

In Memoriam: We are saddened by the passing of **Mr. John Canas, PLS**, on September 5, 2021. John served admirably as the **CSRC Executive Manager from 2005-2018** and was a strong advocate for the Center's ties to the surveying, mapping and geodetic engineering communities in California and beyond. As a California Professional Land Surveyor (No. 4408) he authorized on September 25, 2018 the report to Caltrans of the California Spatial Reference System, CSRC Epoch 2017.50 (NAD83), in accord with the California Public Resources Code and the California Professional Land Surveyor's Act. His 43 years as a land surveyor included 15 years as the County Surveyor of Orange County. As County Surveyor, **he initiated a collaboration with Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Orbit and Permanent Array Center (SOPAC) to install the Orange County Real Time Network (OCR TN)**, the first such real-time GPS network in California, inaugurated in June 1994. In December 2018, at The League of California Surveying Organizations (LCSO) meeting that the CSRC co-hosted in La Jolla, **John received Distinguished Service awards from Caltrans and the CSRC.** CSRC's Director and Chair of our Executive Committee were honored to attend funeral services at the St. Vincent De Paul Church in Huntington Beach on September 27th, where we learned that John served in the Vietnam War as an interpreter, having mastered the Vietnamese language. We extend our **sincere condolences to John's wife, Winona Canas, and their extended family.** John was a talented, demanding but fair, gentle, and forward-looking giant of a man. He was a real friend to the CSRC, and **we will miss him.**