



**CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION**  
**SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER**  
**January 2025**

Meeting Notes: January 21, SF-CLSA Meeting.  
Meeting convened at 6:05  
Attendees: 9 total

Chapter members were asked to comment on the guidelines prepared by the monument preservation committee. The document is a response to the newly added law regarding monument rehabilitation: B&P Code [California Code, BPC 8771.6.](#)

General consensus is that the new law has little application in an urban environment and may be more concerned with rural or suburban environments.

Authors note: The new law indicates monuments used as "control" is subject. Note, also, the law does not mention filing a corner record, and that the law expires 01/01/2029.

No comments were forthcoming re the Monument Preservation guidelines.

***Announced at this meeting: all new or renewing members can obtain a digital file of the Alpha Series maps. A CLSA member will make the digital files available at time of payment of chapter dues!***

Daniel Namyst. spoke to us about his on-going efforts in surveying education, and his special request to the surveying community. <https://forums.californiasurveyors.org/viewtopic.php?t=9655>

Greg Ippolito described a situation that he is currently experiencing with the SF Dept. of Building Inspection For the background of the basis for DBI review of site plans in specific areas and/or slopes with a 25% grade, **See [IS S-19.pdf](#).**

Mr. Ippolito has submitted a site plan that included a topographic survey showing the grade at less than 25%, however a DBI reviewer has relied instead on the SFPIM GIS map to determine site grade and challenged the slope as determined by a terrestrial survey. Mr. Ippolito has been engaged with DBI for a prolonged period to resolve the issue and has pointed out that the elevations or slope derived by a GIS model must not be relied on when compared to a survey of greater accuracy.

SF-CLSA crafted a draft of a letter and proposed that it be refined, and a final draft be submitted to the Dir. of DBI. The focus of the letter is to point out the limitations of the accuracy of a GIS model for horizontal and vertical location. The letter also indicates the definition of the practice of land surveying which defines only a licensed land surveyor is authorized to perform surveys to determine elevations.

The proposed letter is an effort to achieve a teaching moment re the appropriate applications of GIS models v. information derived by survey methods.

Also suggested: to contact Neil King at PW and request that he speak with DBI to clarify the appropriate use or GIS base maps.

**For now:** Mr. Ippolito has stated that a resolution may be close. He will keep the chapter informed. Mr. Ippolito stated that he may submit the letter on his own behalf and suggested that possibly other surveyors or the SF-CLSA chapter sign the letter.



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Kevin Nehring was in attendance and spoke to the chapter. Mr. Nehring expressed his appreciation for the support of his CLSA presidency.

Lastly, the recipient of the Leemoi Bekey in-memoriam scholarship was determined. Welcome Lanz Connor, attending U of Maine.

We will be sending congratulations and an honorary 2025 membership to Lanz!

The Chapter will contact Lanz with a letter and an invitation as an honorary member of SF-CLSA and an invite to join SF-CLSA meetings.

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