

Accela Automation Permitting Software Public Works Citizen Portal User Guide

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Introduction:

The City of Sacramento Public Works Department utilizes Accela Automation Permitting software to review and approve applications to perform work in the public right-of-way. This software is web based and provides an opportunity for private citizens to search and view permitting information on these applications. The web interface for private citizen access is called the Citizen Portal. At present, the Citizen Portal (http://aca.accela.com/Sacramento) allows the public to search and view details and status for several City of Sacramento programs. This document provides guidance related to Public Works applications:

- ENC minor encroachment applications
- CPC major encroachment applications that do not require a parcel or final map
- RPC major encroachment applications that require a parcel map or final map for the project
- TRP transportation applications for heavy or wide loads

For information related to the other programs can be accessed by the following links:

Community Development Department – Planning Division
Community Development Department – Building Division
Finance Department – Revenue Division
City Manager's Office – Cannabis

Land Use Approval and Entitlements

Building permits

Mobile Food Vending

Office of Cannabis Management

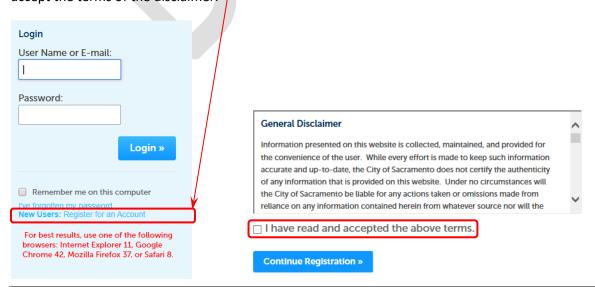
This guide provides you with basic instructions on how to:

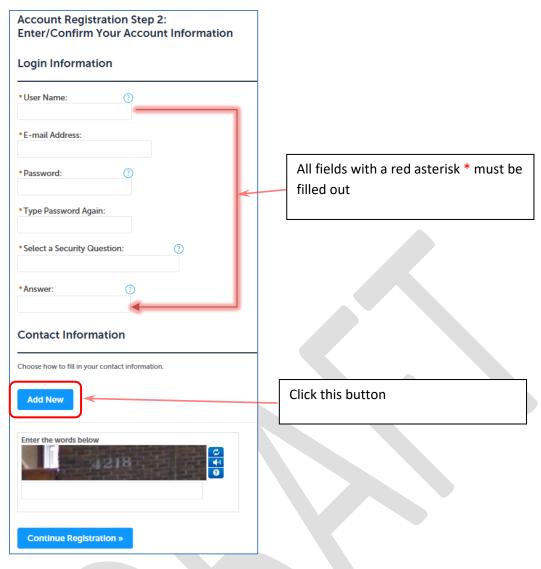
- 1. Search for Public Works Application Records in the Citizen Portal
- 2. Create a Public User Account
- 3. Build Collections of Records within your Public User Account
- 4. Navigate within these located records to view the record status

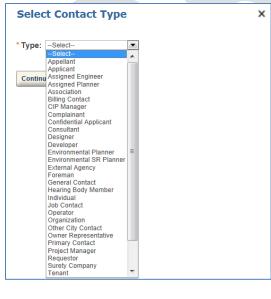
Registering for a Public User Account:

You must first register for a Public User Account via the following web page: http://aca.accela.com/sacramento.

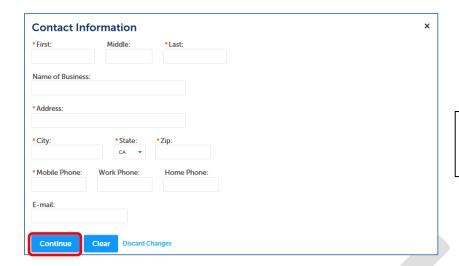
Select the **New Users:** Register for an Account link at the bottom of the login box and check the box to accept the terms of the disclaimer.







Select contact type. Common roles or contact types are Applicant, Organization, and Job Contact



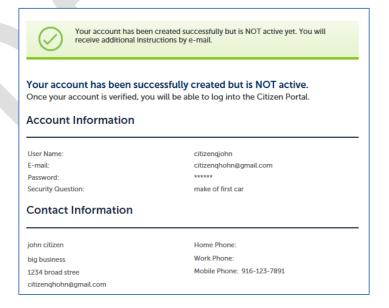
All fields with a red asterisk * must be filled out

Once the above window has been filled out select the *Save and Close* button. Next, provide the security code by either typing or speaking (only if your computer is configured to accept speaking) the numbers, letters or characters into the box provided. The example shown would be <u>1152</u>.



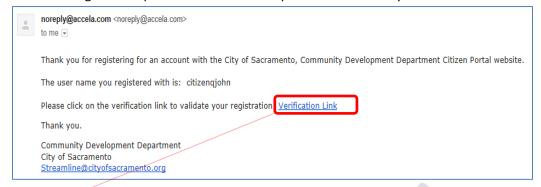
If you cannot decipher the code shown select the <u>refresh button</u> and the system will serve you another code. Once you have communicated the codes, select the *Continue Registration* button to complete the registration application process.

You should now see the following window, and a note which indicates that your account has been created, but that it is <u>not</u> yet active. The most important portion of this note is that you will receive further instructions via e-mail.

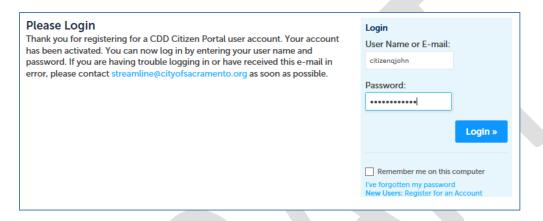


Verification email

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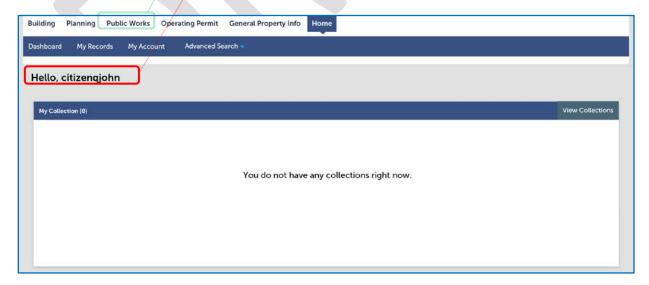


This <u>link</u> will redirect you to the Citizen Portal login box.



Activated Accounts

Following your successful login, you will be redirected to a page confirming that your account is active. Your account is activated if your <u>username</u> is visible on the screen as shown below. At this stage you have a *Public User Account*. With this *Public User Account*, you can search for records and view their status. Select the <u>Public Works</u> link.

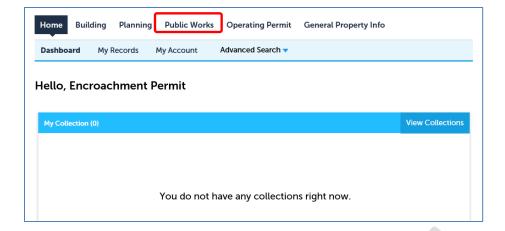


Public Works, Encroachment Permit & Application Status search:

Your login page will look like this. Enter your **User Name** or **Email address** and **Password** and select the **Login** button.

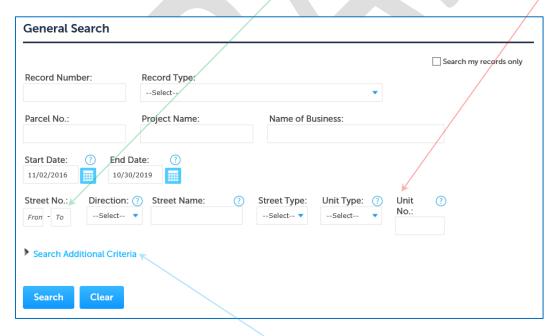
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NEW Electronic Plan Check	(EPC) Application Submittal - An	
applicant with a project need	ing plan review approval can submit PDF	
	e consuming visits to the public counter	
	for each cycle. Visit the Electronic Plan	
submittal package.	l information about assembling your	
Scheduling of Inspections - I	f you have an issued Building Permit and	
are ready for a field inspectio	n, you can schedule it through the Citizen	
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'	license with this account. The city offers	
Schedule an Inspection page	ding permit field inspections. Visit the to learn about them all.	
Records at records@cityofsacramer	32 can be found on the City's Online	
_	code enforcement cases including open ses can be viewed through a separate link.	
Use Development Tracker to stay up Building Permits.	o-to-date on Planning Applications and	
If you cannot find the information y dial (916) 264-5011 outside the City	ou are looking for, please call 311 or limits.	
Looking for more information? Plea http://search.cityofsacramento.org	se use the City's updated search tool at	
To get started, select one of the ser	vices listed below:	
Building	Planning	
Search Permits or Submittals / Pay Fees Search to Schedule an Inspection	Search Planning Applications / Pay Fees	
Public Works	Operating Permit	
Search Public Works Applications	Search for Operating Permits	

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Ways of Searching:

- 1. **Record number:** The record number is also referred to as the application number or permit number. During Application submission and review, it may be referred to as the application number. Once the permit becomes Issued this number may be referred to as a permit number.
- 2. **Record Type**: This is a drop down list which shows all the Record Types (sometimes called application types) which can be applied for. If you know the Record Type, you can narrow your search to just that Record population. More on this below under the heading **Record Type Search**.
- 3. Street Address: If your project is occurring at a specific street address and included on the application, you can search for your application or permit by entering the address. The <u>Unit No.</u> field is where you enter the numeric street address number. Use the <u>Street Name</u> to define the specific street associated with the street number. If you do not know the exact street number but only a range you can use the <u>Street No., From To</u> boxes.



- **4. Parcel Number:** If your project is occurring at a specific parcel and included on the application, you can search for your application or permit by entering the parcel number.
- **5. Search Additional Criteria**: Some record types allow a customer "Job Number" on the permit application. If the record you are searching had this field on the application for permit, you may be able to search by your organization's job number. Select the **Search Additional Criteria** link and find the field labeled **Utility Company Job Number** or **Applicant Work Order Number**.

Record Type Search:

Selecting a specific record type in the Record Type field will narrow the records which are included in a search. Record types correlate to the type of permit you applied for. Information can be found on the following web pages:

DE-501---Guidelines-Major-vs-Minor-Encroachment.pdf

DE-500---Guidelines-Encroachment-Permits.pdf

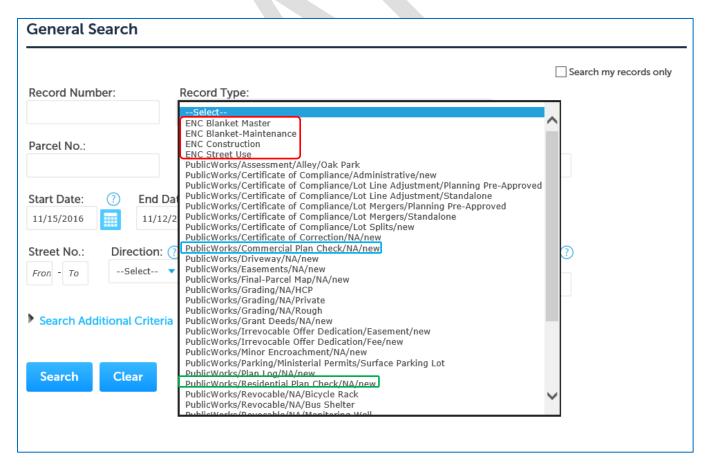
The record types circled below are covered by this guideline document and the above reference PDFs. For clarification:

ENC Blanket Master (BM) record type is assigned to utility companies and small cell companies that generate a large volume of projects. It is considered the parent project number. Each individual project is assigned as a child project to the ENC Blanket Master record.

ENC Blanket-Maintenance records are always child projects to the ENC Blanket Master.

ENC Construction record type is assigned for projects requiring Development Engineering review and processing. Work that falls in this category can be by an individual, a developer, or utility companies which have an ENC Blanket Master record.

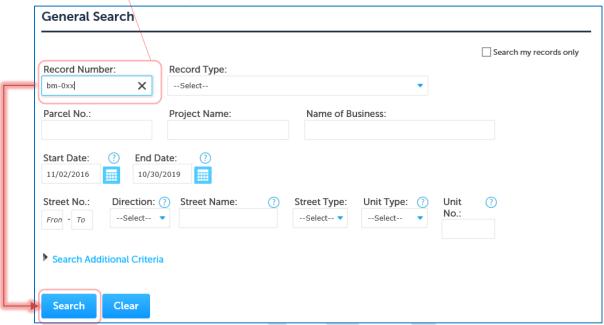
If you are not sure of the record type, do not narrow your search using this field.



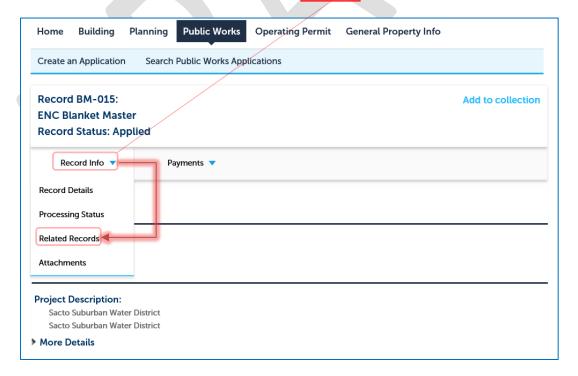
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Blanket Master Permit Holders:

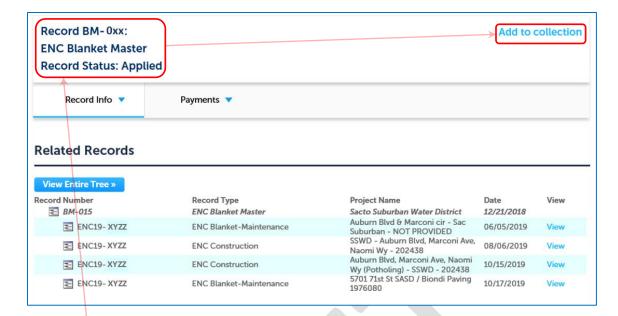
If the organization, you work for/with has a **Blanket Master** (BM) Permit, you can quickly view all child **ENC** permits which are being reviewed or may have been issued under the BM record. To do this, enter your **Blanket Master** record number into the **Record Number** field and select search. If unsure of your Blanket Master record number, call 916-808-6810.



Once the Blanket Master record comes up select the Record Info tab and then Related Records.

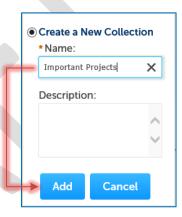


This will bring back a list of all child Blanket Maintenance records issued under that Master permit.

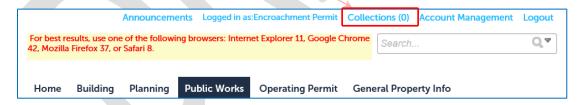


Creating Collections:

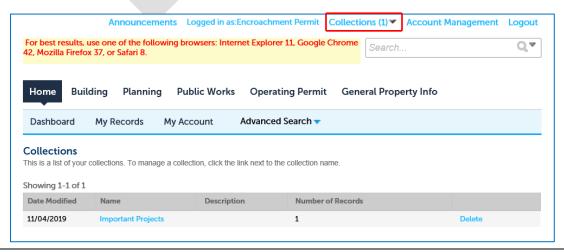
If you have numerous records, you are tracking it may be helpful to organize them into **Collections**. Collections allow you to organize multiple records into a group. Each collection acts as a folder. To begin building a collection first get one of the records you want in the collection selected as the active record in the Citizen Portal. The record which is selected appears in upper left-hand area of the screen. With this record selected click on the **Add a Collection** link. This will open the **Create a New Collection** box. Fill in the **Name** box and **Description** box and select the **Add** button.



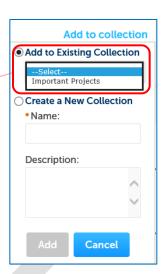
To access the collection, you just created select the **Collections** link.



Selecting this link will initiate the change from (0) collects to (1) collection.



If you want to add additional records to this same collection search as described above until you have located another record you want to add to the collection. Select the **Add to Collection** as before. This time you will notice that there is an additional choice **Add to Existing Collection**. You can select the collection you just created, and this will add this newly located record to that same **Collection**.



Permit and Application Status:

Below is a table that shows the possible status of the application record and task.

Task Name	Task Status	Record or Application Status	
Initialization	Done Note	Routing	
Submittal and Routing	Distribute (provides subtask activation boxes) Note	Review (this task currently does not change during plan review	
	Rejected	Canceled	
Electrical Landscape Utilities		Review (This status remains static during all the back and forth commenting and resubmission which might occur. When looking	
Development Engineering	Cuela vu Basin	at the record there is no overt status telling	
DOT-Traffic Engineering	Cycle xx Begin Cycle xx Correction	the viewer if the city is currently reviewing or waiting for correction comment response or if	
Parks	Cyle xx Approved	review as even begun as the due date is not	
Structural	No Review Required	calculated until cycle x begin is selected. Also,	
Fire		the currently the summary screen displays all	
PW-Street Maint. TS		potential review disciplines making it more	
PW-Street Maint. Pavement		visually difficult to tell the disciplines which are active and relevant to the record.)	
PW-Urban Forest Services		are delive and relevant to the record.)	
Notice to Proceed	Default	Default	
	Done	Notice to Proceed	
	Note		
Notice of Revision	Default	Default	
	Done	Notice to Proceed	
	Note		
	Revision 1-7	Notice of Revision	
	Done	Notice of Completion	
Notice of Completion	Note		

<u>Task Status Definitions – CPC and RPC Records</u>

	the	e process of being created for plan review.
2.		bmittal and Routing – The DE intake counter has reviewed the scope of the project and selected ich work groups need to be targeted as reviewers for the project. Work groups include but are
	not	t limited to:
		Development Engineering (DE)
		PW-Electrical
		PW-Traffic
		PW-Street Maintenance
		PW-Urban Forestry
		Landscaping/Parks
		Department of Utilities
		Fire
		Structural
		The project may also be routed to outside agencies (by the project applicant) such as RT or SASD if the project impacts their facilities
3.	Pro	ocessing – All review disciplines have approved the project. The project is waiting on the
	foll	lowing documents to be completed before a Notice to Proceed for construction can be issue:
	(Th	is task has not been programmed into Accela yet)
		Approved mylar plans 22"x34" in size signed by the design engineers and any agency outside of
		the city of Sacramento (i.e. SASD, RD1000, RT, Sacramento County, etc)
		Fully executed agreement (Subdivision Improvement Agreement [SIA] or Public Improvement Agreement [PIA])
		Security as required by the agreement (payment/performance bonds, letter of credit, cashier's check)
		Contractor's Class A license & contact information, construction schedule and project bid/cost
		Contractor's insurance listing City of Sacramento as additional insured, with an additional insured certificate
		Payment of construction inspection deposit invoice (calculated by fee deposit schedule based on
		contractor's bid or engineer's estimate)
4.		tice to Proceed (NTP) – The project is ready to proceed with construction pending a
	pre	econstruction meeting which will be set up by the assigned City Inspector
		DE will send a project approval letter via email and mail to the developer and applicant.
		DE will sign the NTP form and send to the City Inspector. This will be given to the Contractor at
		the pre-construction meeting along with copies of the approved construction drawings.
		Project will stay in the NTP status throughout construction unless there is an approved change in design. The change is documented as a Notice of Revision.
5.	No	tice of Revision (NOR) – This status indicates that a design change has occurred after the
	issı	uance of the NTP and approved construction plans. Multiple changes are documented as NOR1,
	NO	R2, etc. However, the NOR task status remains in effect until construction is complete.
6.	No	tice of Completion (NOC) – Once project construction is complete, the closure process
		minates in this task. A project will not be changed to this status until all of the following are
		mplete:

1. <u>Initialization</u> – The application has been accepted as a complete application. The Accela record is in

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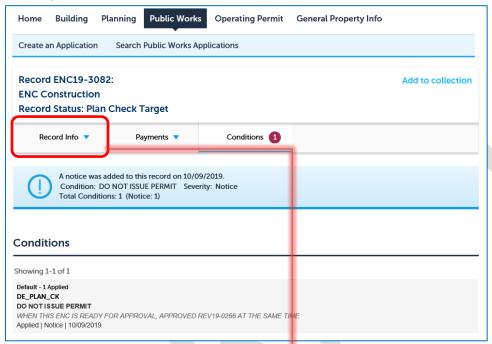
		The City Inspector initiates the "green slip" which is the construction completion report. Once
		all disciplines will sign off on the report, DE will begin the close out process.
		The design engineer will need to sign the mylars for pad elevation certification for new
		residential subdivisions.
		Wet utility information must be filled out by the Contractor and City Inspector on the mylar
		plans.
		Any redlines/ field changes on the job copy plans needs to transferred by the design engineer onto the mylar plans at the DE office located at 300 Richards Blvd, 2 nd Floor.
		DE will review the accounting report for the project and provide the developer with an additional invoice if the project balance is negative. This must be paid in order to close out the project.
		The sureties provided with the agreement will be released once all of the above items are
		completed and the developer has provided a 1 year warranty bond in the amount of 10% of the original bonding amount.
		A Notice of Completion letter is signed by DE and sent to the developer once the NOC process is complete.
	hov of t	reement which is typically 730 days. The time of completion can be extended if requested wever, the City can utilize the security provided with the agreement to complete the construction the improvements per the approved plans.
Re	cord	<u> Status Definitions – CPC and RPC Records</u>
1.		uting – The application has been accepted as a complete application. The Accela record is in the ocess of being created for plan review.
2.	gro a re	view – The DE intake counter has reviewed the scope of the project and selected which work rups need to be targeted as reviewers for the project. All targeted disciplines will need to provide esult at the end of their review. Once they have provided a result, this is considered the appletion of that cycle review. The following task statuses are available per cycle review: Cycle 1 Begin – initiates the review period with a due date
		Cycle 1 Correction – indicates that the reviewer has redline comments that need to be addressed by updating the plans and resubmitting them to DE for the next review cycle.
		Cycle 1 Approved – indicates that there are no further changes needed to the plans for that discipline.
		The cycle numbers continue until all disciplines have Cycle X Approved status.
		No Review Required – this status is only used when a target discipline determines that there is no scope of work included in the project that requires their approval.
3.	<u>N</u> T	<u>P</u> – Project is under construction

- construction plans.
- 5. **NOC** Project construction is complete and project has been closed out.
- 6. <u>Cancelled</u> Project never went into construction. Typically, this status indicates that the applicant never resubmitted the plans while the record was still in Review status.

- 7. <u>Withdrawn</u> Applicant notified DE that they no longer wish to pursue the project and would like to withdraw the application.
- 8. **Expired** This status indicates the project has been inactive for xx years.

Record Detail:

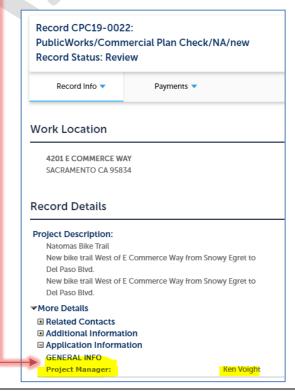
If you select the permit number or application number from the list discussed above or enter it directly at the initial *General Search* window you will be taken to the Record Detail page shown below. This page displays the basic project information, such as the Record number, type of permit, the Record Status, work location and any licensed professional. You will also notice that this page has three tabs: Record Info, Payments and Conditions.



Record Info:

This tab contains record specific information regarding application Intake and Plan Review. When you expand the **Record Info** drop down menu, the following choices become available:

Residential and Commercial Plan Check (RPC & CPC) records have assigned **Project Managers.** The assigned Project Manager can be found under the More Details – Application Information shown here.

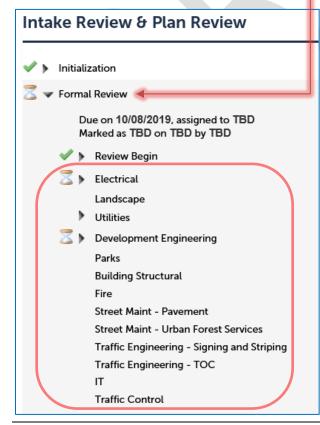


- Record Details initial view of the basic building permit information such as Permit number, Type of Project, Record Status, Address.
- Intake Review & Plan Review displays plan review information, such as disciplines requiring review, status of plan review; displays Impact Fee review requirements and impact fee assessment status, or outstanding impact fees payable to outside agencies.
- Related Records displays other planning and permit applications that may be related to this permit record.

Public Works Home Building Planning **Operating Permit** Search Public Works Applications Create an Application Record ENC19-3082: **ENC Construction Record Status: Plan Check Target** Record Info V Conditions 1 Record Details idded to this record on 10/09/2019. Intake Review & Plan O NOT ISSUE PERMIT Severity: Notice Review ns: 1 (Notice: 1) Related Records Documents

Intake Review & Plan Review - Formal Review

This category will provide vital information on the progress being made. Select the arrow next to the *Formal Review* subcategory. This will expand the *Formal Review* to reveal all the plan review disciplines. Not all plan review disciplines are relevant to all permit activities. For example, if a project does not involve any structural work, then there is no need for a structural plan reviewer to review the plans.





In this example, all review disciplines are shown in the red box. The disciplines that have been targeted to review this project are Electrical and Development Engineering. This is indicated by the hourglass icon (). The scope of your project dictates what plan review disciplines must ultimately approve your project and is determined by city staff. The following summarizes each icon's meaning:

- = Targeted review discipline which has not yet reviewed your project.
- = Review discipline has completed review and provided correction notice (review comments) on the project
- = Approved review discipline or completed task

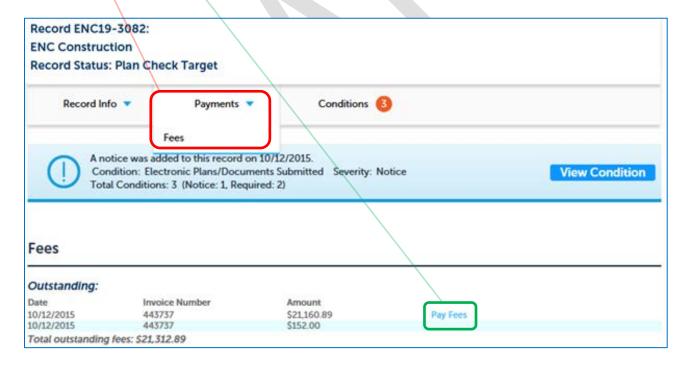
Projects that go through the Formal Review process are completed in cycles. A cycle is complete once the plan review discipline has completed the review and either approved the discipline or provided a correction notice . It is uncommon for projects to be approved by all disciplines at the end of Cycle 1 Review. It is more typical to have various plan review disciplines approve their discipline at the end of Cycle 3 or Cycle 4 depending on several factors including the quality of plans and the complexity of the project. All plan review disciplines must approve the project before the project can move to the next step.

Email Communication:

Plan reviewer disciplines will either email correction comments directly to the *Project Contact* listed on the application or the Development Engineering project manager may collect all comments from the review disciplines and submit the correction notice for all disciplines at one time. For CPC and RPC records, the correction notice is also provided to the developer. Most correction notices are in the form of redlines made on the submitted plans but can also include a comments in a bulleted format. Anyone is now able to log into the Citizen Portal to review the status of the project and the each of the plan review disciplines.

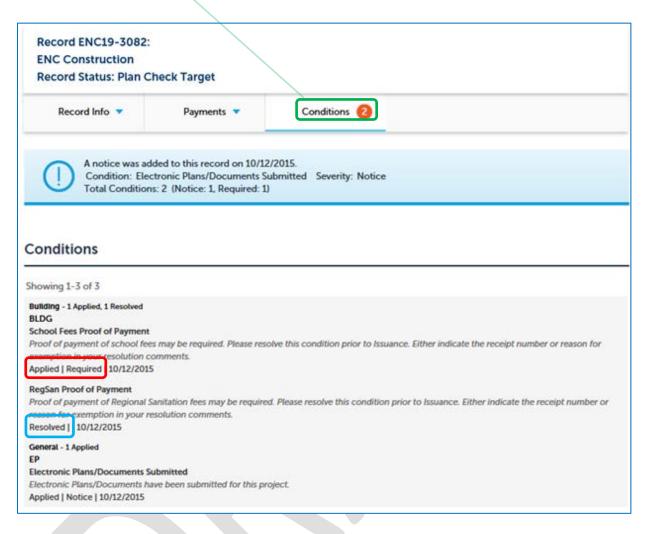
Payments:

The second tab on the Record Details page is *Payments* (shown below). Click on the drop-down arrow to display the <u>Fees</u> link. If there are any outstanding fees on a record, the total amount will be displayed here. By following the *Pay Fees* link on this tab, you can make on-line payments for outstanding fees.



Conditions:

The third tab labeled *Conditions* is where administrative conditions, requiring attention prior to permit issuance are shown.



- Applied | Required This condition has not been resolved. Action is required to satisfy this condition
- Resolved This condition has been satisfied and no further action is required.

Questions:

Questions can be emailed to <u>DE@cityofsacramento.org</u>. If you are a utility company or represent a utility company, you can direct your inquiry to <u>Encroachments@cityofsacramento.org</u>. Please be sure to include "Citizen Portal" in the subject line as well as the city's record (CPC/RPC/ENC) number.