Showing Easements on the Web: An Overwhelming GIS Project Made Manageable



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Background



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WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE P. O. Box 1678 Santa Rosa, CA 95402

TT : \$ GRANT DEED

FEE: \$

John T. O'Bryan and Anita J. O'Bryan as Trustees of

Trust and Charlotte M. Butterworth GRANT(S) TO

THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

All that Real Property situated in the County of SONOMA, State of CALIFOI

See Attached Exhibit A

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REFERENCE: R-3355

A.P.N. 12 - 201 - 21

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Ray Carlson & Associates, Inc. LAND SURVEYING

Boundary & Topographic Surveys Parcel & Subdivision Maps Construction Consulting Court Exhibits

EXHIBIT "A"

Being a portion of the lands of John T. O'Bryan and O'Bryan, Trustees of the O'Bryan Family Trust as des that deed recorded as Document No. 85-050969 of Official Sonoma County Records, and further being a portion of shown on that "Map of Home Acres Addition to Santa Rosa" Book 30 of Maps, at Page 3, Sonoma County Records, sai being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1

Commencing at a 2" brass disk in monument well marking point in the centerline of Mendocino Avenue; thence degrees 05 minutes 26 seconds East, 36.59 feet to the corner of the abovementioned lands of O'Bryan Trust; the the westerly line of said lands, being the easterly rig line of Mendocino Avenue, South 02 degrees 03 minutes 5 West, 52.76 feet to the point of beginning of t described parcel; thence continuing South 02 degrees 0 56 seconds West, 28.12 feet to the southwest corner of s of the O'Bryan Trust; thence along the southerly lin lands, being the northerly right of way line of Dexte North 87 degrees 41 minutes 13 seconds East, 27.93 fee North 42 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West, 39.72 fe point of beginning.

Containing 393 square feet, more or less.

PARCEL 2

Being an easement for Public Utilities purposes, 5.00 width, lying casterly of and contiguous with the westerl the abovementioned lands of the O'Bryan Trust, and exter the northerly line to the southerly line of said lands.

PARCEL 3

Being an easement for Public Utilities purposes, 5.0 width, lying northeasterly of and contiguous northeasterly line of the above described Parcel 1, and from the westerly line to the southerly line of mentioned lands of the O'Bryan Trust.

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LEGEND PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT PU.E. S.W.E. SIDEWALK EASEMENT

AUTHORITY : USE PERMIT

OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	PROPERTY AREAS	CITY OF SANTA ROSA
ANITA & JOHN T O'BRYAN, 1161 ROBERTSON WAY SACRAMENTO, CA. 95818	TAKE	RIGHT OF WAY, PUBLIC UTILITIES EASEMENTS, & SIDEWALK EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA.
A.P. No. 12-201-21	TOTAL 11,936 SQ.FT.	SCALE' 1"= 30' DATE' AUG. 1990
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Identify Problems & Solutions

- Everything is paper.
- Research is cumbersome.
- Deeds need to be accessible to all departments
- Input into live database
- Quality Control for historic records



What is the goal?

To show location of easements on the GIS Maps website. To be able to click on an easement and open the scanned document at the desktop and print it out if needed.



What makes a project successful?

- An influential project champion
- Realistic expectations
- Making sure users are in agreement



Who benefits?

- Better customer service
- Research on legal documents can be performed at the desktop
- Better system of retention
- Used by Public Works, Utilities, Community Development, Legal, Administrative Services
- Emergency Preparedness



First Steps

- Meet with users
- Meet with key supporters
- Make a plan
- Begin writing procedures
- Focus on the goal



Considerations

- Polygons or points related to parcels
- Graphic depiction of location vs. survey accurate metes and bounds traverse
- Scanned documents in house or outside vendor
- Maintenance of layers to provide the most current information
- Getting input from users
- Asking for help



Planning Phases

Phases to this job:

- 1) Converting block attribute data to object data in CAD drawing files that have been drawn. Scanning documents to link to database. Exporting polygons with data.
- 2) Getting new easements scanned and drawn into CAD with object data.
- 3) Scanning and georeferencing old paper maps and using them to trace easement polygons.



Communication & Documentation

- Plan out a model using Model Builder or at least write everything down
- Write the goal or objective and include it in all procedures
- Communicate to all stakeholders



Going from CAD to Shapefile

- Currently Combine 14 tiles into 1; reproject; then export to shapefile
- Future Set up a routine using FME software to do this weekly
- www.Safe.com



QA/QC

• In shapefile format, can easily check entries in the database





Disclaimer is important





Next Steps

- Scan documents as they come back from the County Recorder to the Engineering Division
- Perform maintenance in a geodatabase instead of CAD



What did I learn?

- Bite off small chunks at a time
- Keep focusing on the goal
- Think outside the box
- Talking with colleagues about the project can generate better ways to accomplish a task
- Look for the best methods to help make the job easier
- Be flexible to change the process during the project



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