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Next Meeting!

Date: December 1, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Perko's @ 901 North Carpenter Road
Speaker/Topic: This is a regular business meeting

We will order off the menu and have separate tags for this meeting.
Please R.S.V.P. so we can give the restaurant a rough head count.

Editor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter of the Central Valley Chapter's The Prism. I hope to use this as a way of keeping area Surveyor's informed with the issues that arise in the Central Valley.

As land use becomes ever increasingly difficult with new requirements and fees, it is essential that we all stay up to day with current events of the area.

If anyone has an idea or suggestion of items to include and improve the edition, please submit to editor@californiacentralvalleysurveyors.org

I am looking forward to having our newsletter grow with the Central Valley Chapter of the CLSA.

Announcements

COFPAES names Joe Dolan as chair-man elect for 2011

Effective immediately, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors will no longer issue plastic identification cards to licensees

The year is almost at a close. Don't forget your Association and Local Chapter dues.

[Click here for the 2011 Membership Application](#)

Mark Your Calendars

CLSA / NALS 2011 Conference
March 5-9, 2011
Bally's, Las Vegas, NV

28 HOURS CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE!

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Knud Hermansen
- Gary Kent
- John Matonich
- Steve Parrish

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Classes, training, and continuing education

NGS Webinar — State Plan Coordinates by Dave Doyle

Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — [Register here](#)

PESI Webinar — ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys: An Introduction to the New 2011 Standards

Wednesday, January 12th, 2010 from 12:30 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. — [Register here](#)

California State University Fresno's 50th Annual Geomatics Engineering Conference:

January 27th & 28th, 2011 @ the Clovis Memorial District — [Click for more information](#)

Land Use Navigators — Subdivision Map Act in California

May 26th, 2011, Best Western Plus Heritage Inn, Stockton — [Register here](#)

The Judicial Functions of Surveyors

Justice Cooley of the Michigan Supreme Court

When a man has had a training in one of the exact sciences, where every problem within its purview is supposed to be susceptible of accurate solution, he is likely to be not a little impatient when he is told that, under some circumstances, he must recognize inaccuracies, and govern his action by facts which lead him away from the results which theoretically he ought to reach. Observation warrants us in saying that this remark may frequently be made of surveyors.

In the State of Michigan all our lands are supposed to have been surveyed once or more, and permanent monuments fixed to determine the boundaries of those who should become proprietors. The United States, as original owner, caused them all to be sur-

veyed once by sworn officers, and as the plan was simple, and was uniform over a large extent of territory, there should have been, with due care, few or no mistakes; and long rows of monuments should have been perfect guides to the place of any one that chanced to be missing. The truth unfortunately is that the lines were very carelessly run, the monuments inaccurately placed; and, as the recorded witnesses to these were many times wanting in permanency, it is often the case that when the monument was not correctly placed, it is impossible to determine by the record with the aid of anything on the ground, where it was located. The incorrect record of course becomes worse than useless when the witnesses it refers to have disappeared.

It is, perhaps, generally supposed that our town plats were more accurately surveyed, as indeed they should have been, for in general there can have been no difficulty in making them sufficiently perfect for all practical purposes. Many of them, however, were laid out in the woods; some of them by proprietors themselves, without either chain or compass, and some by imperfectly trained surveyors, who, when land was cheap, did not appreciate the importance of having correct lines to determine boundaries when land should have become dear. The fact probably is that town surveys are quite as inaccurate as those made under the authority of the general government.

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National News and Info

Draft 2011 ALTA/ACSM Survey Standards approved

By Gary Kent

The final draft of the proposed 2011 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Standards was approved by

a joint committee of the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) which met in Chicago on August 11, 2010. The document will now go up for a vote by the membership of ALTA in October and the NSPS Board of Govern-

ors and Board of Directors in November. Assuming both organizations approve the new document, it will become effective on February 23, 2011.

[Click to view the complete 2011 ALTA Standards](#)

State News and Info

ACEC California applauds the passage of SB1008

By Sam Sac

The American Council of Engineering Companies of California has applauded the signing into law by Governor Schwarzenegger of SB 1008.

Sponsored by ACEC California, and authored by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-San Fernando Valley), SB 1008 allows licensed engineers and land surveyors to organize and operate as limited liability partnerships (LLPs) putting them on

the same footing as firms in other professions such as law and accounting as well as design professionals such as architects.

“This legislation will allow many of California’s smaller engineering and surveying firms to partner up in order to better compete for projects, creating more jobs and more economic opportunities,” said Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima). “This ability comes at an ideal time with federal and state funds being invested to help stimulate economic recovery,” Padilla added.

Paul Meyer, Executive Director of ACEC California, said: “This important bill helps California compete in the national marketplace for engineering and surveying services. Nearly all other states already have this law in place. We thank Senator Padilla for authoring the bill and guiding it through the legislature, and we also thank California Chamber of Commerce (CalChamber) and California Business Properties Association for supporting this needed legislation.”

Posted on October 2, 2010

Local Agency Holiday Closures

San Joaquin County	No closures posted
Stanislaus County	noon on December 24th — December 31st
Tuolumne County	December 20th — December 31st
City of Ceres	December 23rd — December 24th December 30th— December 31st
City of Manteca	December 23rd — December 31st
City of Modesto	December 24th — December 31st
City of Stockton	December 23rd — December 31st
City of Turlock	December 23rd — December 24th December 30th— December 31st

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