

Record of Surveys

Office of the County Surveyor
Guide to processing a Record of Survey

When Required

- 1) When a material evidence or physical change, which in whole or in part does not appear on any previously recorded subdivision map, official map, record of survey, or any map or survey record maintained by the Bureau of Land Management. PLS Act 8762(a)
- 2) A material discrepancy with the information contained in any previously recorded subdivision map, official map, record of survey, or any map or survey record maintained by the Bureau of Land Management. **Material discrepancy** is limited to the position of points or in lines, or in dimensions. PLS Act 8762(b)
- 3) Evidence that, by reasonable analysis, might result in materially alternate positions of points or lines shown on any previously recorded subdivision map, official map, record of survey, or any map or survey record maintained by the Bureau of Land Management. PLS Act 8762(c)
- 4) The establishment of one or more points or lines not shown on previously recorded subdivision map, official map, record of survey, the positions of which are not ascertainable from an inspection of said maps or record of survey. PLS Act 8762(d)
- 5) The points or lines set during the performance of a field survey of any parcel described in any deed or other instrument of title not shown on any previously recorded subdivision map, official map, record of survey. PLS Act 8762(e)

Time Limit

The record of survey shall be filed within 90 days after the setting of the boundary monuments or the completion of a field survey. If this time limit cannot be complied with, a letter, submitted to the County Surveyor's Office within the 90 day limit, will state the reasons for non-compliance, and estimated time of completion, the general location of the survey, and the assessor's parcel number(s). PLS Act 8762

Exemption from filing a record of survey

- 1) When it has been made by a public officer in his or her official capacity and a reproducible copy is filed with the County Surveyor. The Recorder's Statement will be omitted. PLS Act 8765(a)
- 2) When made by the Bureau of Land Management. PLS Act 8765(b)
- 3) When a Tract or Parcel map is in preparation under the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act. PLS Act 8765(c)
- 4) When the survey is a retracement of lines shown on a previously recorded subdivision map, official map, or record of survey, where no material discrepancies with those records are found and sufficient monumentation is found to establish the precise location of property corners thereon, provided that a **Corner Record** is filed for any property corners which are set or reset or found to be of a different character. PLS Act 8765(d)

Examination Time Limit and Fee

- 1) The record of survey shall be examined within 20 working days after receipt thereof, or within a mutually agreed upon time extension between the surveyor and the County Surveyor, It shall be examined with respect to: PLS Act 8766
 - a) Its accuracy of mathematical data and substantial compliance with Section 8764 of the PLS Act. PLS Act 8766(a)
 - b) Its compliance with Sections 8762.5, 8763, 8764.5, 8771.5 and 8772 of the PLS Act. PLS Act 8766(b)
- 2) Nothing shall limit the County Surveyor from including notes expressing opinions regarding methods or procedures utilized in the performance of the survey. PLS Act 8766
If matters cannot be agreed upon between the surveyor and the County Surveyor within 10 working days after submittal and request for recordation without further changes, an explanation of the differences shall be noted on the map and filed with the County Recorder. PLS Act 8768
- 3) The record of survey examination shall be performed by or under the supervision of a Licensed Land Surveyor. PLS Act 8766
- 4) The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors sets this fee. Please see current fee schedule for details. PLS Act 8766.5

Sheet Requirements

- 1) The map shall be legibly drawn, printed, or reproduced by a process guaranteeing a permanent record in black on tracing cloth, or polyester base film, 18 x 26 inches. A 1 inch margin line shall be drawn completely around each sheet, leaving a blank 1 inch margin. PLS Act 8763

Technical Requirements

Monuments

All monuments found, set, reset, replaced, or removed, describing their kind, size, and location, and giving other data relating thereto. PLS Act 8764(a)

Found - All monuments “found” shall be described as to size, type, material, height relative to the ground surface, stamping/tagging with markings, with a reference to a record map. Monuments “found” and accepted will be labeled as “Accepted as”. Monuments “found” with no previous record shall be labeled as “No Record”. Monuments “found” and not accepted will be labeled with bearing and distance from true corner. Licensed surveyors/engineers accepting “found” open pipes will be encouraged to tag them with their tags.

Set - All set monuments will be described as to size, type, material, height relative to the ground surface, and stamping/tagging with markings. Plastic caps or plugs will not be accepted due to the lack of durability with regards to fire.

Bearing or Witness - All monuments found, set, reset, replaced, or removed, describing their kind, size, and location, and giving other data relating thereto. PLS Act 8764(b)

Basis of Bearings

The basis of bearing shall be labeled on the record of survey. PLS Act 8764(b)

There are 3 accepted methods for establishing a basis of bearing.

- 1) By astronomic observation, stating the date of the observation.
- 2) Between 2 found and accepted monuments of record.
- 3) Based on CCS83 monumentation in compliance with Section 8813 of the Public Resources Code.

Bearing and Distance

The bearing and length of lines, including the measured data and the record data of the lines, will be shown on the record of survey. Record data calculated from record maps or documents will be labeled as “calculated from”. Lines where no record information is available will be labeled “No Record”. Actual field measurements will be labeled as “measured”. Preference is that bearings be labeled in a consistent direction, preferably clockwise. PLS Act 8764(b) and 8771.5

Scale of Map

The scale of the map shall be labeled. Graphic scales will be encouraged, as reduced copies of the record of survey are stored on microfiche. PLS Act 8764(b)

North Arrow

A North arrow shall appear on the record of survey. PLS Act 8764(b)

Legal Description

A description of the property in which the survey is located is required. Sectionalized descriptions shall include the area of the section(s), township(s), range(s) and base and meridian. All descriptions shall include reference to deeds or to maps which have been recorded or to official United States Surveys. PLS Act 8764(c)

Adjacent Property

Reference will be made to those portions of adjacent tracts, lots, streets or senior conveyances which have common lines with the survey. PLS Act 8764(d)

Memorandum of Oaths

In compliance with section 8760 of the Land Surveyors’ Act, a memorandum of oaths shall be made on the record of survey. PLS Act 8764(e)

Statements

For a listing of the statements required on the record of survey and their terminology, refer to the end of this chapter or the County of Santa Barbara Standard Statements and Certificates booklet. PLS Act 8764(f)

Pertinent Data

Data necessary for the intelligent interpretation of the various items and locations of the points, lines and areas shown, as may be determined by the civil engineer or land surveyor preparing the record of survey. PLS Act 8764(g)

Purpose of Survey

Either graphically or by note, note preferred, the reason why the mandatory filing of the record of survey is required, subject to the provisions of sections 8762 and 8764 of the Land Surveyors' Act. PLS Act 8764(g)

Corrections Allowed

Amendments to show any course or distance that was omitted, or to correct any error in:

- 1) course or distance
- 2) the description
- 3) lot numbers
- 4) street names
- 5) acreages
- 6) identification of adjacent record maps
- 7) character of monuments being set
- 8) minor errors as approved by the county surveyor amended under the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act, Division 2

Vicinity Map A vicinity map, though not required by the PLS Act, is requested to aide in identifying the location of the subject property for indexing purposes.

RECORD OF SURVEY CHECK SHEET

First Check
Recheck No. _____ Fee Paid \$ _____ Date Paid _____
Surveyor _____
Survey Requested By _____

File No. _____
Date _____
Checked By _____
Location _____

Circle (0) indicates deficiency – Check (✓) indicates no deficiency

Business and Professions Code, Chapter 15, Division 3, Section 8700 et seq.

_____ Map appears to create a division of land; Subdivision or Parcel
Map required. (8762.5)

MAP TITLE

_____ Name of City, if applicable
_____ Name of County, California
_____ "RECORD OF SURVEY,"
_____ General description of land surveyed. (8764)
_____ Date of survey.
_____ Sheet number, when two or more sheets.

CERTIFICATES

_____ County Recorder's Certificate or space for same (8764.5)
_____ Surveyor's Statement (8764.5)
_____ Signed, dated and sealed (8764.5 & 411(h))
_____ County Surveyor's Statement (8764.5)
_____ Certificate per Sec. 8762.5, if applicable.
_____ Memorandum of oaths, if applicable (8760)
_____ No nontechnical certificates or statements on map. (8764.5)

SURVEYOR'S NOTES

_____ Basis of Bearings: map of record, celestial observation, State
Plane Coordinates, or County Surveyor's Records.
_____ Found or Set monuments should be shown with distinguishing
symbols and include type, size, LS or RCE No. (8764)
_____ Symbols and nonstandard abbreviations defined. (8764)

MATHEMATICAL ACCURACY

_____ Map loop closures less than 0.02 ft*
_____ Bearings shown (8764)
_____ Distances shown. (8764)*
_____ Overall bearings shown
_____ Sum of parts equal total distance or delta.*
_____ Curve data shown. (Minimum = Delta, Radius, Arc length).*
_____ radial bearings shown where appropriate.
_____ Areas shown if required for survey
_____ Others _____

* Allowable tolerances for rounding are to be expected.

MAP BODY

_____ Map material; tracing cloth or polyester base film; black ink. (8763)
_____ Map size: 18" x 26" or 460 x 660 mm (8763)

_____ Margin: 1" or 025 mm all around. (8763)
_____ Map orientation, title and map body to read from bottom or right
side of sheet when north arrow points away from reader where
practicable.
_____ North arrow. (8764)
_____ Scale. (8764)
_____ City, County or State boundary lines as required.
_____ Reference to adjacent tracts or other maps of record when
pertinent. (8764(d))
_____ Legibility of map data. (8763)
_____ Street names and widths shown.
_____ Reference for all found monuments or statement of acceptance
if used as a control monument (8764)
_____ Reference to deeds or official records if necessary for the
establishment of lines or points (8764).
_____ Record measurements in parenthesis to be shown when
beneficial to the interpretation of lines or points or substantially
different from measured.
_____ Purpose indicated for all easements shown.
_____ Detail required for clarity.
_____ Arrows needed to clarity dimensions.
_____ No ditto marks.
_____ Spelling

SURVEY PROCEDURES

_____ Survey based upon sufficient control.
_____ Additional survey information required (8762)
_____ Prorations correct.
_____ Sectional breakdowns correct.
_____ Deed interpretations correct.
_____ Durable monuments sufficient in number. (8771)
_____ Monuments tagged. (8772)
_____ Relationship to adjacent lines of record when pertinent. (8764)
_____ Methods of establishment of lines or points shown where
necessary. (8764)
_____ Other _____

To the Surveyor:

Pursuant to Section 8767 of the land Surveyor's Act, the deficient items signified by a Circle (0) as indicated on the above check list and / or check print shall be addressed and returned to this office with:

- Corrected Prints (2 ea.)
- The original (or corrected original) and the _____ filing fee (Payable to County Recorder)

Aleksandar Jevremovic
County Surveyor

(SEAL)

By: Deputy

EXAMPLES

Standard Statements and Certificates

Surveyor's/Engineer's Statement *(on face of map per PLS 8764.5)*

This map correctly represents a survey made by me or under my direction in conformance with the requirements of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act at the request of (Name of person authorizing survey) in (Month), 20__.

Name Printed
L.S. (or R.C.E.) No. _____

SEAL

County Surveyor's Statement *(on face of map per PLS 8764.5)*

This map has been examined in accordance with Section 8766 of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act this (Day) day of (Month), 20__.

Aleksandar Jevremovic
L.S. 8378

SEAL

Recorder's Statement *(on face of map per PLS 8764.5)*

Filed this _____ day of _____, 20__, at _____ m. in book _____ of Records of Surveys at page(s) _____, at the request of (Land Surveyor).

Fee: _____

Joseph E. Holland
County Clerk – Recorder - Assessor

By: _____
Deputy

For use when land conveyed to a governmental agency is not shown on the latest Assessor roll lying within a City

City Engineer's Certificate or **County Surveyor's Certificate** (on face of map or by separate document per PLS 8762.5)

I hereby certify that this map is in compliance with the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act, Division 2, (commencing with section 66410) of Title 7 of the Government Code and any applicable local ordinance enacted pursuant thereto.

Name Printed

City Engineer R.C.E No. / County Surveyor L.S. No.

SEAL

For use when an Amending Record of Survey is submitted

County Surveyor's Statement (Amending Record of Survey per 8770.5)

This amended map has been examined for conformance with the requirements of Section 8770.5 of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act.

Aleksandar Jevremovic

L.S. 8378

SEAL

Surveyor's /Engineer's Statement (Amending Maps) (PLS 8770.5)

I hereby state that I have prepared this amending map or it was prepared under my direction on _____ (Date) _____, (Year) _____, and the changes shown hereon are as provided for in Section 8770.5 of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act.

Name Printed

L.S. No. _____

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RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

(Land Surveying/Engineering Firm Name)

(Mailing Address)

(City)(St)(Zip)

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

County Surveyor's Office

123 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

Certificate of Correction

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following corrections or additions are hereby made to the Record of Survey filed in Book _____, Page(s) _____ of Records of Survey in the office of the Recorder of Santa Barbara County, State of California.

(List owners or requesting party/surveyor)

Insert description corrections

Surveyor's/Engineer's Statement

I hereby state that I prepared this Certificate of Correction or it was prepared under my direction on _____ (Day/Month) _____, 20____, and the changes shown hereon are as provided for in Section 8770.5 of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act.

Name Printed
L.S. (or R.C.E.) No. _____

SEAL

County Surveyor's Statement

I hereby state that I have examined this certificate of correction and the only changes made are those set forth in Section 8770.5 of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act.

Aleksandar Jevremovic
County Surveyor
L.S. 8378

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