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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Members,

One quarter of my term is completed, and we are heading into my second quarter. Membership is the message for this letter.

First, although Chapter Rosters are not due until July 31, 2025, it is time to start your membership drives. Per Central Office's last report, we are very close to last year's totals. If all the Chapters make a serious push the next two months, we can exceed last year's numbers.

Second, the Executive Board will start to contact all non-standing Committee Chairs in June to determine if their committees need to be disbanded or continued with a clear path going forward.

Finally, our first Golf Tournament for the CLSA Education Foundation needs golfers and sponsorships. The tournament will be held at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia, CA, on June 9, 2025.

All CLSA chapters will receive \$25.00 into their scholarships account for every golfer representing their Chapter. Chapters sending Live Auction Items will receive 25% of the winning bid amount into their

scholarship account. The deadline to register for the golf tournament is June 02, 2025. Please join us as fast as you can.

I'm asking for all of our golfers in the Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Desert, and San Diego chapters to come out and play with us. Alta Vista is a private club kept in pristine condition - you may not get another chance to play this great course! See below for registration and sponsorship information for this valuable event.

Joseph Padilla, PLS
2025 CLSA President

WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?



This month issue marks a change in format of this feature. The location to identify will now be shown first, with the answer(s) to last month shown later.

Try to identify the location from where this month's photo was taken. Please tell me how you identified the location. Submit your answer and/or your photo of a special location for use in a future CLSA eNews to Rob McMillan (robplsca@gmail.com).



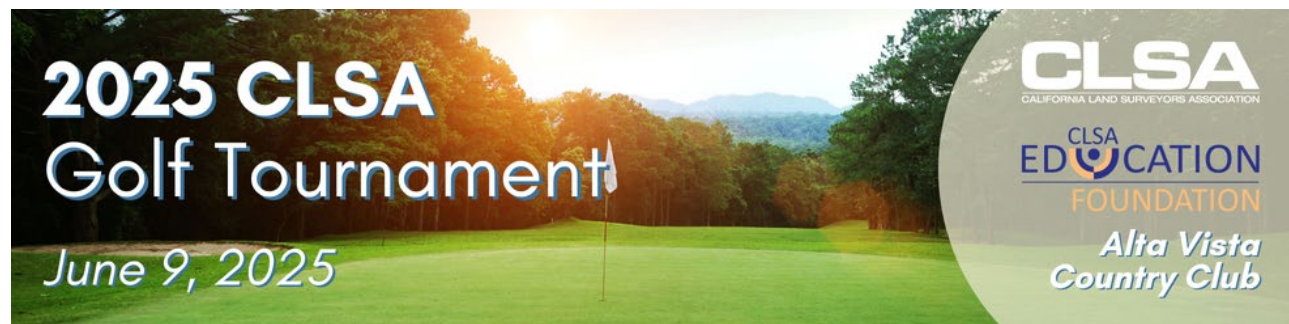
The April Where IN CA photos were taken by CLSA Conference attendees on their way to the Conference in Reno. The first photo showing dry pavement, readily identified by several members, was taken by Mariposa County Surveyor Russ Marks, PLS. This photo was taken heading east on highway 88, towards the intersection of 88 and 89 in the Hope Valley area of Alpine County.



The second photo, taken by Tyler DeMontigny, LSIT of Caltrans District 2, was taken on highway 44 approaching Noble Pass, also known as Eskimo Summit, in Shasta County just north of the route 88 intersection. Nobody recognized this remote stretch of highway.

SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

2025 CLSA GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 9th AT ALTA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB



Join us for a day of sunshine, golf and camaraderie with your fellow surveyors while supporting the CLSA Education Foundation! This is a great opportunity to not only take a break but to also help future surveyors with scholarships.

Included with your registration is lunch, dinner, a live auction and contests on the green!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Interested in sponsoring this great event? Click below for all sponsorship and advertising opportunities at the 2025 CLSA Golf Tournament.

Sponsorships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Prices are non-negotiable.

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2025 CLSA MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work our association does to enhance and advance the profession. Don't forget to reach out to your coworkers and colleagues to encourage them to join CLSA!

[RENEW MEMBERSHIP](#)

LCSO CELEBRATES DANA ROBIE, PLS, AT THE 2025 ANNUAL GEOSPATIAL SYMPOSIUM

The League of California Surveying Organizations (LCSO) recognized Dana Robie's long term dedication to the land surveying profession and decades of contributions to LCSO activities by awarding Dana a lifetime Honorary Membership in LCSO. Congratulations Dana, this was well-deserved and with any luck will keep him participating many years into his retirement.

SAFETY REMINDER – PLEASE REPLACE WELL MONUMENT LIDS AFTER MEASURING

There seems to be a new habit of field crew members, particularly working in the fire-impacted areas of LA County, opening monument wells, and simply leaving the wells open and lids on the pavement. No cones, no signs, nada. Crews confronted claim they are going to return later and don't want to spend the extra

30-seconds it takes to remove then replace the lid a second time. Please reach out to your field crews to encourage proper safety practices!

ORANGE COUNTY CLSA HONORS JAY SEYMORE WITH RETIREMENT PARTY



After an incredible career and countless contributions to CLSA, OC CLSA celebrated the retirement of the one and only Jay Seymour at their April Meeting! And they talked him into being the presenter for the meeting! Jay (2015 CLSA President), pictured third from left, is shown surrounded by 3 other CLSA Presidents Joe Padilla (2025), Kevin Hills (2023), and Rob McMillan (2021). OC CLSA commented:

“From leading with integrity and dedication, to mentoring others and making a lasting impact on every project he touched — Jay has been a true pillar of our profession. His legacy will be felt for years to come, and we are beyond grateful for everything he’s brought to CLSA. We had an amazing time honoring Jay at his retirement party, sharing laughs, memories, and a few (happy) tears. As he steps into this exciting new chapter, we wish Jay and his wonderful wife all the happiness, relaxation, and adventures retirement can offer. Thank you, Jay — for your leadership, your heart, and your unwavering commitment.”

CONGRATULATIONS! CLARISSA CONDIT PASSED THE NCEES FS EXAM!



Clarissa, a Surveying Assistant with Blair, Church & Flynn Consulting Engineers, posted on LinkedIn:

“You won’t fail until you quit!” and “I finally got the news I’ve been waiting for. I passed the exam. Third time’s the charm, and honestly, it means everything to me. It’s been such a tough journey, but I kept believing in myself. I’m so grateful, so relieved, and so ready for whatever comes next. Never give up!”

A great reminder to candidates to persevere – study the exam plan – and dive into the books!

CONGRATULATIONS RENA LI, LSIT IS NOW AN FAA PART 107 REMOTE PILOT!



Rena, a 2024 Cal Poly Pomona grad, and LSIT reached out to let us know she is now an official FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot! Congratulations Rena! It is great to see young people pursuing additional certifications and credentials to help their firms be more productive! Rena is currently working for DRC Engineering as a Design Engineer. She worked at DRC as a Mapping Intern during her Senior year at CPP.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK (CAYSN)



The CAYSN was created by the California Land Surveyors Association in 2021 and modeled on fellow networks within the NSPS National Young Surveyors Network. All surveyors (regardless of age,

education or location) are welcome to join, however the focus will remain on supporting those new to the industry: Surveyors aged 35 years or under, or students of surveying and all related studies.

CAYSN Goals are as follows:

- **Promote** – promote the surveying profession to the public by sharing materials, ideas and opportunities
- **Connect** – young surveyors are connected with local and national surveying organizations and associations
- **Represent** – present and represented at local and national surveying organizations and associations
- **Participate** – engaged, active and have the opportunity to get a voice at local and national surveying organizations and associations

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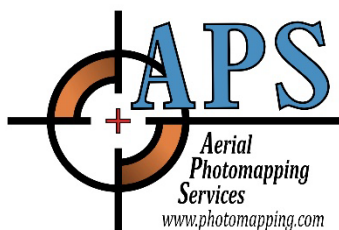


The California High-Speed Rail Authority is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms for Right-of-Way Engineering and Survey Support Services. Download the Request for Qualifications from the California State Contracts Register webpage at www.caleprocure.ca.gov.

Statements of Qualifications are due on the date and time and at the location described in each respective Request for Qualifications. Questions may be submitted to ROWE@hsr.ca.gov.

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Do you have a photo from your field work that would make a great magazine cover? Do you have an idea for an article or have you written an article that you'd like us to consider including in the next issue? Please send your submissions and ideas to CLSA Headquarters,

clsa@californiasurveyors.org

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The Education Foundation was established in 1993 and is committed to supporting land surveying students and programs. Last year almost \$50,000 in scholarship aid was provided to land surveying students. Your monetary and surveying equipment donations are appreciated! **CLICK HERE** to learn more about the Education Foundation.



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