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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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October President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Surveyors,

A quick reminder to all chapters: if your chapter has not sent in its membership roster to CLSA Central Office, they need to send it in immediately. Among other things, the size of your chapter's membership is what determines how many directors will represent you at the quarterly Board of Directors meetings.

Regarding the nomination of officers for next year's Executive Committee, I wanted to inform you that we received no additional nominations by petition by the extended deadline of September 1, 2025. On September 4, 2025, the Executive Committee met via Zoom and approved the election of the nominees presented by the Nomination Committee by acclamation since no office was being contested.

The Officers for CLSA 2026 are:

- Kristie Achee – President
- Michael Pulley – President-Elect
- Kathy Nitayangkul – Secretary
- David Murtha – Treasurer
- Joseph Padilla – Past President

I also wanted to notify our association that Kimi Shigetani (CLSA Executive Director) is no longer with CAMS, our association management firm. Jennifer

Blevins is coming out of retirement to serve as interim Executive Director until CAMS hires an Executive Director to fit CLSA's needs.

We will have a Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual via Zoom) on Saturday November 1, 2025. Please email Jennifer Blevins (jennifer@caladmanagement.com) if you will be attending. We will be establishing a budget for 2026, which will include a CLSA 60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration on Friday, March 20, 2026, on the last night of the [Western Regional Survey Conference](#) in Las Vegas. More information on this to follow.

Also, as a last-minute reminder, please be safe and observant of children when driving at night on Friday, October 31, 2025! Let's have a safe Halloween for everyone!

That's all for now!

Joseph Padilla, PLS
2025 CLSA President

WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?



Try to identify the location of this month's photo. Please describe how you identified the site. Submit your answer and/or your photo of a special location for use in a future CLSA eNews to: [Rob McMillan](#)



The July Where IN CA photo, taken by Robert Hanley, PLS, showed a glimpse of San Francisco Bay, from a stairway at Coit Tower. The location was finally identified by Bill Tuck "I finally figured out where the first photo was. I knew it had to be in Frisco somewhere and after further research, this is at Coit Tower. I recognized the hills on the other side of the water and it was just a matter of figuring out the direction the photo came from." And the masked Geographer as usual identified the correct location as "Pioneer Park, for July. Google earth, used the opposite hill across the bay."



The August Where IN CA photo was taken looking northwesterly at the sunset showing Interstate 8 in the foreground, from the west parking lot at Golden Acorn Casino near the I-8 summit in San Diego County, amazingly identified by Timothy J. Reilly, PLS:

"I recognized the profile of the mountains pictured in this month's photo instantly. In the center of the photo is Corte Madera Mountain (the one with the sharp drop off). It is visible from many points in East San Diego County, where I grew up. To the left of Corte Madera

in the photo is Los Pinos Mountain, another prominent landmark. The mountain to the left of Los Pinos (beyond the trees) is unnamed and very near Lake Morena. I've had reeaally good days fishing at Lake Morena. The Pacific Crest Trail passes very near the lake and PCT hikers make use of the county campground there. Interstate 8 freeway cuts through an unnamed boulder-strewn ridge situated between the La Posta Indian Reservation and the Campo Indian Reservation at about the 4200-foot elevation.

The nearest NGS horizontal control stations are "Mesh 1955" and "Anita 1957". Both stations are immediately beside Old Highway 80. They may have been intervisible in the past, but a yucca has grown up between them since the '50s.

I enjoy the "old" roads when traveling. When I travel to San Diego, I most often use Old Highway 80, which is how I came to be familiar with the view in this month's photo. It was taken from the parking lot of the Golden Acorn Casino. I've admired the view many times while getting fuel at the casino's truck stop."

SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

2025 CLSA MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year! Remember to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work CLSA does to enhance and advance our profession. Also, reach out to your coworkers and colleagues to encourage them to join CLSA. Chapters are turning in their rosters. Be sure you are a member of both the local Chapter and the state association.

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SAFETY REMINDER – TEMPERATURES ARE STILL HIGH IN PLACES, BUT FALL IS HERE

Keep ensuring Field Crews have sufficient drinking water at the beginning of the work shift to provide one quart per employee per hour for drinking for the entire shift, or, have effective procedures for replenishment during the shift as needed to allow employees to drink one quart or more per hour. Also remember that Fall is now here, and rainfall is on the horizon. Be sure to replace wiper blades before

you need to replace them, and do not cross flooded roadways. Use caution - drive defensively.

QUICK CONGRATULATIONS:

WILLIAM D. TUCK, PLS

Accepted the new position as City of Oceanside Land Surveyor.

JIM DICKEY, PLS

Promoted to to Vice President of JRN ALTA Professionals.

JAMES NICOLAU, PLS

Obtained his State of Hawaii PLS.

TIM SPARKS

Accepted a new position as Survey Crew Chief with HGA.

If we missed recognizing anyone, please email RobPLSCA@Gmail.com for inclusion next month.

SAVE THE DATES! – CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER IF NOT LISTED:

<https://www.californiasurveyors.org/chapters>

11/1/2025

CLSA Virtual Board of Directors Meeting

1/22-23/2026

Thur-Fri, CSU Fresno Geomatics Conference,

3/18-21/2026

Wed-Sat, CLSA Joint Conference, Horseshoe Las Vegas:

<http://www.plseducation.org/>.

4/3-6/2027

Sat-Tue, CLSA Joint Conference, Silver Legacy, Reno



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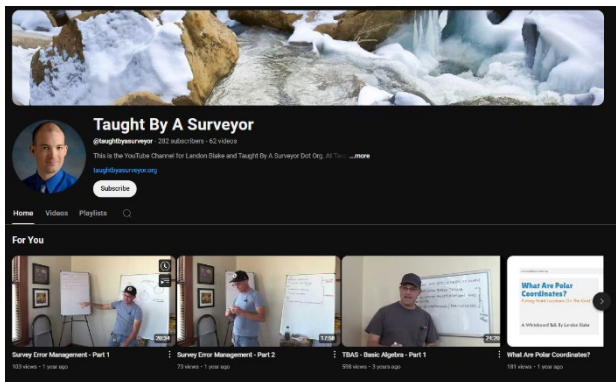
As an added benefit of CAYSN membership, frequent conference speaker Dane Courville has set up a discount code for 25% off purchases of his study materials from his website:

<https://surveyingmanual.myshopify.com/>

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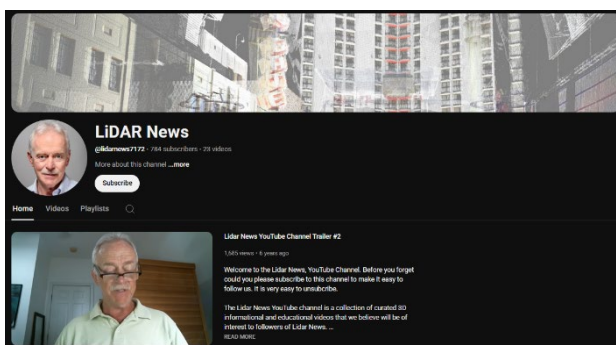
WHAT LAND SURVEYING RELATED YOUTUBE CHANELS DO YOU WATCH?

These are a couple I have stumbled upon:



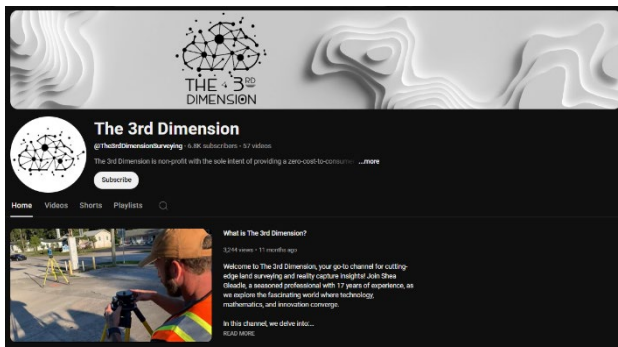
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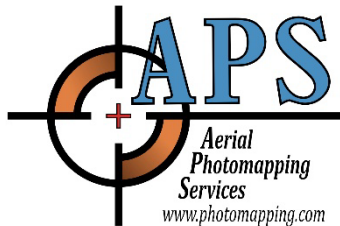
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