Public Records Act (PRA) Request San Francisco Planning & Urban Research Association (SPUR) – April 16, 2015

This is in response to the PRA request received from SPUR on April 16, 2015. The request was to obtain the following:

- a) The total number of retailers authorized for CalFresh benefits redemptions
- b) The amount of CalFresh benefits redeemed at different retailer types for the calendar year 2014
- c) Total CalFresh redemptions for 2014.

The requested information on authorized retailers and CalFresh benefits is below, along with the assumptions/constraints:

- The number of authorized retailers is 25,257. This is based on the December, 2014 version of the Retailer EBT Data Exchange (REDE) file and does not include the business types which provide the meal services.
- The redemptions are based on the retailer Food and Nutrition service (FNS) numbers obtained from the December, 2014 version of the REDE file.
- The REDE file does not contain the retailers which were de-authorized and hence the redemption activity for those retailers is not included in the data below.

Business Type	Description	CalFresh Redemption Amount
BB	Bakery Specialty	\$22,487,428.73
BC	Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	\$1,754,755.81
CO	Combination Grocery/Other	\$365,988,360.81
CS	Convenience Store	\$367,381,683.00
DF	Direct Marketing Farmer	\$71,877.11
DR	Delivery Route	\$2,369,481.60
FM	Farmers' Market	\$3,442,284.38
FV	Fruits/Vegetable Specialty	\$4,137,312.00
LG	Large Grocery Store	\$125,337,196.15
МС	Military Commissary	\$3,554,327.02
ME	Meat/Poultry Specialty	\$42,362,498.24
MG	Medium Grocery Store	\$168,046,376.31
SE	Seafood Specialty	\$8,874,066.75
SG	Small Grocery Store	\$48,354,245.88
SM	Supermarket	\$3,107,915,108.83
SS	Super Store	\$3,029,369,484.48
Total CalFresh Redemption for 2014		\$7,301,446,487.10