

December 1, 2022

## **RANW MLS Participants**

**From: RANW MLS**

**Re: Important and Timely Changes re RANW MLS Data Feeds**

- API data services - new
- RANW MLS Data Feed Agreements via RETS - new
- RANW MLS Data Feed Fee Schedule – new

**RANW MLS is getting on the GRID!** RANW MLS has aligned with a company called MLS GRID for Data Feed Management. MLS will be transitioning distribution technology from RETS to WEB API.

**RANW MLS is very pleased to further update you regarding new Data Feed Services:**

- **January 4th** – RANW MLS offers new API data feed services with MLS GRID – live
- **January 4th** – RANW MLS new data feed agreements for RETS and WIREX feeds
- **January 4th** – RANW MLS Data Vendors (and Brokers) create an account on MLS GRID
- **February 1st** – Data Feed Requests for all new data feeds other than WIREX, must be through MLS GRID
- **February 1st** – New RANW MLS Fee Schedule for all data feeds
- **May 31st** – RANW MLS will sunset RETS data feeds, exception of WIREX feeds

**API data feeds** – For the Company data feed uses and websites and Agent feeds you have individually authorized. For the Brokers and their Vendors (and Agents) to use the new API services, they will need to create an account on MLS GRID. <https://www.mlsgrid.com/resources> This will allow parties to electronically sign up for what types of data feeds they want and also electronically sign the Data Agreements.

- RANW MLS will review and then approve these agreements and MLS GRID will give Vendor access to the data.
- MLS GRID is currently being used by many of the Vendors that our members are using today, so they may already be familiar with them and this new process. If your Vendor is not already part of the GRID, they can visit [mlsgrid.com/resources](https://www.mlsgrid.com/resources) for How-To information.

**Data Agreements** – New RANW MLS Data Agreements for Data Feeds via RETS have been updated to comply with the new NAR MLS Policies and Rules. The new Data Agreements for API will also comply with the newest NAR MLS policies and can be found on [mlsgrid.com](https://www.mlsgrid.com).

**Data Feed Fee Schedule** – [A restructured fee schedule](#) will begin for all MLS Data Services. The fee schedule for RETS and API are the same. New fees will be changed as of February 1, 2023. You will see them reflected in your January 20, 2023 bill. RANW MLS will not be charging **current** MLS Participants a feed set-up fee as they transition their **current** feeds to API.

**RETS sunset** – The use of current RETS feeds, other than for WIREX, will be available through May 31, 2023, to allow vendors time to transition to use of API.

**Why the need for these data feed changes?:**

- **Why Web API:** RETS is an outdated standard that is being retired and replaced with Web API. In addition, NAR requires that Association-owned MLSs such as RANW transition to Web API and adopt the RESO Data Dictionary standards.

- **Benefits for Brokers:** The combination of a streamlined compliance process and a modern Web API should reduce overall technology costs for brokerages.
- **Benefits to Vendors:** Vendors working in multiple markets can reduce expenses due to a standard Web API, one standard license agreement, one combined data feed, and simplified compliance enforcement.
- **What is MLS Grid:** MLS Grid is a collaboration between multiple MLSs to combine, standardize and distribute data via a Web API using the latest RESO Standards. MLS Grid brings data from these MLSs into a single data feed and uses a common data access agreement that is completed and stored electronically. MLS Grid standardizes data access, management and compliance for data vendors, brokers, and MLSs.

**More information or questions:**

- [MLSGRID.com/resources](http://MLSGRID.com/resources)
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**Thank you for your participation and support of RANW MLS ~ we look forward to serving you!**

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