

California Codes Compilation

Quick Reference for CA PLS Exam - Key Sections

Public Resources Code - California Coordinate System

§8801 - Definitions

- CCS27: Based on NAD27 (US Coast & Geodetic Survey)
- CCS83: Based on NAD83 (National Geodetic Survey)
- CCS2022: California Coordinate System of 2022

§8802 - Zone Structure

- CCS27: 7 zones (Zone 7 = Los Angeles County)
- CCS83: 6 zones (Zone 7 absorbed into Zone 5)

§8817 - Transition Requirements (KEY SECTION)

CCS83 required for NEW surveys after January 1, 1995. However, this "does not preclude a survey from retracement of a CCS27 survey."

§8816 - Optional Use

State Plane Coordinate use is OPTIONAL, not mandatory.

Business & Professions Code - PLS Act

§8726 - Practice of Land Surveying Defined

Defines what constitutes the practice of land surveying in California.

§8762 - Record of Survey Required (KEY SECTION)

Record of Survey required for all survey corners.

§8773 - Corner Records

Corner Record required when finding or replacing a corner of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

Government Code - Subdivision Map Act

§66424 - Subdivision Defined

Division of land for sale, lease, or financing. Includes condominiums and community apartment projects.

§66426 vs §66428

- Final Map: 5 or more parcels
- Parcel Map: 4 or fewer parcels (unless exempted)

Civil Code - Boundaries

§830 - Water Boundaries

- Tidal: Ordinary high-water mark
- Navigable (no tide): Low-water mark
- Non-navigable: Middle of stream

§831 - Road Boundaries

Presumed to own to centerline (rebuttable).

§1014/§1015 - Accretion/Avulsion

- Accretion (gradual): Boundary moves with water
- Avulsion (sudden): Boundary stays fixed