Agency Kiosk Update – Information Technology (IT) staff worked with Advanced Kiosks to perform an operating system upgrade for all Agency kiosks. All kiosks have been reconfigured for online rent payments and online maintenance work order requests as well as for internet-based phone calls to the agency. Training documentation and user guides are being assembled to provide training and materials for distribution and installation of kiosks. Kiosks will be distributed in various locations around Stanislaus County and may also be installed among the other 7 counties.

Yardi Projects Update – The Agency continues to work with the Public Housing Authority team at Yardi to improve processes within the software and efficiencies for Housing Authority Staff. The list of projects includes streamlining property portfolios, construction development and budget tracking, payable processing, and resident notice workflows. The Agency has started implementation of the Procure to Pay function in the month of August which is the initial and foundational software module that will allow for all electronic vendor invoices to be submitted, stored and processed within the Yardi Software platform. This will increase visibility, accountability, and create a more efficient method of payment processing.

Smart Gate Update – Currently, the Agency has gate entry systems that are standalone and not standardized. As a result, certain sites with older systems require a keycode change for the entire resident population when a tenant moves out. There are several other setbacks to having systems that are not centrally managed. The first smart gates have been procured and the Agency is currently awaiting installs. The improvements to gate entry systems for sites will include centralized cloud-based controller functionality for real-time access changes, individual codes, secure vehicle and pedestrian access fobs and clickers.

Server Upgrades – In the months of September and October, IT Staff will be performing system hardware and software upgrades to server infrastructure, including virtualization platform updates, and backup system upgrades.

1612 Move-Ins – IT staff has been excited to assist with the staff move-ins at the Agency's 1612 location. Workstations as well as all peripheral equipment have been installed, configured, and cable managed. IT also worked to ensure alarm security and cameras systems have been upgraded to secure any vulnerable locations and that AV systems for conferences, trainings, and meetings are functional.

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