



Dear Supervisors,

I am asking you to please reject the proposed increase of Records of Survey Fees. In response to the fee increase and a move to full cost recovery being proposed by the Surveyor's Office, I offer the following response.

- A) The report and study state that the County will subsidize a portion of the DEPOSIT for the unincorporated areas of the County. Have the Cities been approached about subsidizing the record of surveys being conducted in their Cities? I have reached out to a couple of the Cities that our company deals with on a regular basis, and they were unaware of what is being proposed.
- B) Under the legal, economic, and policy considerations portion of the consultant's report, Community Benefit is listed as an appropriate service to be partially subsidized. A record of survey is mandated by State Law, and is of great benefit to the public, as it shows the persons property who contracted for the survey, but also establishes the neighbors property lines, road centerlines, block corners, and rancho lines. Those who benefit from an individual Record of Survey are all adjoining property owners, the County, Cities and Future surveyors doing work in the area that has recorded Record of Surveys.
- C) One possible way to cut down on cost, and clerical time charged at "Surveyor Specialist" rates for checking in of maps and submittals, would be to have electronic Submittal.
- D) The proposed rate hike for Records of Surveys and going to a deposit-based system will make it so the little Mom and Pop landowners will no longer be able to afford it. Less permanent monuments would be set, and less Records of Surveys filed, thus being a detriment to the public.

Sincerely,

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