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**Up
Coming
Meetings!**

Date: March 25, 2020
Time: Canceled
Location: Perko's
 901 North Carpenter Road, Modesto
Speaker: Canceled
Topic: Canceled

Date: April 22, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Perko's
 901 North Carpenter Road, Modesto
Speaker: TBD
Topic: TBD

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Announcements

CHAPTER HAS NEW WEBSITE

The Central Valley Chapter has new website and Mail List. Go to <https://californiacentralvalleysurveyors.org/printing-press/> to check out the new site and sign up for the new mail list.

SURVEY EXAM SCHEDULE

FS (LSIT) - Computer based, offered year round
 PS (NCEES LS) - Computer based, offered year round
 CA LS - **ANNOUNCED APRIL 3, 2020** - As a result of the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, and in a continuing effort to protect the public health and well-being, the California State Professional Land Surveyor examination scheduled to be administered at Prometric test centers on April 16, 2020, has been cancelled. All fees for eligible examination candidates will be automatically forwarded to the next scheduled administration of the examination on October 27, 2020. Prometric will contact eligible examination candidates in the next several weeks to reschedule the examination. If you are unable to attend the October 27, 2020 examination, please contact the Board's Licensing Manager, Candace Cummins, at Candace.Cummins@dca.ca.gov or (916) 263-2254 for further assistance.

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Classes, Training, and Continuing Education

Mark Your Calendars

CAD Masters - AutoCAD Level I (3-Day Course)

May 4-6, 2020 Walnut Creek
 May 18-20, 2020 Sacramento
 June 1-3, 2020 Walnut Creek
 June 15-17, 2020 Sacramento
 Jun 29-1, 2020 Walnut Creek
 July 13-15, 2020 Sacramento
 July 27-29, 2020 Walnut Creek

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May 21-22, 2020 Sacramento
 June 8-9, 2020 Walnut Creek
 June 29-30, 2020 Sacramento
 July 20-21, 2020 Walnut Creek

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July 16, 2020 Walnut Creek

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May 11-13, 2020, Walnut Creek
 May 27-29, 2020, Sacramento
 June 22-24 2020, Walnut Creek
 July 7-9, 2020, Sacramento
 July 20-22, 2020, Walnut Creek

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CAD Masters - Civil 3D Advanced (2-Day Course)

June 10-11, 2020 Walnut Creek
 July 1-2, 2020, Sacramento

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CAD Masters - Civil 3D for Surveyors (2-Day Course)

May 4, 2020 Sacramento

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Lorman Education Webinar

Subdivision Map Act in CA
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Subdivision Map Act—Land Use Navigators

Sunnyvale - April 9, 2020

San Rafael - May 7, 2020

Bakersfield - July 16, 2020

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CLSA 2020 Conference

Luxor Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

***New Date** August 21-25, 2020

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If you have information about a training or class, please submit to: editor@californiacentralvalleysurveyors.org

Message from our State President



Recently, the APLS-CLSA-NALS Conference Committee made the difficult decision to reschedule the conference, joining the hundreds, if not thousands, of other conferences, trade shows and events around the world that have been canceled or postponed as attendees, sponsors, speakers and organizers voiced concerns about the new coronavirus.

I want to personally thank the members of this committee as they work with everyone involved with what is basically cancelling the already in place conference and putting another one together for some time later this fall. Please bear with them as they work through this process and give them the support they need to recreate the excellent conference they had in place. I am disappointed that

I will not be seeing you later this month, but let's all come back together bigger, stronger and healthier in August. I'll be there, see you then.

Sincerely,
 Keith W. Spencer
 President 2020

If you would like to comment on this topic or suggest another, please submit it to: editor@californiacentralvalleysurveyors.org

Monument Obituaries

By Mike Quartaroli, PLS



CLSA CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER Survey Monument Conservation Committee Roberts Road and Mathews Road San Joaquin County, April 3, 2020



On the left is NGS “R-474”, PID No. HS0308. I recently successfully found this benchmark with numerous battle scars but intact and solid. This is a testament to the “Greatest Generation” of Land Surveyors. The last time I used this benchmark was on August 13, 1999. On the right is NGS Control Monument “Matthew”, PID HS0118. “Matthew” as set in 1959 and is a popular monument to tie into. “Matthew” is finding itself in the middle of a construction zone. Is there a corner record filed?

Ask about the “Adopt A Monument” program. Make a lasting contribution to the Land Surveying Profession.

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State News

California Declares a Housing Emergency

By Neil Sorensen

The California Legislature passed and the Governor has signed SB 330, the “Housing Crisis Act of 2019,” declaring that there is a “Statewide Housing Emergency” in effect in California until the year 2025. The new law suspends certain restrictions on the development of new housing statewide and imposes strict statewide permit processing requirements on local governments. In declaring a statewide emergency, the Legislature found that the housing crisis is so bad that:

- California ranks 49 out of the 50 states in housing units per capita.
- California has an unmet need of 2,000,000 housing units and needs to build 180,000 units per year to keep up with the current population growth.
- The housing crisis cost \$140 billion a year in lost economic output.

The Housing Crisis Act of 2019 amends or adds to the state’s planning and zoning laws (Govt. Code Sections 65000- 66035) but also applies to applications for subdivisions. The Act includes the following changes to existing law and/or new provisions:

- Creates a new “preliminary application” process with a limited list of specific items that a city/county can require for a complete application. (Govt. Code Sections 65941.1 and 65589.5).
- Mandates that a project is only subject to the policies in effect when a preliminary application is deemed complete (Govt. Code Section 65589.5). This is a big change in the law because it pre-dates the current vesting afforded by a vesting tentative subdivision map.
- Reduces the timeframes for acting on housing development applications including subdivisions (Govt. Code Section 65950).
- Limits the number of public hearings that can be held to a maximum of five – includes public workshops but not appeals (Govt. Code Section 65905.5).
- Prevents cities and counties from denying an application except where the application fails to meet “objective standards” which are defined as “involving no personal or subjective judgment by a public official” and are based on “verifiable external criterion knowable by both the applicant and public official.” (Govt. Code Section 65589.5)
- Adds new provision for urbanized areas that prohibit a city/county or the electorate (by initiative) from: (1) changing the General Plan, zoning or lot size standards on a parcel to allow for less intensive use or a reduced density; (2) imposing a moratorium on housing development; (3) imposing new design standards that weren’t in effect when the legislation takes effect; and (4) imposing limits on the number of permits issued (Govt. Code Section 66300).

This legislation is new and it will take some time for local governments, planners and surveyors to review and determine exactly what it means and whether it will produce more housing. However, it is clear that the Legislature is tired of local governments dragging their feet in approving sufficient housing for state residents.

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August 21-25, 2020
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Department of Transportation (San Joaquin County), is currently recruiting for a Transportation Surveyor position (\$5,406.00-\$10,377.00 per month).

Alameda County - Final filing Date: Until filled

Sacramento County - Final filing Date: Until filled

San Joaquin County - Final filing Date: 5/15/2020

Santa Clara County - Final filing Date: Until filled

For further information, refer to the duty statement in the CalCareer links below.

<https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Search/JobSearchResults.aspx#kw=transportation%20surveyor>

Know of an available job. Please submit the position information to:
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Just for Laughs

SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S PUZZLE

	Carole	Daryl	Frederick	Isaac	Mario	Blue	Green	Orange	Pink	Red	ROS	LLA	CR	LD	Merger
\$350			X			X							X		
\$400					X					X		X			
\$450	X						X				X				
\$500		X							X					X	
\$550				X				X							X

The Puzzle: Five land owners needed work done by a local surveyor. Determine the name of each client, location and type of project & the amount each paid

ROS	X						X								
LLA					X					X					
CR			X			X									
LD		X							X						
Merger				X				X							
Blue			X												
Green	X														
Orange				X											
Pink		X													
Red					X										

CLUES

1. Of the customer who lives on Blue Court and Daryl, one paid \$500 and the other was the Corner Record (CR).
2. The customer who lives on Blue Court paid 50 dollars less than the Lot Line Adjustment (LLA).
3. Of Isaac and the customer who paid \$450, one was the Record of Survey (ROS) and the other lives on Orange Street.
4. Daryl paid less than the person who lives on Orange Street.
5. The Corner Record (CR) paid 100 dollars less than the person who lives on Green Drive.
6. Neither the customer who lives on Red Street nor the person who lives on Green Drive was the customer who paid \$500.
7. Of the Merger and the person who lives on Green Drive, one was Carole and the other paid \$550.
8. Frederick was either the customer who paid \$350 or the customer who lives on Green Drive.

National News

The CARES Act is a Critical Lifeline Associated Builders and Contractors

Washington, March 27 - [Associated Builders and Contractors](#) Vice President of Legislative and Political Affairs Kristen Swearingen today issued the following statement about the signing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which provides \$2 trillion in federal funding and programs to address the ongoing coronavirus crisis:

“ABC and our members appreciate the urgency of this ongoing health crisis and applaud the hard work and swift action of President Trump, White House officials and members of the House and Senate to protect the health and economic security of our nation. The CARES Act provides a critical lifeline for our nation’s construction companies as they work hard to maintain their businesses, keep employees on payroll and provide paid leave and essential health benefits to those affected by the coronavirus. As the majority of the U.S. construction sector is made up of small businesses, the nearly \$350 billion for small business loans will help ensure that many of our construction businesses are able to weather this storm. The critical tax provisions also included in the bill will further assist businesses in mitigating the challenges construction faces during this national emergency. As we continue to work through this crisis and head towards eventual recovery, ABC is dedicated to continuing to work with our lawmakers to ensure a strong economy and safe and healthy workplaces for the construction industry.”

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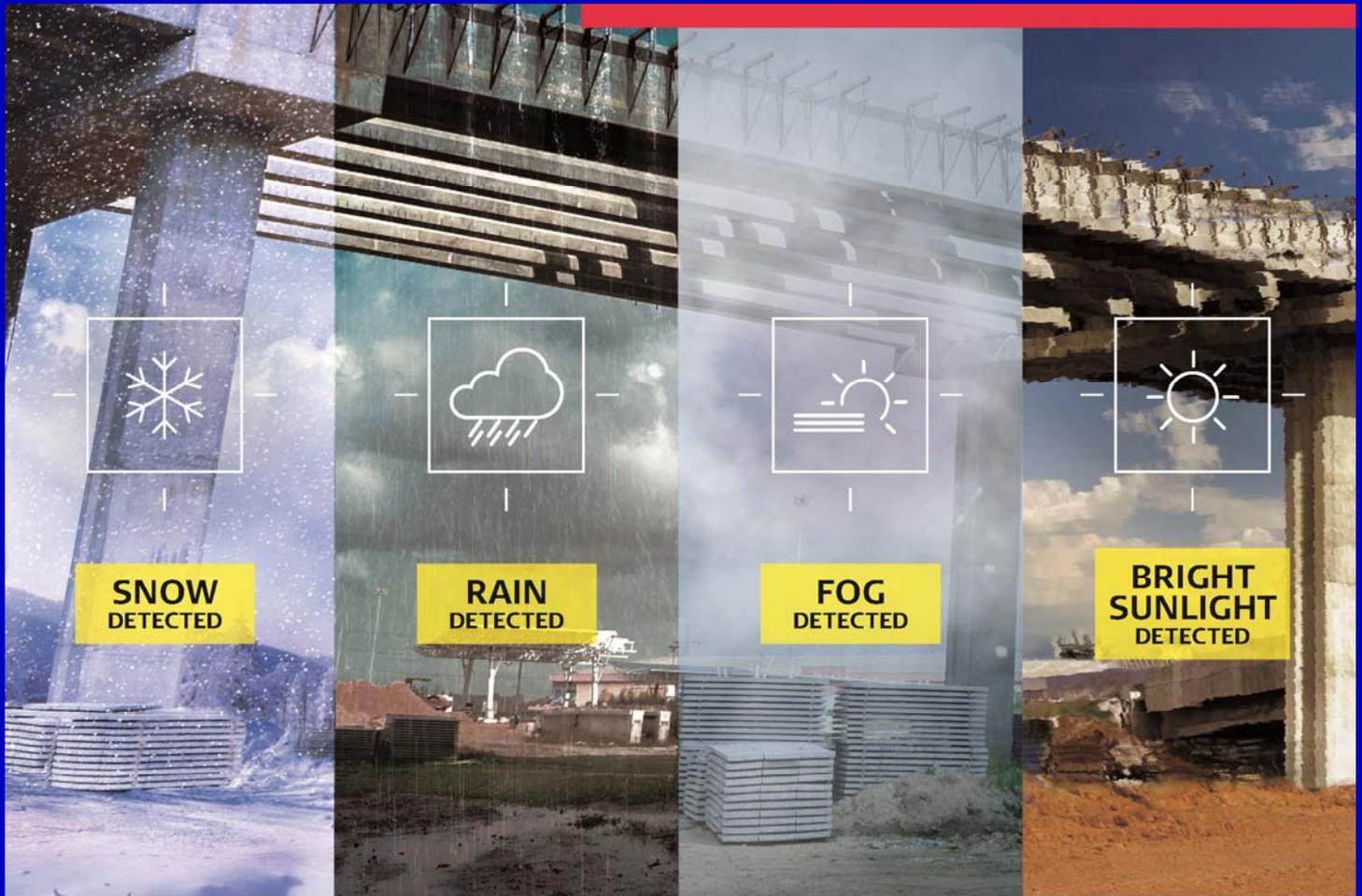
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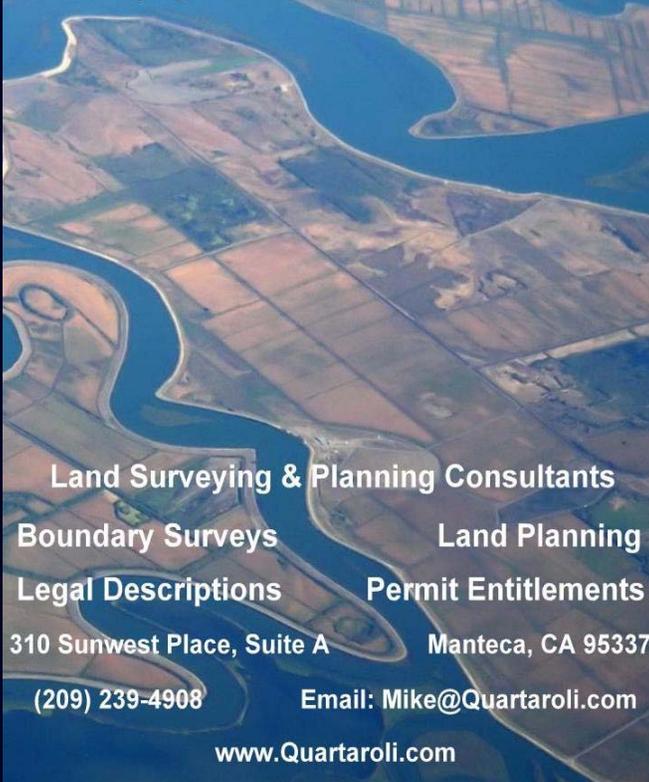
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