Clarified Information
When an Affidavit for Transfer Without Probate California Titled Vehicle or Vessels Only (REG 5) form is submitted, the application must include a copy of the original or certified copy of the death certificate for each deceased registered owner, even if there is only one registered owner.

Procedures
Refer to the Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §11.185 for additional procedures when completing transfers involving a REG 5.

NOTE: Refer customers to dmv.ca.gov to complete a Transfer Without Probate Checklist.

Background
There have been inquiries to whether a death certificate is required when there is a single owner on record. A death certificate is required regardless of how many owners are on record.

References
California Vehicle Code §5910
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §11.185
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