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CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May President's Letter

Greetings, fellow surveyors,

The only thing that stays the same is change. Is it with a sad heart that I open this month's letter. Our first female president of the California Land Surveyors Association, [Susan A. Jensen \(Central Coast Chapter\)](#), passed on May 14, 2026. From Susan's President's letter in California Surveyor Magazine #87, Spring 1988:

Kristie Achee, PLS
President, CLSA

Questions? Comments?
Concerns? Contact me:
kristie.achee@qkinc.com or
(661) 616-2600.

"I have established a Public Relations Committee under our Membership Division. The committee is charged with preparing a "High School Career Day" presentation package for use by chapters and individuals throughout the State. The committee will work with local chapters to prepare news releases outlining chapter and state activities, as well as announce the installation of all officers. Further, they will work in conjunction with the Education Committee to organize and coordinate a Seminar Program for use in educating Attorneys, Realtors, and the Title Industry.

"I will do my best to improve our association and to address the needs of our profession, but I am one

person volunteering my time. I cannot make the difference alone, but if we work together, we can.”

I hope I represented Susan’s ideals/vision when I presented at the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), Region 1 Spring Forum on May 8 in Santa Barbara, where we had Attorneys, Realtors and Title officers in attendance, as well as Right of Way Agents and Public Works representatives. Thank you to all the Past Presidents for your suggestions, ideas and guidance. I sincerely appreciate how many of you responded to my request for this presentation. Special thanks to Luz Garcia from Central Coast Chapter, and thank you to all others who helped, you know who you are.

And so, as all things change, congrats to all the newly licensed California Land Surveyors! Numbers run from 10094 – 10159 so far with more in the coming weeks. It is a hard test, the hardest test I have ever taken, and you did it! Enjoy it for a while and celebrate and then know that NOW the hard work starts. Continue to learn, promote the profession, mentor your peers, and advocate for the laws and regulations that allow our association and foundation to safeguard property and public welfare.

Don’t forget to sign up to volunteer, sponsor, and attend the 175th Mount Diablo Initial Point Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Mount Diablo Initial Point, used for land survey descriptions in two thirds of California and all of Nevada, and being the beginning of all public land descriptions, turns 175 years old on July 17, 2027. Their celebration will be held the next day at Mount Diablo State Park.

MT. DIABLO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 7th annual Women Surveyors Summit is September 17 – 21, 2026 in San Diego, CA!! Registration is now open and can be found here:

[WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMITT](#)

Current membership is at 1,264 active members; only 746 of those are Corporate members, meaning licensed land surveyors. Reach out to your fellow surveyors who are not yet involved and ask them to join!

Together we will move CLSA forward, onward, upward always with a level backsight/base point.

Kristie Achee, PLS

2026 CLSA President

WHERE IN CA?



Where IN CA is This?

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



March Where in CA?

As I probably mentioned before, I particularly enjoy learning more about others through their answers describing their personal connections to the photo locations. The February “Where in CA” photo, taken by Ventura County Surveyor III, Larry Dibble, from a UAS, was correctly identified by six people:

- Sherry Toutges, PLS, was the first to chime with “Mondo's Beach.”
- Ken Hughes, PLS, said, “Faria Beach, otherwise known as ‘Mondos,’ in between Ventura, CA, and Carpinteria. I have lived in Santa Barbara since 1970 and know this stretch of coastline quite well.”
- Bill Tuck, PLS, said, “It’s been a little while since I’ve had time to look at one of these. This is Mondo’s Beach along the Ventura Hwy. I have driven this numerous times, so I recognized the area immediately.”
- Bill Froman, PLS, said, “I noticed the oil road and then the houses along the coastline. I have worked this area out of the Ventura Caltrans survey field office for over 7 years and having grown up here, I have driven this stretch of both PCH and 101 multiple times a month. Love this stretch of coast.”

- Andrew LaBine, PLS, said, “I believe this was a drone photo taken above a spot called Mondo’s Beach, looking east, about 5 miles northwest of Ventura on PCH/101. I’ve also driven this stretch of highway on numerous occasions, so I immediately recognized it.”
- Ieva Cefola, LSIT, said, “MONDO BEACH just north of Ventura. Had a lot of good times camping in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara.”

Jeremy Henry, PLS, said, “This is right in my part of the world in Ventura, right above the great Mondo's surf spot in Faria. Surf school capital of Ventura.”

IN THE NEWS

2026 CLSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

[RENEW MEMBERSHIP](#)



YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

2026 NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

GROW. CONNECT. LEAD.

NSPS Young Surveyors Network (YSN) is excited to announce that applications are opening **May 1st** for our 2026 National Mentorship Program — and we're asking for your help to share this opportunity across your state and professional networks.



APPLICATIONS OPEN
MAY 1ST!

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PROGRAM DETAILS

- Mentorship occurs in 1:1 pairings
- Mentorship pairings are weighted by:
 - State
 - Timezone
 - Topics of interest
- Nationwide reach
- Diverse fields of practice
- Tailored Guidance
- Flexible Engagement
- Professional & Personal Growth



MENTORSHIP TOPICS

- Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving
- Ethics & Professionalism
- Importance of Licensure and Certification
- Networking with Peers & Clients
- Teamwork & Communication
- Industry & Emerging Technology
- Understanding the Surveyor's Role in a Multidisciplinary Industry
- Work-Life Balance & Time Management
- Leadership: Project & People Management
- Business Ownership: The Entrepreneurial Path



TIMELINE

- **MAY**
Applications open
- **JUNE**
Program participants finalized
- **JULY**
Program onboarding and pairings
- **AUGUST - OCTOBER**
Mentorship sessions
- **NOVEMBER**
Program data processing

JOIN. LEARN. INSPIRE.



Whether you're a student, early-career professional, or seasoned surveyor, this program is designed to support your journey and grow our profession.

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MORE DETAILS



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT
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WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMIT IN SAN DIEGO, CA | SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

If you are thinking about a conference to attend after summer, the Women Surveyors Summit will be in San Diego, CA. This in-person event is the 7th Women Surveyors Summit. This is a "for women, by women" event and will include opportunities for continuing education. A minimum of 12 PDH's will be available, with a 2-hour Ethics course. The event runs from 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2026, through Sunday, September 20, 2026. A proctored CST Exam, open to all, will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Click below for more information.

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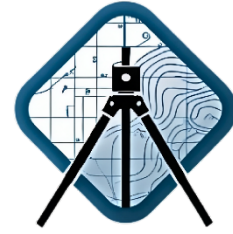
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PUBLICATIONS

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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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[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Education Foundation.



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