

**California Land Surveyors Association
Central Valley Chapter**

**San Joaquin County Government Liaison Committee
April 27, 2011 Report**

Committee members Jim Ryan and Landon Blake met with Nathan McKinley and Anna Payan from San Joaquin County to discuss the filed survey map index. During the meeting we presented our concerns about the current state of the map indexing process at the County and offered suggestions on how it could be improved. We also offered our support for the needed changes. The County asked us to develop a set of voluntary GIS submission guidelines that could speed up the indexing process and make it more efficient.

Shortly after the meeting San Joaquin County began to acquire high resolution scans of the hard copy Dickey Book index pages, which it will make available to the surveying community. It also indicated that it would start maintaining a geographic index of the filed survey maps in ESRI Shapefile format based on the existing work done by Landon Blake.

The committee members and the chapter will need to continue to work with the County to ensure (1) the steps being undertaken to address short-term concerns about the map indexing are completed and (2) that a plan is put in place to address long-term concerns.

Committee member Landon Blake and chapter member Mike Quartaroli continued their efforts to improve awareness and address problems with monument preservation at San Joaquin County Public Works Department. This included a number of e-mail exchanges with Kevin Jorgenson II, a civil engineer with the County, and Ric Moore, staff land surveyor for the California Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. Ric Moore is going to discuss monument preservation with Kevin Jorgenson over the telephone this week. Kevin Jorgenson and Ric Moore have suggested the chapter raise monument preservation concerns with Kevin's supervisors within the Public Works Department. Landon Blake volunteered to do this since he is currently trying to have the department uncover several monuments on one of his company's current boundary surveys that were hidden with chip seal on a recent County road improvement project.

Respectfully,

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