

NOTES ON SURVEYING IN MARIN COUNTY

The following is some helpful information that land surveyors should consider when surveying in Marin County.

You can use MarinMap to view copies of recorded maps online. Just zoom into the parcel you are working on, click on it, click on the blue 'Assessors Map' hyperlink in the box that just popped up, and when a new tab opens with the assessors map in it, above the map will be blue hyperlinks to copies of record maps noted on the assessor's map.

<http://www.marinmap.org/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=mmdataviewer>

The above method will get you to some older, lower quality scans. If you need to print or save the maps you are viewing, you should contact our recorder and order a CD library of "every" map Marin County has recorded, and that is relatively inexpensive (\$36.75 in person, \$40.40 via mail, \$9.28 for updates, (prices as of 10/02/2018). These are MUCH better scans than those available on MarinMap.

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/ar/divisions/recorder>

You can search for Corner Records here:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/public-services/surveying>

Also, the Marin Chapter of the CLSA maintains a 'record map index' listing "all" recorded maps in Marin County (the term 'all' used very loosely as it is not a guarantee). This is important in that our Assessor does not show or reference all record maps on the AP maps. If you want to subscribe to that index, contact Dominic Sanfilippo: Dominic@Marinsurveyor.com. Initial cost is \$400, \$200 per year thereafter.

Marin County had a large number of surveyors in the past that did not record all/many of their surveys/maps, and those maps are held privately. I've attached a copy of the latest list I have of the unrecorded private records steward index. Yes, the challenge is knowing who has something in the area you are working in.

The Marin County Free Library has a LARGE collection of unrecorded private records purchased from William (Bill) Schroeder (which includes records of Oglesby, Voorhies, EFS, and other well-known Marin County Surveyors). They are at the Los Gamos annex at 1600 Los Gamos, Suite 182 and are open Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 (and Tuesday mornings **by appointment only**). There is a steward there that can help you get started and guide you through the process of researching the unrecorded records. Email in advance of your arrival on Thursday to set up an appointment: Dewey Livingston at dlivingston@marincounty.org or Phil Danskin at geometre@vom.com (for Tuesday mornings, **but you must schedule by the Friday before you**

need to go there)). Note that some of this information is available to view online at marinlibrary.org/californiaroom , click on the 'Digital Collections' link.

If you visit the survey archives at the library, consider making a donation to assist with records preservation!!

We have moved our DPW historic road survey books to the Los Gamos location noted above, and are working on getting our historic field books over to the Los Gamos location as well.

Lastly, if you are going to survey in Marin County, I suggest joining our local CLSA chapter. We meet every third Wednesday of the month. Contact Josh at Chalet Basque, in San Rafael: 405 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael, CA 94903 (6-8 pm).

This may not be a complete list, nor should it limit your areas of research.

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