To Whom It May Concern:

The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) endorses the recommendations in the California GIS Geodetic Control Work Group report titled “Maintaining California’s Geodetic Control System Strategic Assessment” and approved by the California GIS Council on December 14, 2017. On March 28, 2018, the Surveyor's Policy Committee discussed said report and voted to endorse the recommendations that appear on page 7 of said report.

California’s geodetic control system is fundamental to the Land Surveying profession and failure to maintain the system would compromise the public and private Land Surveyor’s ability to provide high precision surveying necessary for the many infrastructure projects in the State. Additionally, failure to maintain the system would compromise public safety by limiting the ability to monitor earthquake fault movement and to monitor/measure any possible movement of physical infrastructure (i.e. bridges) due to a large earthquake in California.

CEAC is comprised of County Engineers, Public Works Directors, County Road Commissioners, County Surveyors, and other professional personnel throughout California’s 58 counties. Its purpose is to advance engineering and management by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public. Members strive to affect “maximum efficiency and modernization in engineering and administrative units of local Government.”

Providing a convenient, accurate, common horizontal, and elevation datum for all of the state, county, and city government agencies to use and share data is a very important objective of CEAC’s activities.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Pratt
2017-2018 CEAC President