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“What Can The County Surveyor Ask
For On Your Filed Survey Map?” Or
“The Scope Of County Surveyor
Review Authority”
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What Can The County Surveyor Ask For On Your Filed Survey Map?

(What does the law actually say? WhaDLAS)

Section 8764 – Technical Requirements

- **Monuments:** “All monuments found, set, reset, replaced, or removed, describing their kind, size, and location, giving other data relating thereto.”
- **Map Content:** Witness monuments, basis-of-bearings, bearing and length of lines, scale of map, and north arrow. Name and legal designation of property. Date or time period of the survey.
- **Adjoiners:** “The relationship to those portions of adjacent tracts, streets or senior conveyances which have common lines with the survey.” *No two monument tango!*
- **Memorandums of Oaths**
- **Other Stuff I’m In The Mood For:** “Any other data necessary for the intelligent interpretation of the various items and locations of the points, lines, and areas shown **as determined by the land surveyor preparing the map.**” *This statement doesn’t grant broad authority to the county surveyor.*
- **Section 87652 Triggers:** We miss this one a lot.
- **Required statements.** This isn’t controversial.

This section doesn’t say a lot about boundary resolution does it? (The adjoiners statement provides the most scope for county surveyor review.)

Section 8766

- Grants the county surveyor actual review authority.
- Allows the county to check for accuracy of mathematical data. (Closure reports.)



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- **Big Limitation Number 1:** “This section shall not require the licensed land surveyor to submitting the record-of-survey to change the methods or procedures utilized or employed in the performance of the survey.”
- **Big Limitation Number 2:** “This section shall not...require a field survey to verify data shown....”
- The county surveyor can't even ask you to do a field survey! Or to do more field work! Or to look for one more monument!
- The county surveyor gets to put a nasty note on your record-of-survey if they want to. (Sorry guys – it's in the law.)

Section 8767

- The county surveyor can tell you what he doesn't like about your map – but he has to do it in writing.
- You can tell the county surveyor to pound sand.

Section 8768

- If you and the county surveyor can't get along – the county surveyor gets to put a nasty note on your map. You can add your own nasty note if you want.
- The county surveyor has 10 days to file your map after you indicate you won't make additional revisions. **The county surveyor can't refuse to file your map.** Period. Full stop. They have to file your map when you say you are done making changes.