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To: All Surveyors and Engineers Practicing in Napa County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has come to the attention of this office that some 'monumentation' is being placed without filing the proper Record of Survey or Corner Record, as required by the Professional Land Surveyors' Act (PLSA, Section 8700 *et seq.* of the Business and Professions Code). Specifically, the activity recently reported is the placement of wooden hubs marking property corners, with no public record being generated.

This office greatly appreciates the efforts by most of you to prepare and file timely, high quality, public records of the survey monuments you are placing as part of your routine conduct of business. We just want to make sure that everyone is holding to the same high standard of practice.

Section 8771(a) of the PLSA requires monuments to be set with "sufficient durability." Section 8772 requires that any point set shall be "marked or tagged with the certificate number of the surveyor or civil engineer setting it." Placement of unmarked wooden hubs does not comply with these requirements.

Placement of a suitably durable, tagged monument will naturally trigger the filing of a Record of Survey or Corner Record, as appropriate, based on Sections 8762 and 8765(d) of the PLSA.

Working together, we will continue to provide quality recorded documents (Records of Survey, Corner Records) which will accomplish the shared goal of making available to the public this valuable information about real property in this area.

Thank you for all you do to improve the quality of land boundary information available to the public in Napa County. I am available to discuss these, or any other land surveying concerns, at any time. Please email me at Rick.Marshall@countyofnapa.org or call (707) 259-8381 to make an appointment to do so.

Regards,

Rick Marshall (e-signature)

Rick Marshall
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