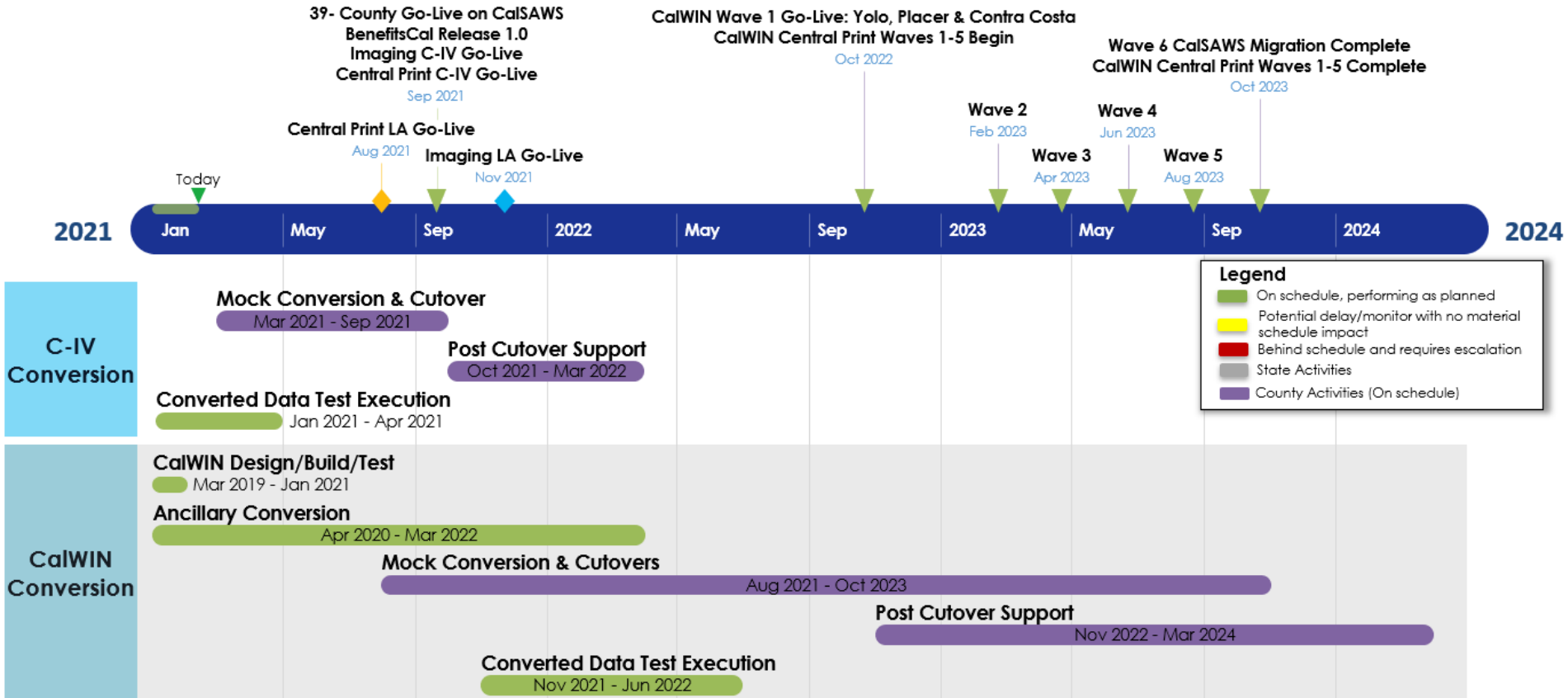
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High Level Overview – App Dev & Test



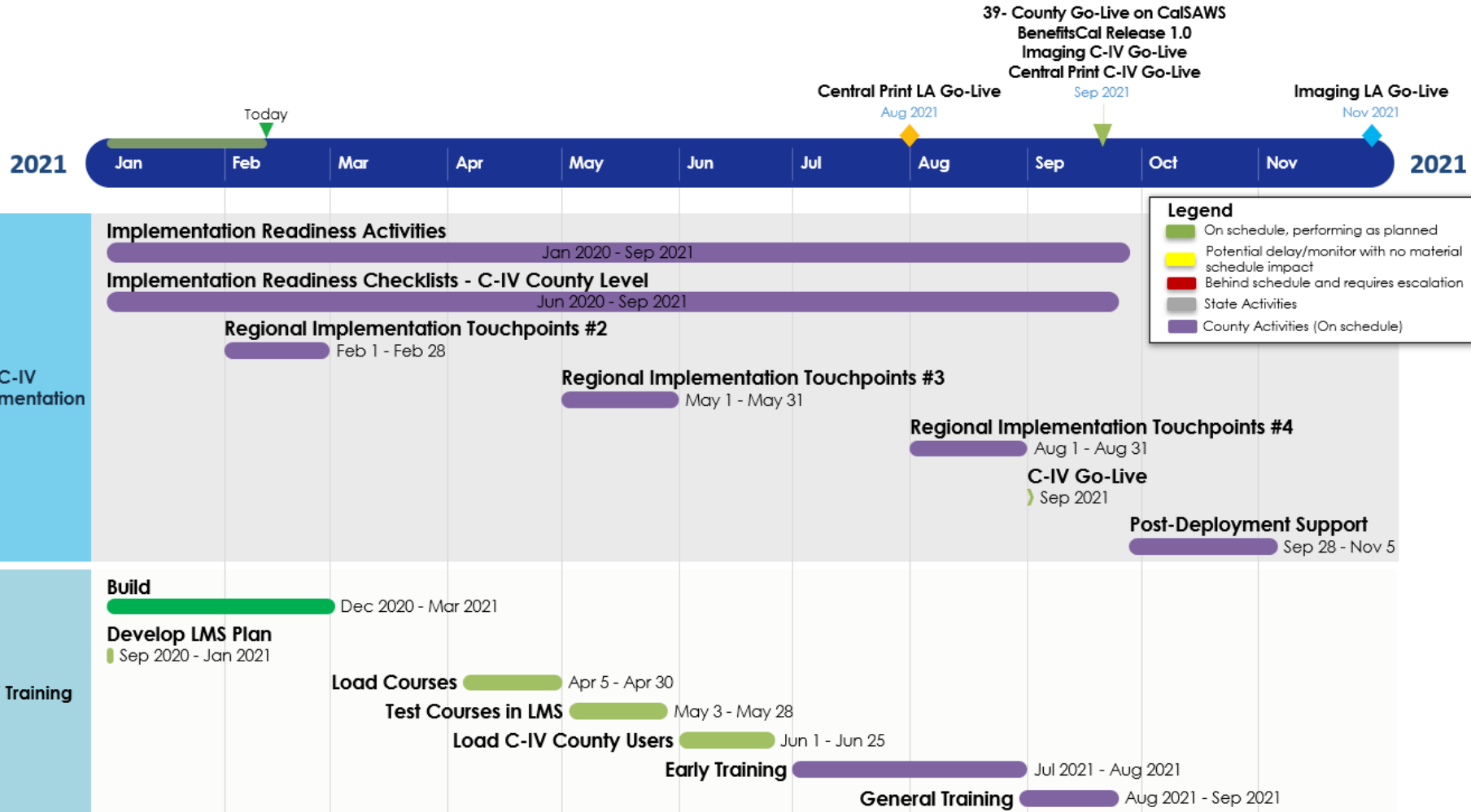
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High Level Overview - Conversion



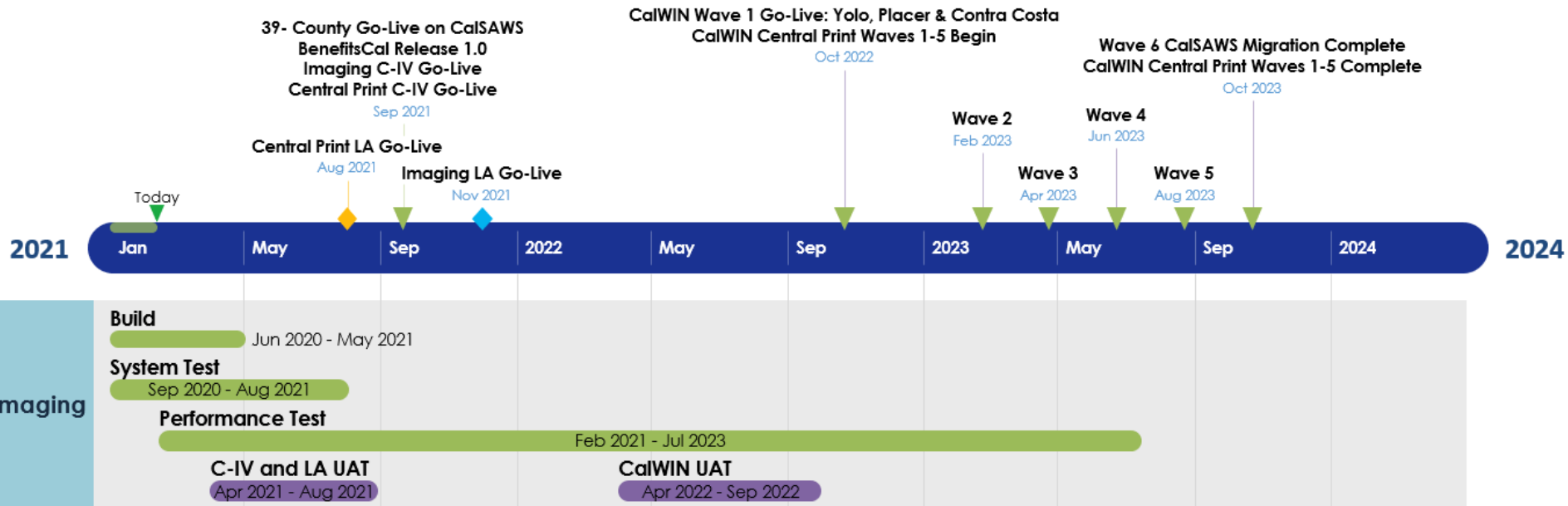
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High Level Overview – C-IV Implementation



CalSAWS Project Gantt

High Level Overview – Imaging

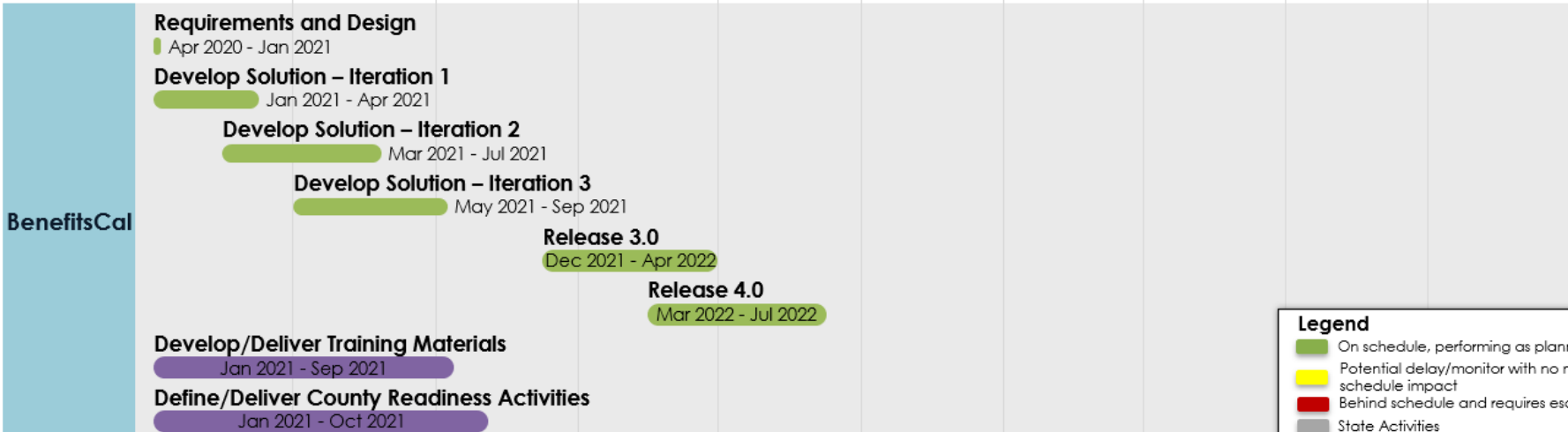
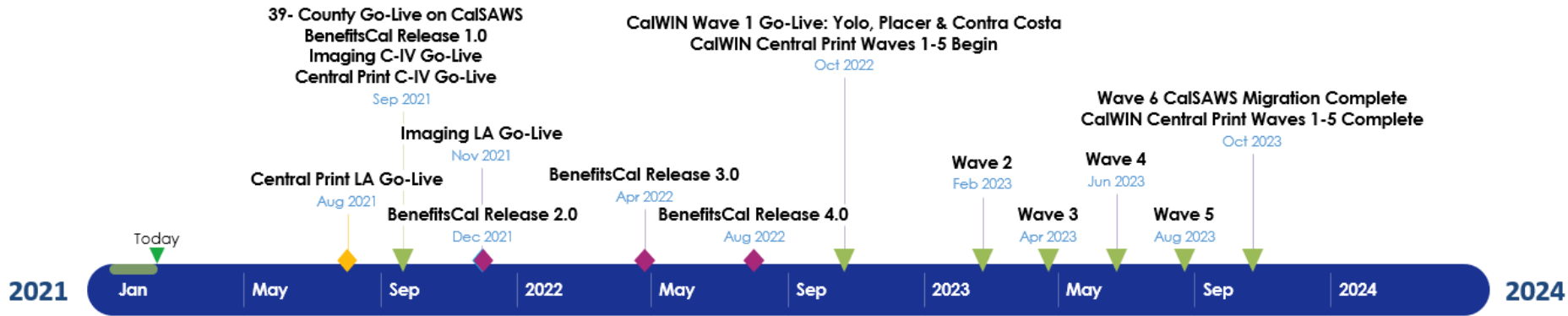


Legend

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- State Activities
- County Activities (On schedule)

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High Level Overview - BenefitsCal

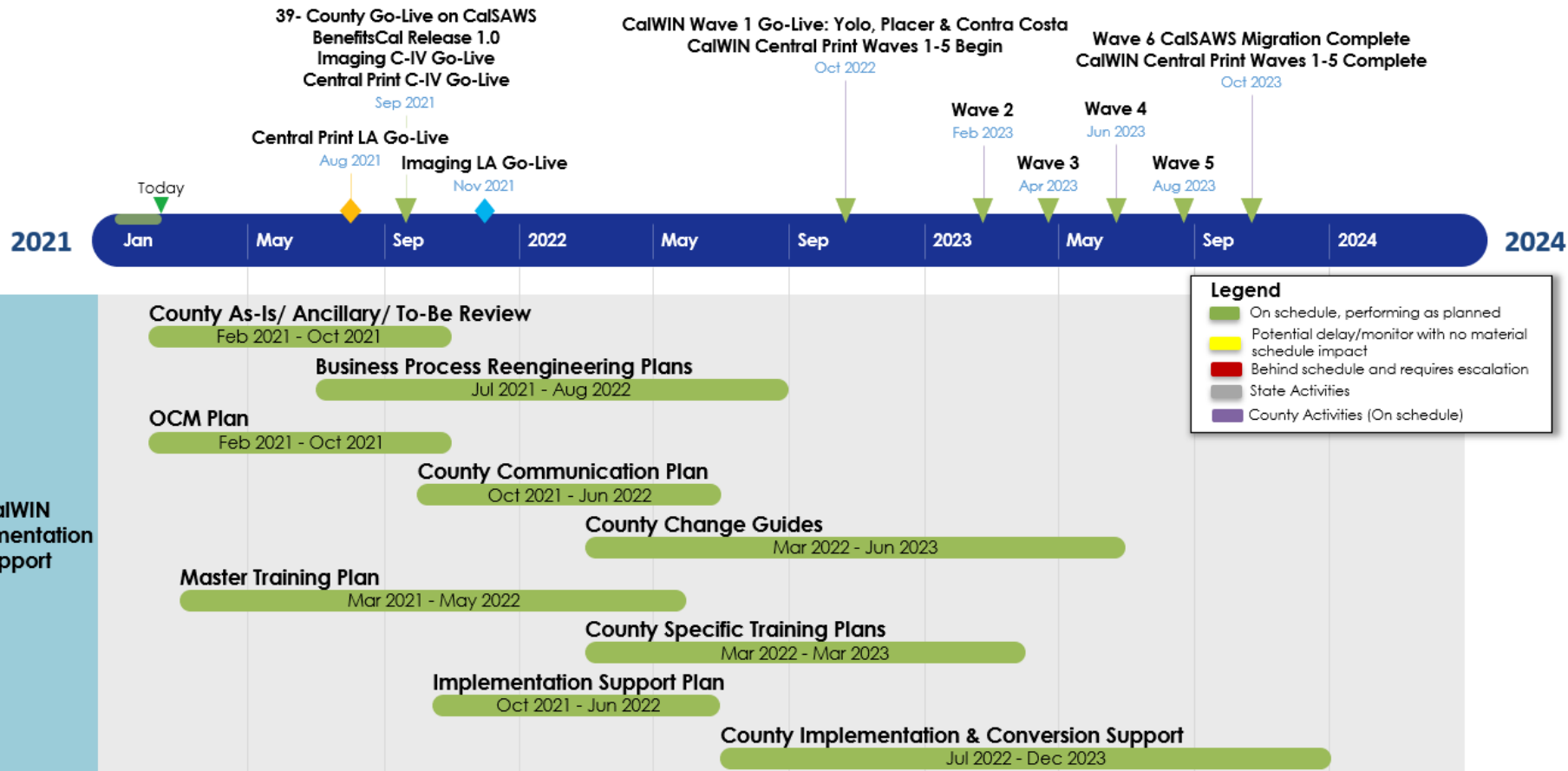


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CalSAWS Project Gantt

High Level Overview – CalWIN Implementation Support





CalWIN Implementation Support Services

BPR As-Is Discovery Sessions Update

- CalWIN Counties completed As-Is Discovery Sessions last week to develop high-level Baseline processes for the 18 CalWIN Counties – over 100 staff attended each session
- Outputs for edits were sent to CalWIN Counties with request for feedback by 2/12/21

Wednesday 1/27	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IndustryPrint Tool • Process Types (e.g. Operations, Support Functions) • Process Groups (e.g. Application Registration) • Processes (e.g. Benefit Issuance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IndustryPrint Tool/Recap of Last Session • Process Reviews for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Registration/Intake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IndustryPrint Tool/Recap of Last Session • Process Reviews for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management • RRRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IndustryPrint Tool/Recap of Last Session • Process Reviews for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraud • Appeals/Hearings

Up Next: County-Specific As-Is Discovery Sessions

County Virtual Visits will include As-Is Discovery Workshops and targeted interviews with identified employees, starting February 22nd

Sample Calendar for February – April week-long sessions for each County

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kick-off & Overview of Approach	Intake/ Application Registration	Maintenance	Operations- Lobby, Task, Call Center	Imaging, Help Desk
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
PM	Intake/ Application Registration	Maintenance	Case Load Management	QA/QC, Collections/ Benefit Recovery, Hearing	Reporting, Administration/ Finance

Training Advisory Council Update

- CalWIN Counties have assigned representatives who have been invited to the Kick-Off Meeting
- TAC Kick-Off Meeting met on February 17
 - ✦ Discussion about the purpose & objectives of TAC
 - ✦ An overview of the training approach will be presented
- Training Advisory Council continues monthly to provide guidance for the CalWIN training approach

Change Management Update

- Visioning Lab (February 24) - Senior leadership commitment increases employee engagement and adoption of changes; this is an interactive opportunity to connect and align on a unified vision on what Implementation **success** means for CalWIN migration
- Outcomes of the Visioning Lab will be shared out
- Organizational Change Management Kickoff presentation will be held on February 25th at the OPAC meeting



BenefitsCal Update

What is Search Engine Optimization (SEO)?

What it is, why it matters

Search engine optimization is the practice of optimizing a website for the search engine, without paying for advertisements, to enable the website to rank higher on a Search Engine Results Page.

Ad - www.getcalfresh.org/ ▾
Apply for CalFresh FoodStamps - Get Online - San Francisco, CA
Get Help Putting Food On The Table. **Apply Today In Just 10 Minutes!** Free Non-Profit Service. **Apply** in 10 minutes. Live chat support. Mobile friendly.

Ad - commonapp.1degree.org/ ▾
CalFresh Application - Apply for SNAP benefits - 1degree.org
Apply for food support, affordable health insurance, and other benefits in one sitting! One Degree's Common App is a fast & secure tool to help you get the support you need.

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SEO
Listing

www.getcalfresh.org ▾
Apply for California Food Stamps Online | GetCalFresh.org
GetCalFresh can help you apply for California Food Stamps, also known as CalFresh, SNAP, Food Assistance, or EBT, in as little as ten minutes. **Apply for free.**
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www.cdss.ca.gov / ... / CalFresh ▾
CalFresh Program - California Department of Social Services
Quick Links: **Apply now on line at:** www.getcalfresh.org or BenefitsCal.org. [Contact Your County Social Services Agency](#). [Find Food Banks in California](#). [Electronic Benefit Transfer \(EBT\) Card Information](#). [Women, infants and Children Nutrition Program](#). [Why Californians need food assistance](#).

mycalfresh.org / apply ▾
Apply for CalFresh - CalFresh
Call 1-877-847-3663 If you do not live in California, click here to find out how to apply for SNAP/food stamps in your state.

dpss.lacounty.gov / food / calfresh ▾
Apply for CalFresh - DPSS
Effective June 1, 2019, SSI/SSP recipients in California are also eligible for CalFresh benefits, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

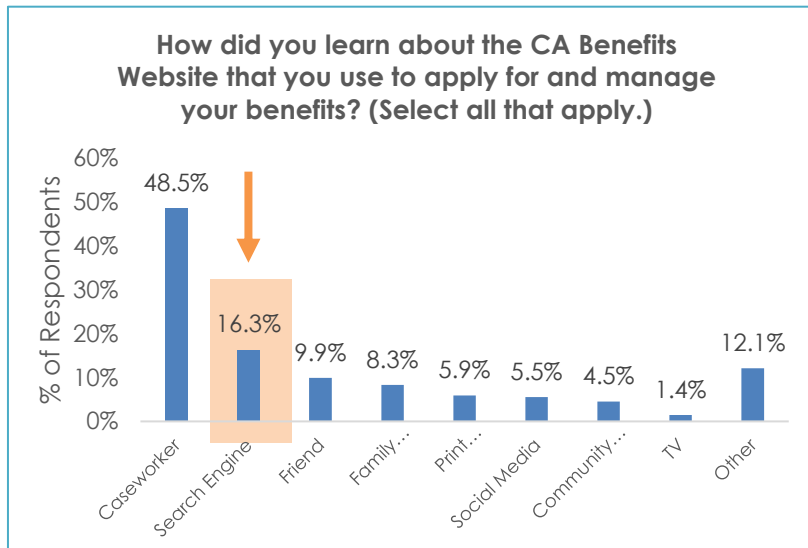
Why does this matter? The easier it is to find the right content (the BenefitsCal website, program information), the faster we can serve the residents of California.

Research indicates there are SEO opportunities

Customer and Data Research

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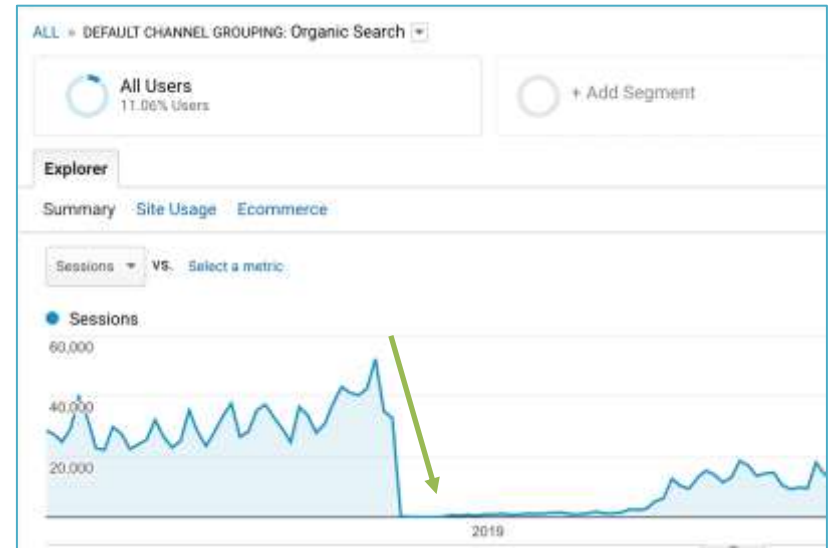
Customer Research: Today, customers learn about portals through Caseworkers, instead of through web searches.



Above, results from our survey of 7,000+ customers. Of those who use a CA Benefits Website to apply for benefits, the second-best way that respondents found out about the CA Benefits Website was through a Search Engine (e.g., Google). Optimizing the search engine experience for BenefitsCal is needed.

2

Data Research: A review of portal traffic revealed a drop in the ability to locate portals through online searches.



Above, organic traffic on a portal, with a drop in traffic from which the site never fully recovered.

Next Steps

Finding: Based on the research, the project team identified a number of opportunities to improve the ability to find the BenefitsCal through online searches.

Let us show you some of the steps we will take to make it easy to find the new BenefitsCal.

Insight: Leverage ecosystem relationships to create backlinks to the site

Finding

High-quality, natural links to a site act like “votes” for that site’s authority to search engines (such as Google and Bing) and BenefitsCal is part of a rich network of high-quality sites from which it can request natural backlinks.

Action Plan

Leverage ecosystem relationships to ask sites to update links from existing portal sites to the new BenefitsCal website.

This could include the following:

- Federal/State Websites
- County Websites
- Partner Websites (United Way, GetCalFresh, others)
- Other Websites (Universities, others)



Above, examples of high-authority sites that BenefitsCal has relationships with and from which we can request backlinks.

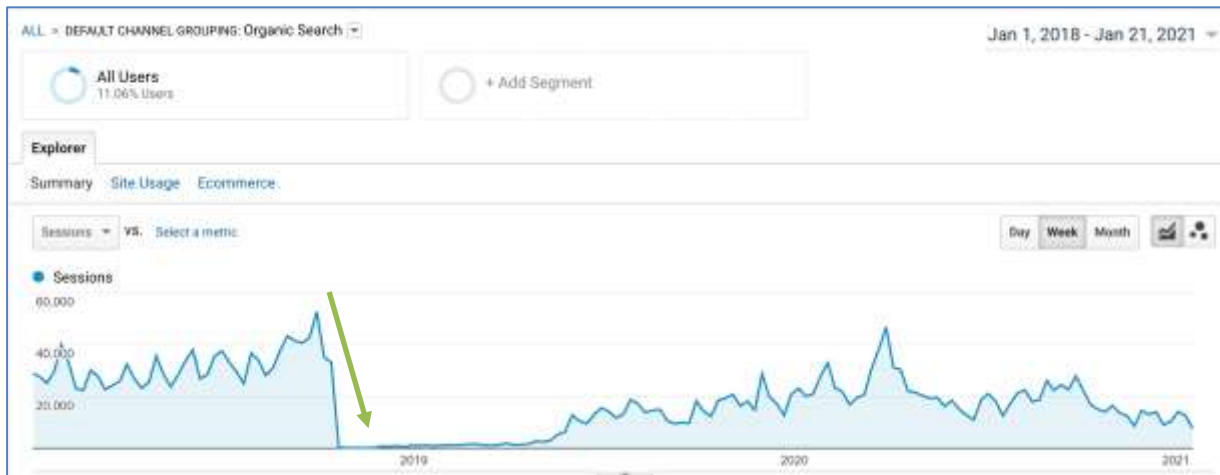
Insight: 301 redirect from existing portals to the BenefitsCal website

Finding

We know a complete SEO site migration is critical to site relaunches. Applying 301 redirects (redirect old URL to its new URL site) will prevent losses in search traffic.

Action Plan

Complete SEO site migrations on all current portals when they are replaced with BenefitsCal. The project team should refer to the redirect mapping checklist for help and consider bringing in additional SEO support during migration periods. The team should also plan, as part of migration best practice, to monitor post-launch performance to flag any major issues.



Above, organic traffic on a portal with a drop in traffic mid-October 2018 from which the site continues to have lower traffic than historical performance.

Insight: Expose new user relevant content to the search engine

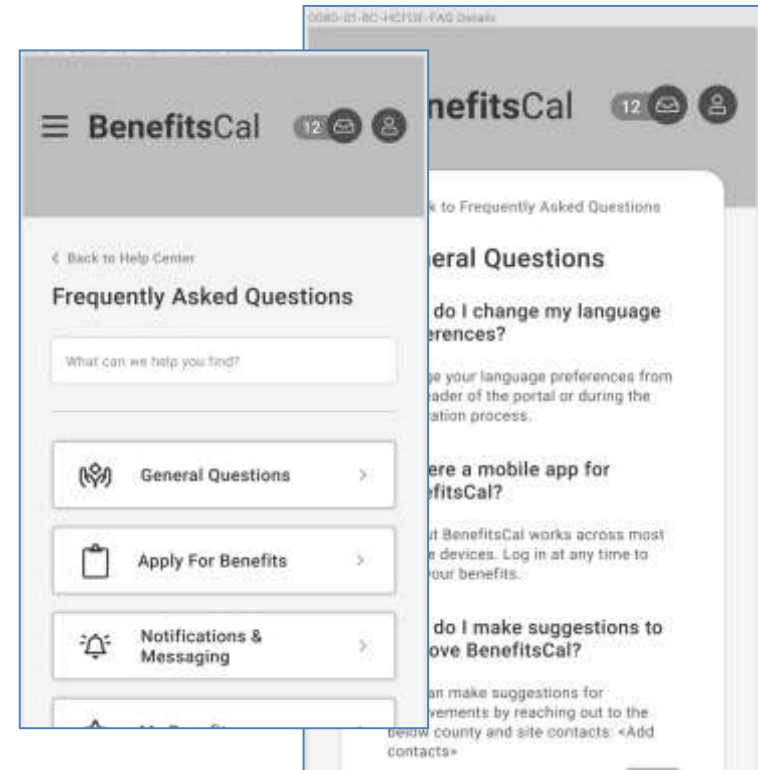
Finding

To appear in search results, search engines (such as Google or Bing) need BenefitsCal pages to return and display. Additional content (like FAQ and Help pages) provides additional opportunities for users to find and enter the site.

Action Plan

Expose additional content to search (for example, general questions and FAQ content), to unauthenticated users.

If there are specific topics of interest (for example, Covid-19 related service updates) consider creating new, unauthenticated content pages to compete for those specific topics.



Above, current FAQ screens within BenefitsCal.

Insight: Help Search Engines to redirect users to BenefitsCal

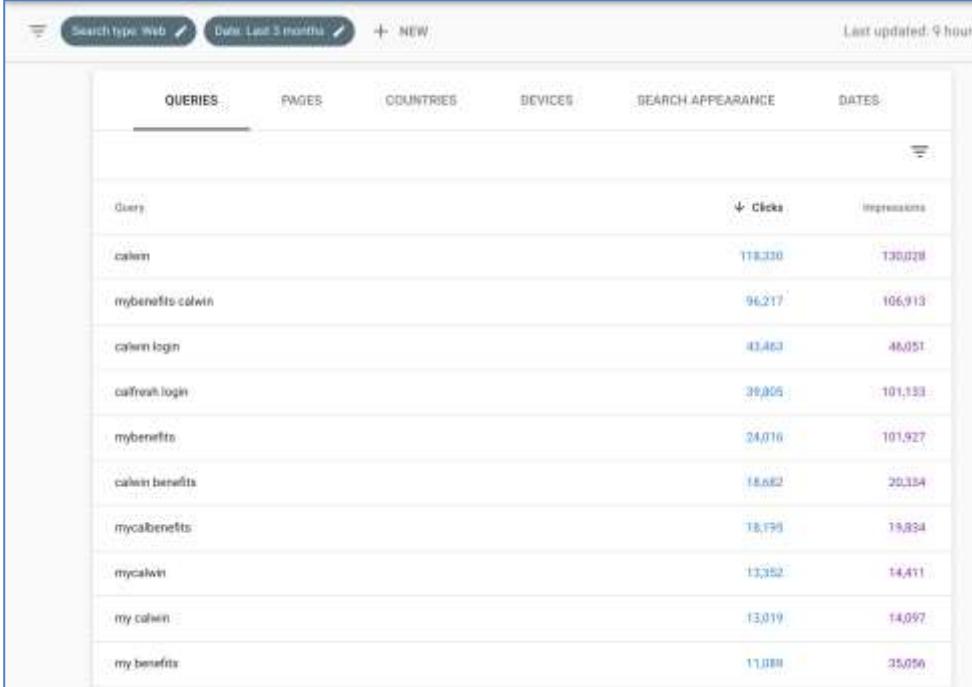
Finding

Within the current benefit portals, a significant number of people find the portals by searching directly for portal names (referred to as high branded click volume).

Action Plan

Weave in the existing portal names within the BenefitsCal homepage (not just within a JavaScript banner), to indicate relevancy.

This way, when users search for existing portal names (like “MyBenefits CalWIN”), the search will return and direct the user to the BenefitsCal portal.



QUERIES	PAGES	COUNTRIES	DEVICES	SEARCH APPEARANCE	DATES
Query				Clicks	Impressions
calwin				118,330	130,028
mybenefits calwin				96,217	106,913
calwin login				43,463	46,051
calfresh login				39,005	101,133
mybenefits				24,016	101,927
calwin benefits				18,682	20,134
mycalbenefits				18,199	19,834
mycalwin				13,382	14,411
my calwin				13,019	14,097
my benefits				11,088	35,056

Above, click volume to specific keywords on MyBenefits CalWIN, as recorded by Google Search Console. A majority are for brand-specific searches.



Metrics for C-IV Implementation Readiness

Pathway to Green Light

Counties will play an active role in being informed and participating in Operational Readiness Activities

- The Operational Readiness Approach includes documentation of the readiness of the efforts. The readiness reports will be consistently maintained, reported monthly up through the go/no-go green light decision.
- The decision to deploy to Production, also known as the “Green Light” or “Go/No-Go Decision,” will be made collectively for all CalSAWS efforts approaching the September 2021 Go-Live
- Project Teams will begin reporting on the readiness of their respective projects through a monthly reporting process.



*IPOC – Implementation Point of Contact

Implementation Readiness

Key Measurement Areas

Operational readiness reporting will be data-driven based on measurable metrics, consistent across efforts:

- Key to successful delivery of the CalSAWS Portfolio Implementation
- Outcomes must be successful, traceable, and validated
- Must meet exit criteria

Application Readiness

Technical Readiness

- System Performance
- Security

Conversion Readiness

Implementation Readiness

Change Readiness

Training Readiness

Metrics for CalSAWS Portfolio Readiness

Purpose of this Presentation



Provide a summary of the readiness areas that each effort will track and report



Introduce the Implementation Readiness Packet



Discuss the Pathway for the C-IV Counties to migrate to CalSAWS

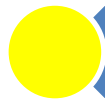
Portfolio Readiness Dashboard

Template Example

Readiness Area	Current Period	Previous Period	C-IV Migration Measures	Beneficial Measures	Discussion
Application Readiness			20 of 45 milestones are complete – 44%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	
Technical Readiness			27 of 33 milestones are complete – 82%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	
Conversion Readiness			13 of 17 milestones are complete – 76%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	
Implementation Readiness			3 of 3 milestones are complete – 100%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	
Change Readiness			1 of 1 milestones are complete – 100%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	
Training Readiness			3 of 11 milestones are complete – 27%	xx%: xx of xx measures complete	



All milestones are on-track and on-schedule



At least one milestone is at least two weeks behind; or at recommendation of CalSAWS Project Team or impacted County



At least one milestone more than two weeks behind; or at recommendation of CalSAWS Project Team or impacted County

Project Readiness Dashboard

Template Example

Area	Categories	Status		% Complete	Notes
		Current Period	Previous Period		
Application	Design	C	G	Xx% Complete, xx of xx approved	
	Development	G	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	System Test	G	NS	Yy% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	User Acceptance Test	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	Interface Test	G	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
Technical	Infrastructure	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	Security Testing	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	Performance Testing	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
Conversion	Converted Data Test	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	Mock Runs	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
Implementation	Service Pack	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	System Operations	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	Prod Deployment Plans	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
Change	Communications	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
	County Readiness	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	
Training	Training Readiness	NS	NS	Xx% complete, with xx of xx delivered	

Example - not real data

Project Status	G	On Track	Y	< 2 Weeks Late	R	> 2 Weeks Late	C	Complete	NS	Not Started
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Example: Overdue Milestones

Severity	Overdue Milestones
Critical	0
High	1
Medium	2
Low	0
Grand Total	3

Overdue Milestone Details

No.	Milestone #	Milestone Summary	Milestone Severity	Milestone Status	Count(ies) Impacted	Impact	Risk Mitigation
1.	CI - XXXXX	Description of a potential Milestone that is outstanding	High	Open	[County]	Description of the outstanding Milestone's impact on County Go-Live.	Explanation of the mitigation strategy and the expectation of when the Milestone will be completed.
2.	CI - XXXXX	Description of a potential Milestone that is outstanding	Medium	Open	[County]	Description of the outstanding Milestone's impact on County Go-Live.	Explanation of the mitigation strategy and the expectation of when the Milestone will be completed.
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Implementation Readiness Packet

Summary of Readiness Metrics

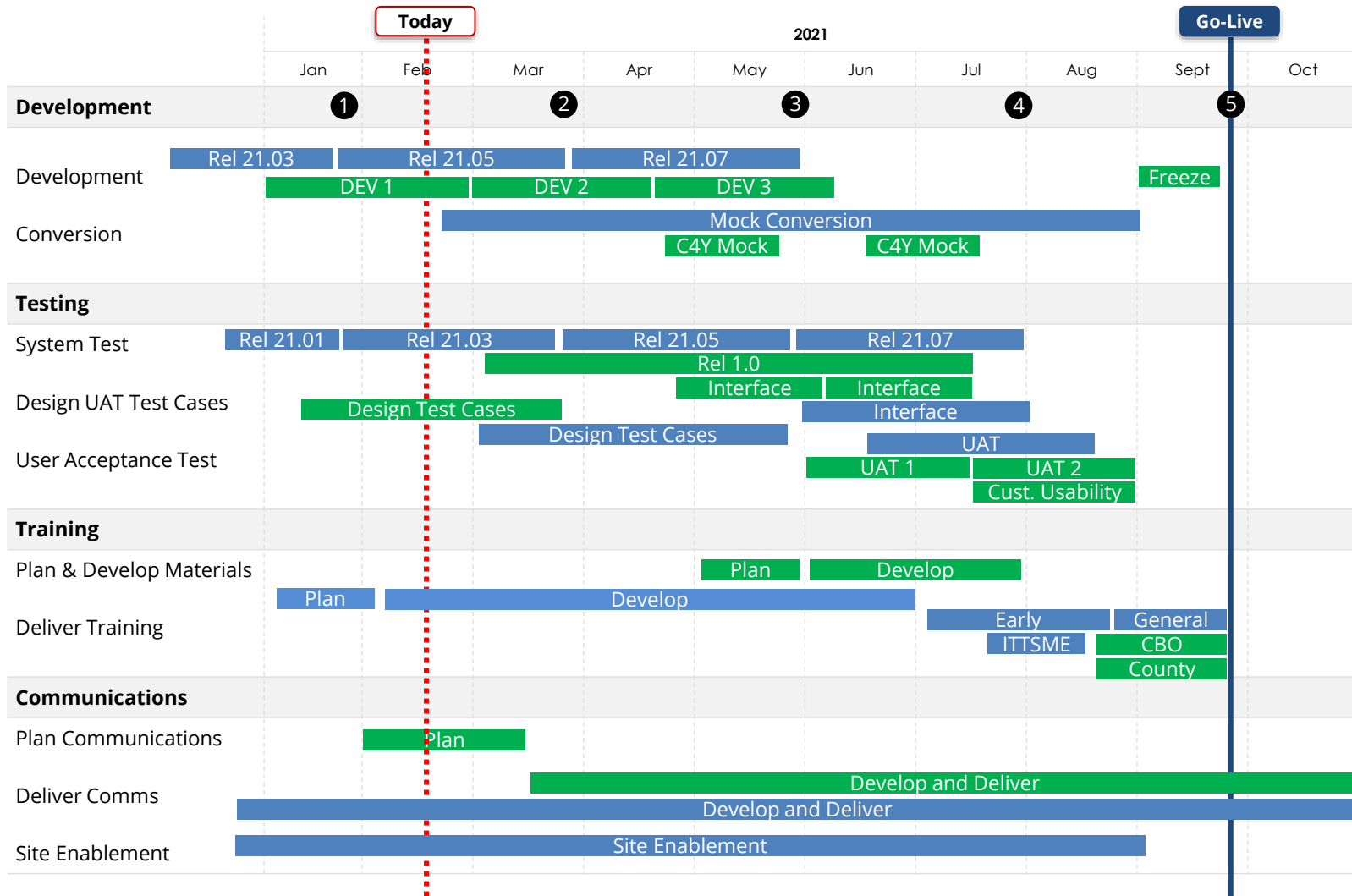
On a monthly basis, the CalSAWS and BenefitsCal Projects will publish the **Implementation Readiness Packet** that contains a summary of operational readiness metrics and status.

Implementation Readiness Packet

- **Purpose** – To provide Counties with information related to the operational readiness of projects within CalSAWS Portfolio, including the C-IV Migration and BenefitsCal projects. Status will include key metrics related to the overall “health” of the Implementation effort based on measurable metrics and milestones.
- **Intended Audience** – County Directors, PPOCs, and IPOCs
- **Notification Method** – CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)
- **Location** – CalSAWS Web Portal
- **Publish Frequency** – Monthly
- **Format** – PDF

Portfolio Readiness Timeline

BenefitsCal + C-IV Migration



Legend

- BenefitsCal
- C-IV Migration

Releases

- 1 Rel 21.01
- 2 Rel 21.03
- 3 Rel 21.05
- 4 Rel 21.07
- 5 BenefitsCal + C-IV



Contingency Plans for Go-live



Contingency and Continuity Planning Spans Pre-Cutover Through Post-Implementation



BenefitsCal

CalSAWS

Pre-Cutover

Period leading up to go-live

Are we ready?

Cutover

Go-live to the end of planned cutover activities including conversion

Can we move forward?

Post-Cutover

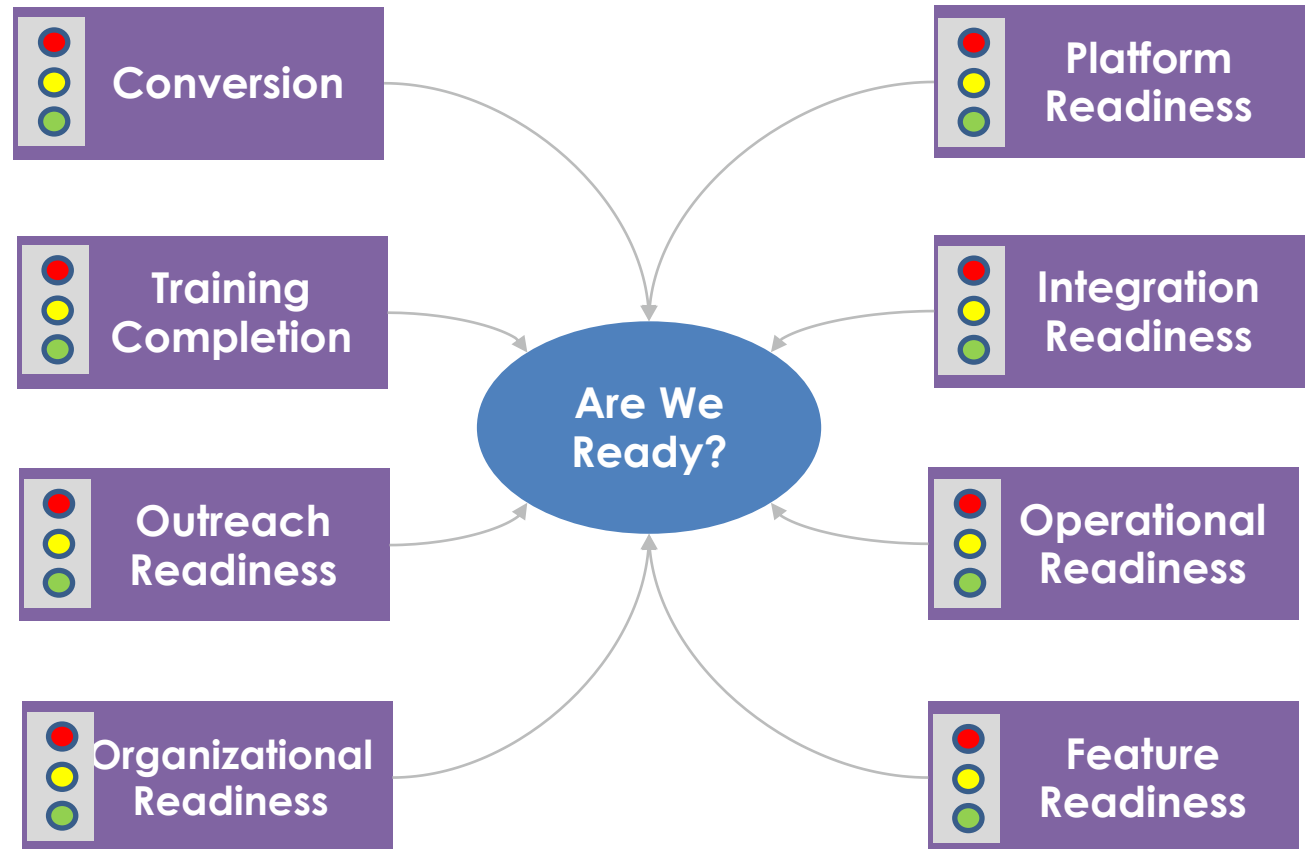
48 hours after cutover

Post-Implementation

90 days after cutover

Can we continue?

What Could Trigger Pre-Cutover Contingency Plan Execution...

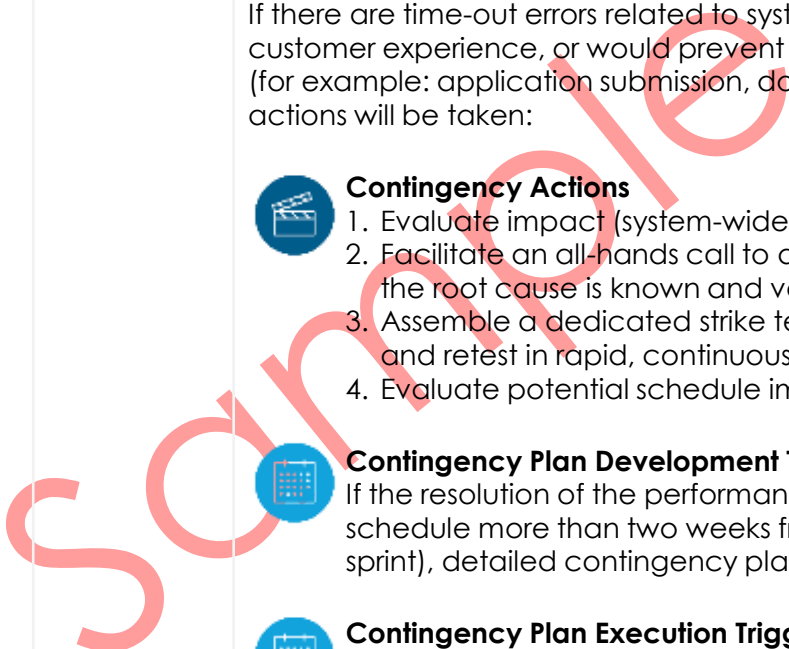


Note: Feature, Platform and Integration Readiness include health and performance

Potential Cause of Challenge (PCOC):






01 Platform Readiness

ID	Feature Readiness			Contingency Plan
	Critical / Must-Have Ready	Important Ready	Nice-to-Have Ready	
1	BenefitsCal Platform Readiness			<p>Contingency Scenario 01 – Performance Related Time-Out Errors If there are time-out errors related to system performance that would impact the customer experience, or would prevent customers from completing key activities (for example: application submission, document upload), then the following actions will be taken:</p> <p>Contingency Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate impact (system-wide vs targeted areas) 2. Facilitate an all-hands call to assess the performance defects, to confirm the root cause is known and validated 3. Assemble a dedicated strike team of developers and testers to resolve and retest in rapid, continuous motion 4. Evaluate potential schedule impact <p>Contingency Plan Development Trigger Event/Date If the resolution of the performance-related time-out errors is behind schedule more than two weeks from the planned resolution date (one test sprint), detailed contingency planning will commence.</p> <p>Contingency Plan Execution Trigger Event/Date If the resolution of the performance-related time-out errors is not ready for UAT validation by 08/06/21, four weeks prior to UAT exit, then the contingency plan will be executed.</p> <p>Resolution Time to Complete Contingency TBD based on specific finding</p> <p>Impacts of Contingency Execution TBD – This will include impacts to time, cost, resources, etc.</p>



Potential Cause of Challenge (PCOC):






02 CalSAWS Interface Readiness

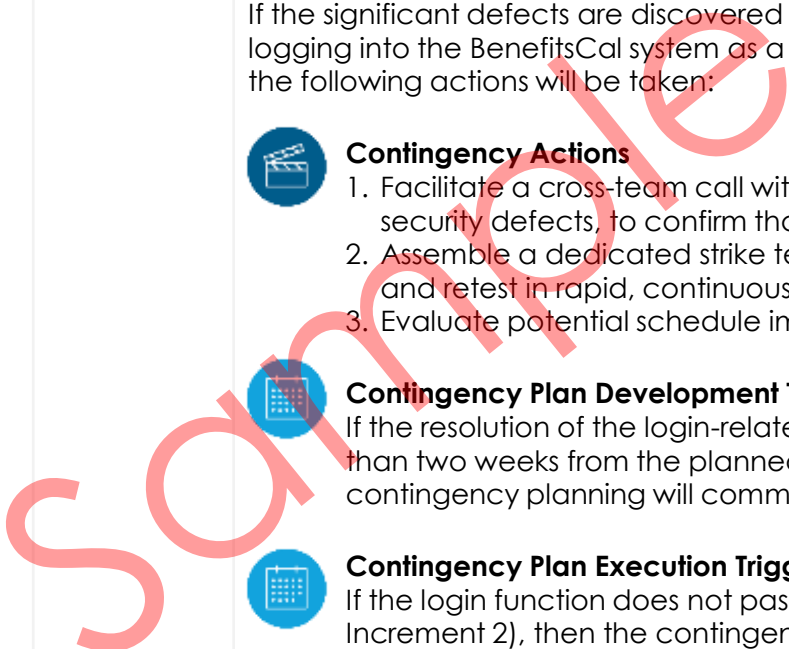
ID	Feature Readiness			Contingency Plan
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1	Interface Readiness			<p>Contingency Scenario 02 – CalSAWS APIs Not Ready If the development of CalSAWS/BenefitsCal APIs is behind schedule, or significant defects are discovered within initial integration testing, then the following actions will be taken:</p> <p> Contingency Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate impact (within a core or ancillary business process) 2. Facilitate a cross-team call to assess the impact to both the CalSAWS and BenefitsCal timelines, and to identify mitigation options to recover 3. Evaluate potential quality and schedule impacts <p> Contingency Plan Development Trigger Event/Date If the API development is behind schedule by more than two weeks from plan, or if the number of critical defects would delay the planned SIT and UAT sprint plans, detailed contingency planning will commence.</p> <p> Contingency Plan Execution Trigger Event/Date If the API development is not completed by the baselined/planned date, or if there are critical defects that are not resolved within one test sprint (two weeks), then the contingency plan will be executed.</p> <p> Resolution Time to Complete Contingency TBD based on specific finding</p> <p> Impacts of Contingency Execution TBD – This will include impacts to time, cost, resources, etc.</p>

Sample

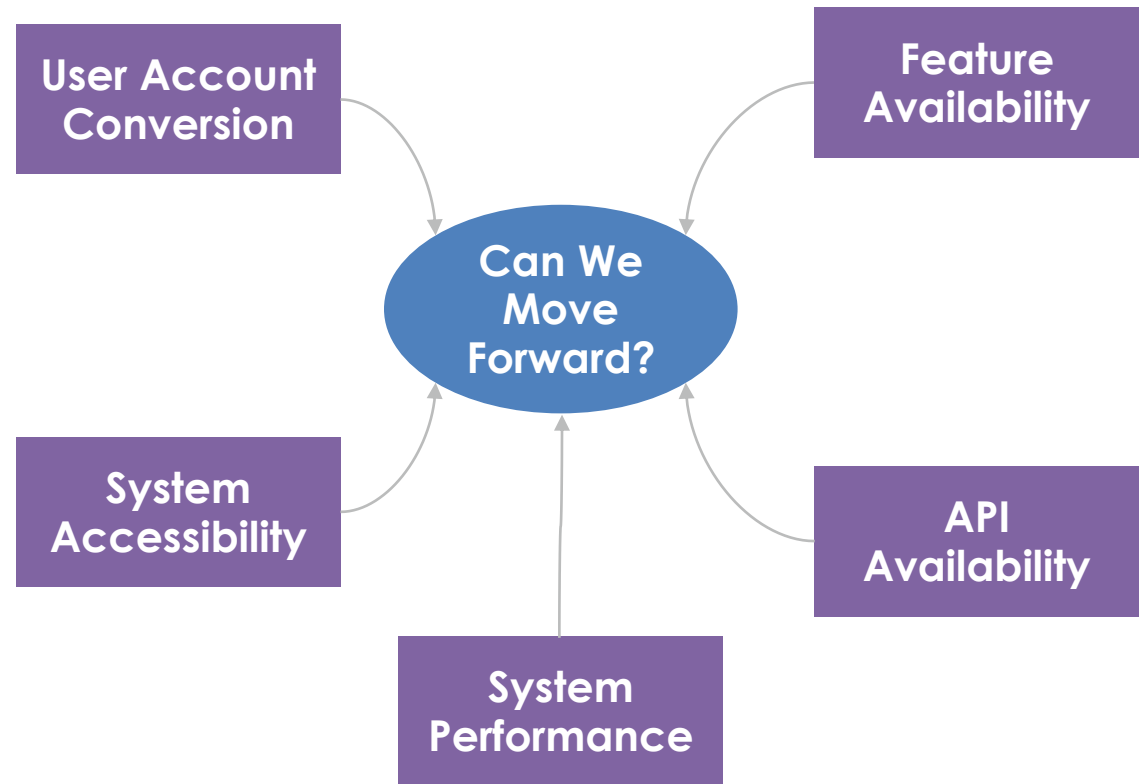
Potential Cause of Challenge (PCOC):

03 ForgeRock Interface Readiness

ID	Feature Readiness			Contingency Plan
	Critical / Must-Have Ready	Important Ready	Nice-to-Have Ready	
1	ForgeRock Interface Readiness			<p>Contingency Scenario 03 – API Interface with ForgeRock Not Ready If the significant defects are discovered that would prevent a customer from logging into the BenefitsCal system as a result of ForgeRock integration issues, then the following actions will be taken:</p> <p> Contingency Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate a cross-team call with the ForgeRock team to assess the security defects, to confirm that the root cause is known and validated 2. Assemble a dedicated strike team of developers and testers to resolve and retest in rapid, continuous motion 3. Evaluate potential schedule impacts <p> Contingency Plan Development Trigger Event/Date If the resolution of the login-related defects is behind schedule by more than two weeks from the planned resolution date (one test sprint), detailed contingency planning will commence</p> <p> Contingency Plan Execution Trigger Event/Date If the login function does not pass testing by 04/30/21 (the first week of SIT Increment 2), then the contingency plan will be executed.</p> <p> Resolution Time to Complete Contingency TBD based on specific finding</p> <p> Impacts of Contingency Execution TBD – This will include impacts to time, cost, resources, etc.</p>



What Could Trigger Cutover and Post-Cutover Contingency Plan Execution...



Considerations



Alternative
Access Channel
Capacity/
Availability

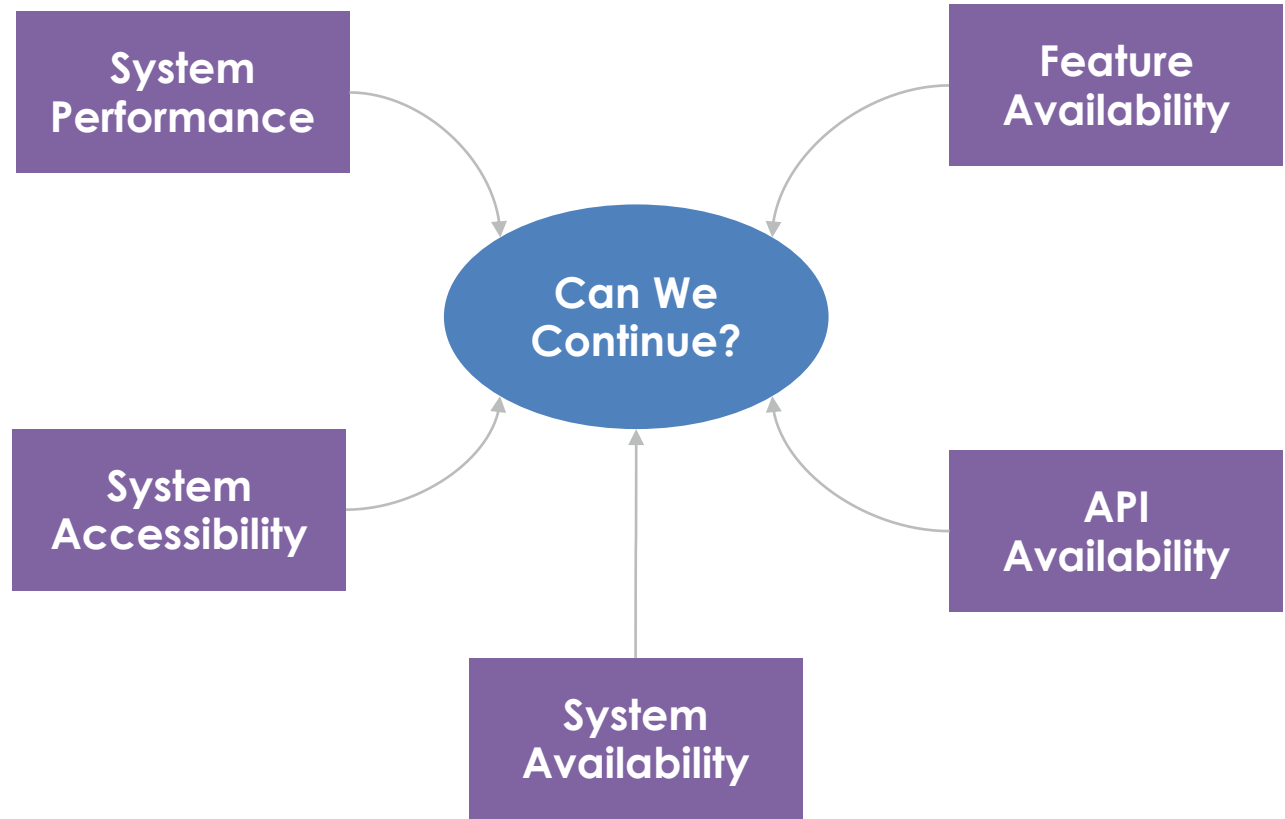


Resolution
Time



Impact (Customer/
Business/CBO)

What Could Trigger Post-Implementation Continuity Plan Execution...



Considerations



Alternative Access Channel Capacity/Availability



Resolution Time



Impact (Customer/Business/CBO)



Plans for Integrated User Acceptance Testing

C-IV UAT Update

Single UAT Web Portal

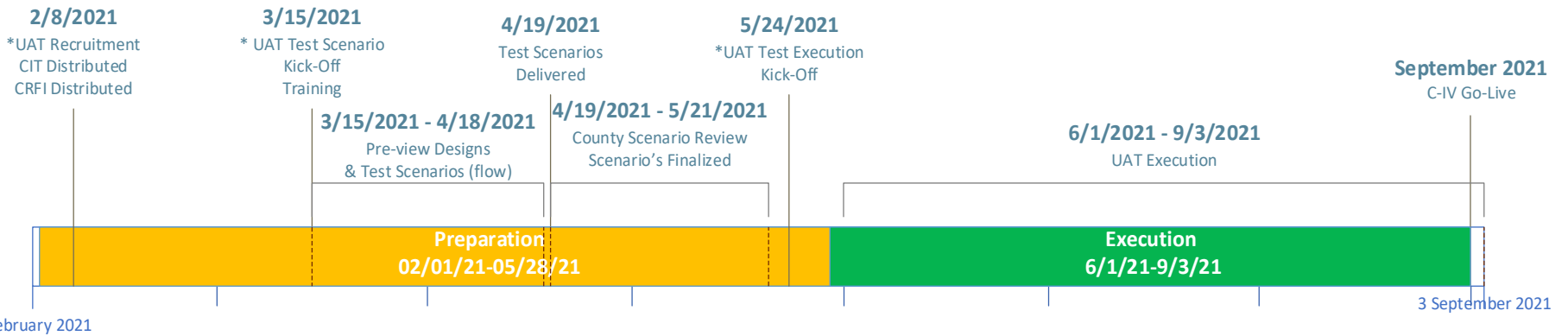
- Single Web Portal for all county UAT participants:
 - Daily messages and communications
 - Single, Unified, Daily meeting schedule
 - Access test scenarios
 - Access test assignments
 - Test environment assignment
 - Support person/team and Zoom link(s)
 - Log findings
 - Re-test defects
 - Access help videos and guides
- Single support process for all UAT testers



C-IV UAT Update

High-Level UAT County Participation Timeline

Key County Participation dates



* Activity happening the week of

C-IV UAT Update

High-Level UAT Execution Timeline

**C-IV UAT Execution is Scheduled for
Jun 1 – Sep 3, 2021**



- BenefitsCal-Only UAT
- CalSAWS Application, Imaging, State Forms, and BenefitsCal UAT

All UAT activities will be performed remotely

C-IV UAT Update

Tester and SME Characteristics



Who should participate?

Desired Tester and SME Characteristics

- ✓ Deep and/or broad program policy knowledge
- ✓ Understand county processes
- ✓ Excellent analytical skills to identify issues/concerns
- ✓ Excellent communication skills
- ✓ Self-directed, enthusiastic, and excited about UAT

Next Steps

- ① CIT for C-IV counties released February 9
- ② CRFIs for UAT – distribution in next couple of weeks
- ③ UAT Kick-off March 15 for Test Scenario Development
- ④ UAT Finalize Test Scenarios April 19 – May 21
- ⑤ UAT Execution June 1 – September 3





GA/GR Data Sharing Update



Application Development & Policy

Policy Update

Medi-Cal Public Health Emergency

- DHCS has recently begun meetings with counties and SAWS to begin looking at the PHE lift

CalFresh

- Provides a 15% increase in SNAP benefits effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

CalWORKs

- Discussion regarding potential Golden State Stimulus

Other Potential Policy

- Providing feedback on potential budget requests and proposed legislation

Policy Updates

Upcoming SAWS Implementation Timelines

Date	Event
February 13-14, 2021	CF Emergency Allotments (Nov/Dec/Jan) CalHEERS Release 21.2
March 6, 2021	CF Emergency Allotments (Dec/Jan/Feb)
March 13, 2021	FPL COLA
March 21, 2021	21.03 CalSAWS Release
April 3, 2021 - Tentative	SSI COLA/CalFresh Households
April 2021 TBD	CF Emergency Allotments (Jan/Feb/Mar)
TBD	Potential \$600 Golden State Stimulus payments.

Policy Update

Batch Review

- Prepare for doubling the Batch Operations processing with the cutover of C-IV to CalSAWS
 - Since October 2019, LRS (now CalSAWS) has been operating in the AWS Cloud
 - While technical stability has been very good, we are continuing to work on operational excellence
 - ✦ Problems in Batch often lead to a lot of remediation work for the Project Team and County Staff
 - In addition to performance enhancements and a LOT of testing, the team is going to perform a detailed operational readiness assessment
 - ✦ Organization Review
 - ✦ Process Optimization
 - ✦ Automation Review and Enhancements



CalSAWS Executive Risk Review

CalSAWS Risk & Issues Executive Summary

		Impact				
		1 Minimal	2 Minor	3 Significant	4 Major	5 Unacceptable
Probability	90% Near Certainty			236		201
	70% Highly Likely			234	203, 237, 236, 235, 231	
	50% Possible			208	238	204
	30% Unlikely					
	10% Highly Unlikely			206, 232	104	102

Legend

- Risk 102:** Lack of annual project funding may cause schedule delay or reduction in scope for CalSAWS M&O, and all existing projects
- Risk 104:** Functionality gaps between the 3 systems may result in a loss of functionality for some counties during migration to CalSAWS
- Risk 201:** Pace of policy changes may exceed capacity of App-Dev team, resulting in less automation
- Risk 203:** Project communications must be enhanced, otherwise stakeholder / audience needs will not be met
- Risk 204:** Volume of changes to baseline code may cause degradation in quality & increase in defects
- Risk 206:** Delays in staffing the Consortium and/or Accenture teams may delay the project schedule
- Risk 208:** CalHEERS release readiness delays may negatively impact CalSAWS delivery timelines, slowing critical updates to counties
- Risk 226:** COVID-19 relief efforts may impact CalSAWS DD&I schedule.
- Risk 231:** Delay of web browser compliance may impact users who do not use MS Internet Explorer
- Risk 232:** Delay in receiving the non-state forms translations may result in forms not being available prior to C-IV cutover
- Risk 233 (Retired):** Potential delay in delivering CalSAWS Contact Center Solution
- Risk 234:** The November 2021 implementation of Imaging and BenefitsCal for LA county may be impacted due to a delay of the complete migration of LA county's images
- Risk 235:** The BenefitsCal project release 1.0 may be delayed due to integration with the CalSAWS interface
- Risk 236:** The scaling of Analytics dashboards for 58 counties may have an impact on system performance
- Risk 237 (New):** The scaling of Batch for 58 counties may have an impact on system performance
- Risk 238 (New):** Without an integrated UAT plan, counties may be unable to properly plan for or participate in UAT as needed

P Overall Project

High = 8
Med = 3
Low = 4

DD&I = 13
M&O = 2

Risk Total: 15

Retired Risk Total: 1

New Risk Total: 2

Project Average Risk Exposure: 2.0

CalSAWS Project Issue and High/New Risk Update

Risk/ Issue #	Risk/Issue Name	Risk Status	Risk Trend
201	Pace of Policy Changes may exceed capacity of the project teams, resulting in less automation	The SFY 21-22 governor's budget was reviewed, and the project is projected to receive funding and timelines as expected. The project will be reaching out to CDSS regarding the CF COLA and CW MAP that are currently anticipated for 10/2021 effective dates. The team will work with state partners on a schedule to run September jobs earlier in order to get the finalized numbers due to the migration/pre-conversion taking place at the same time. Alternatives are being reviewed to minimize impact to migration, county workers and beneficiaries.	
203	Project communications must be enhanced, otherwise stakeholder / audience needs will not be met	The Power of 58 communication campaign outcomes and toolset were shared at the All Staff meeting in November and PSC in December. A CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT) was sent out for the Power of 58 Branding. The CalWIN Implementation Support Services team has issued 3 CRFIs to communicate with CalWIN counties since December 2020	
204	Volume of changes to baseline code may cause degradation in quality & increase in defects	The team is currently looking to expand on test automation outside of the regression test. For example, the API FDS work will leverage automated testing as the primary approach for the system test phase.	
226	COVID-19 relief efforts may impact CalSAWS DD&I schedule	There are several new initiatives from the Fed/State which are expected to be completed in the short term (\$600 California Stimulus and 15% CalFresh COLA). These updates, along with DHCS FPL COLA, schedule CF Emergency Allotments, and other release and routine activities are being researched as they cause impacts to C-IV down time (availability during weekends). Additionally, as new initiatives are identified, there may be a need to ask the State to prioritize initiatives due to limitations in the available weekend timeframes to complete the scheduled batch jobs.	
231	Delay of Web Browser compliance may impact users who do not use MS Internet Explorer	Adobe Experience Manager (AEM) was prototyped and validation was completed with all the identified types of forms and threshold languages. The team is working with Adobe support on a minor font issue and a timeline for a solution is expected early February. The team is working on the development estimates and timelines to render the identified forms in HTML5 using AEM.	
235	The BenefitsCal project release 1.0 may be delayed due to integration with the CalSAWS interface	The team presented three mitigation options at the 12/3/2020 PSC and 12/4/2020 Board meetings. The JPA Board voted to proceed with Option 2 as the mitigation strategy. The team will split the scope of BenefitsCal phase 1 into two releases, with release 1 functionality being equivalent to or exceeding what is currently available in C4Yourself and deploying with the CalSAWS C-IV cutover in September 2021. A contingency/rollback plan is under development. The project team has estimated the level of effort to add a release and adjust the scope delivery dates as requested.	
236	The scaling of Analytics dashboards for 58 counties may have an impact on system performance	Action Item #1: Document CalSAWS Analytics approach for demonstrating 58 county load performance and delivery schedule. In-progress. Refinements to the documentation continue based on reviews and feedback Action Item #2: Stability in batch job run times and adherence to 6am batch window over 5-10 day period. Complete Action Item #3: In parallel to the execution and completion of CDT, demonstrate successful execution of performance testing and 40 county load testing. In-progress; tracking to Apr '21 completion Action Item #4: 58 county performance and load testing. Not started; dependent on converted CalWIN data	
237 (New)	The scaling of Batch for 58 counties may have an impact on system performance	The CalSAWS production batch schedule does not always complete by 6am. There will be growth in both the count of batch jobs and volume of data as additional counties are converted into CalSAWS. This growth may add a challenge to batch completing on time. Batch performance test start date is under review to potentially start earlier and resources required to support this effort. Currently reviewing the classification of core and non-core batch jobs	
238 (New)	Without an integrated UAT plan, counties may be unable to properly plan for or participate in UAT as needed	There are multiple UAT efforts requesting county resources for the C-IV Migration: CalSAWS system, Imaging, and BenefitsCal. While these UAT efforts are supported by different teams, they will be potentially sharing test resources and requesting the same county and state participants. Scope, schedule, and resources must be aligned to support a seamless and positive UAT experience for all test participants and counties planning for and providing staff.	

Risk Trend Legend

Remains same
 Trending to High
 Trending to Medium
 Trending to Low
 Realized into an Issue
 Retired Risk



CalSAWS Inclusion, Diversity, &
Equity Advancement (IDEA)
Update



IDEA Initiative Updates

All idea initiatives have been released in project wide

Mission

Promote a visible commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion that guides our behaviors and business strategies in a manner that maximizes our ability to respect differences of employees and communities we serve.

FOCUS		TITLE	AVAILABLE?	RELEASED?	DATE?	PROGRESS
HR	>	"We Are One"	Yes	Yes	11.16.20	
SURVEY	>	"Pulse Survey"	Yes	Yes	12.16.20	
MENTORSHIP	>	"Buddy Program"	Yes	Yes	1.29.21	
LEADERSHIP	>	"Lead with Intention"	Yes	No	3.18.21	
TRAINING	>	"Me, You, Us Training"	Yes	Yes	2.3.21	
WORKSHOPS	>	"Co-Creating on Inclusion & Diversity"	Yes	No	2.16.21 & 2.18.21	
SAFE SPACE	>	"CalSAWS Table Talks"	Yes	Yes	12.8.20	

Pulse Survey Results

Baseline results of the IDEA Pulse Survey

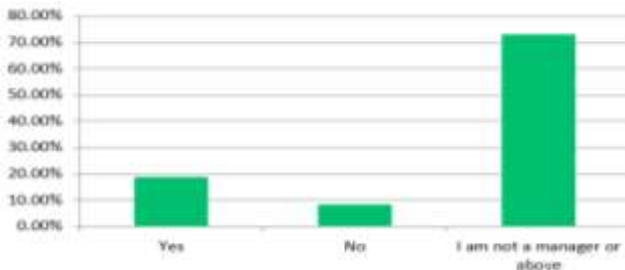
Mentorship

N= 51%



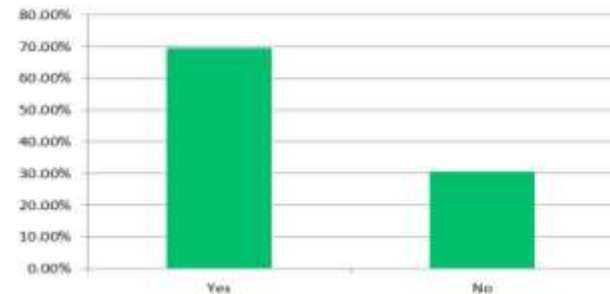
****Positive:** Over 60% of people at CalSAWS said they felt like they have someone at CalSAWS that they would consider a "Mentor"

I&D Leadership Coaching



81 people who would consider themselves managers and above would be interested in leadership coaching.

I&D Workshops



70%, or 302 people who responded would be interested in workshops.

GENERAL

	Diversity at work is important to me	I feel like I am an important member at CalSAWS.	I feel like I am able to be my true self	I can voice a contrary opinion without fear of negative consequences	I feel like I am treated fairly, regardless of my position	CalSAWS believes that people can always greatly improve their talents and abilities.
Strongly agree	51%	36%	37%	27%	32%	36%
Agree	36%	48%	45%	43%	51%	48%
Neutral	10%	12%	13%	20%	13%	14%
Disagree	1.5%	4%	4%	7%	3%	1%
Strongly Disagree	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

GENERAL

	I have things in common with others at CalSAWS	I feel respected and valued by my team at CalSAWS	I feel confident that there are PD opportunities	Inclusion, diversity and equity is a priority to your direct manager	Inclusion, diversity and equity is a priority to the leadership at CalSAWS
Strongly agree	35%	41%	29%	35%	37%
Agree	53%	52%	43%	44%	44%
Neutral	10%	5%	19%	18%	17%
Disagree	2%	2%	7%	2%	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	.5%	3%	1%	1%

IDEA

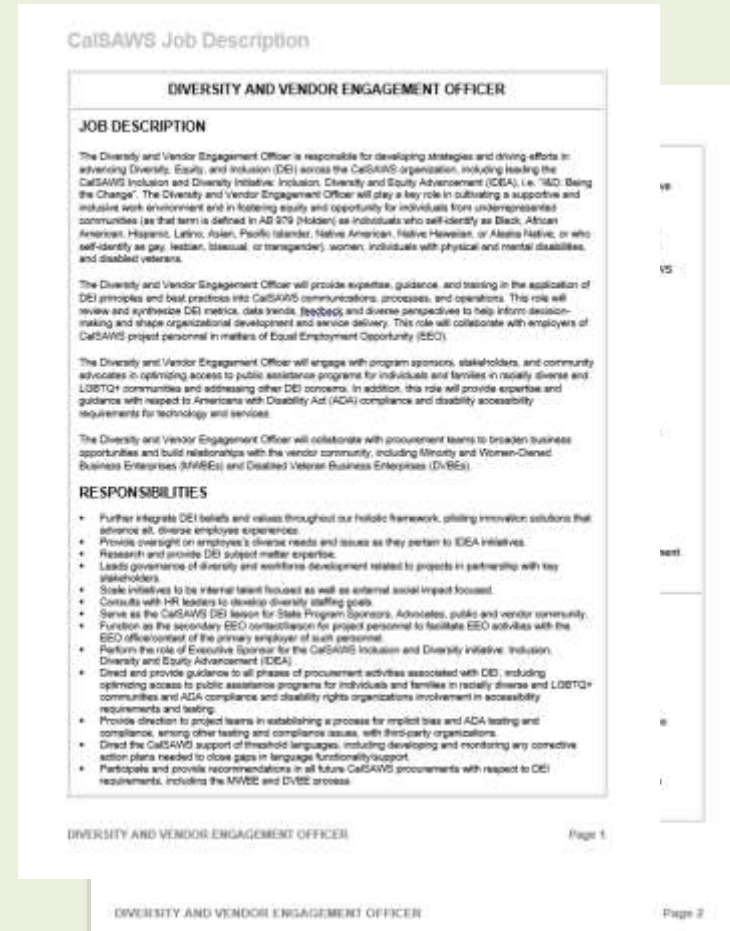
Training Update

- Collaborating with Sacramento County's development of self-directed training materials
- Completing Outline
 - Interactive reflection questions
 - Knowledge checks/answers



Staffing & Resources

- Recruitment of the Diversity & Vendor Engagement Officer, posted February 4, 2021
- Concurrent county and public posting through Friday, March 5, 2021 (CIT 0033-21)
- Evaluating Regional Government Services (RGS) proposed support of IDEA initiatives





OCCAT M&O/Production Update

OCAT M&O/Production Update

OCAT Help Desk Calls

	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Number of incoming calls	106	32	13
Number of outbound calls	1	1	17
Average interaction time	0:06:52	0:09:19	0:06:18

Most calls are related to:

- Login/Account Access
- Training Questions

OCAT M&O/Production Update

New OCAT – ASRs entered in SAWS vs. ASRs entered directly in OCAT

	November 2020		December 2020		January 2021	
	SAWS	OCAT	SAWS	OCAT	SAWS	OCAT
CalWIN	613	167	906	132	982	153
CIV	997	224	1184	153	1551	96
LRS	899	278	1143	92	1674	42
Total	2509	669	3233	377	4207	291
% OCAT Initiated Interviews		21%		10%		6%

OCAT M&O/Production Update

New OCAT ASRs Compared to Legacy OCAT ASRs

	Nov	Dec	Jan
New OCAT (11/20 – 1/21)*	3178	3610	4498
Legacy OCAT (11/19 – 1/20)	4324	4531	4668

*Beginning March 2020 to the present Welfare-to-Work participants are exempt from participating due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in fewer OCAT interviews being conducted when compared to 2019.

*Participation is voluntary at this time.

Legacy OCAT Access

- Legacy OCAT system is in inquiry only mode
- CDSS is targeting full historical data to be available to California counties at the end of March 2021



Procurement Update



CalSAWS Procurements

2021

- Begin CalSAWS M&O Procurement
 - Develop procurement strategy and schedule: January - February
 - Prepare and release Request for Information (RFI): March – April
 - Analyze RFI responses: May
 - Develop requirements: June - July
 - Prepare Draft RFP: August - November



CLOSED SESSION



Closed Session

18. Closed session under Government Code Section 54957: Threat to Public Services or Facilities
 - Consultation with: John Boule, Executive Director

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

19. Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session, if any.

Adjourn Meeting

