

Potential Responsible Party Search Tools

Subscription-Based (Costs associated)

Organization or Information System	URL	Description of Information
LexisNexis	https://www.lexisnexis.com	Searches public records, bankruptcy records, utility bills (phone numbers and addresses), company name(s), and business searches. There are tiered subscription levels. Often used by attorneys or law enforcement.
Westlaw	https://legal.thomsonreuters.com/en/westlaw	Searches public records including real property records, business profile records, bankruptcy records, and legal proceedings. There are tiered subscription levels. Often used by attorneys or law enforcement.
ParcelQuest	https://www.parcelquest.com	Address based, grant deeds can be uploaded and data is in sync with county tax records. Who owns a property, where they are located in order to request access, send notices, and serving a warrant. Has zoning maps, Assessor's Parcel Numbers and maps, recorded documents can be purchased, and can export the relevant data.
DMV records request	https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/customer-service/request-vehicle-or-driver-records	For attorneys regarding criminal cases only.

Non-Subscription-Based (free)

Organization or Information System	URL	Description of Information
Public Property Records	https://publicrecords.netronline.com/state/CA	Property Owner(s), sales history, deed information, taxes, liens, mortgages, permits, etc.) organized by county, which provides links and phone numbers to specific county offices (e.g., Assessor, Recorder, Mapping/GIS, Historic Aerials, Treasurer, etc.
County Assessor's Offices	Various by County	Assessor's Parcel Numbers, owner's name, property address, assessed property values, public property records, and maps

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City offices	Various by City	Zoning or code enforcement information.
California Secretary of State website Business Search	https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business	Search by name and lists the Agent for Service of Process
California Secretary of State website Uniform Commercial Code database	https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/ucc	Provides information regarding liens (debtor information, file number, secured party info, status, filing date, and lapse date).
Fictitious Business Name Searches by County	<p>Examples -- Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk https://www.lavote.gov/home/county-clerk/fictitious-business-names/filing/fictitious-business-name-search</p> <p>-- Contra Costa County Clerk https://www.contracostavote.gov/countyclerk/fictitious-business-name/</p> <p>-- Sacramento County https://actonline.saccounty.gov/CitizenAccess/SACCO_FBNSearch.aspx</p> <p>-- Orange, Marin, San Bernardino, Alameda, etc.</p>	Some provide identifying information about the registrant
Hazardous Waste Tracking System (HWTS)	https://hwts.dtsc.ca.gov	Maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) that contains hazardous waste manifest, EPA ID number information, mailing address, and point of contact.
United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) PRP Search Manual	https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/prp-search-manual	Maintained by the USEPA. This information is provided in the context of site cleanups, but some of the ideas and references (such as Appendix F - PRP Internet Information Sources) may be helpful.
Social Media	Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X	