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California GIS Council
Geodetic Control Work Group

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA) 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 April 27, 2018, the CLSA Board of Directors discussed said report and voted to endorse the recommendations that appear in 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.

CLSA has over 1,700 members in and around the state of California. The goal of the California Land Surveyors Association is to promote and enhance the profession of surveying, to promote the common good and welfare of its members, to promote and maintain the highest possible standards of professional ethics and practice, and to elevate the public's understanding of our profession. CLSA represents all land surveyors, whether they are employees or proprietors, whether in the public or private sector.

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

Sincerely,

Ron Nelms
2018 CLSA President