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Dear Mr. Andrew:

The County Engineers Association of California received your letter of September 14, 2009 requesting CEAC endorsement to use the CSRC/CRTN for geodetic surveying and engineering. The endorsement was considered and supported by the CEAC Survey Policy Committee October 14, 2009 and again November 18, 2009.

CEAC was formed 1914 to “advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public.” Furthermore, the objective of CEAC is “To accommodate the advancement of engineering methods and ethical practice through networking efforts for all 58 counties in the state.” Through discussion, interchange, and dissemination of engineering and administrative data and ideas, the organization strives to affect “maximum efficiency and modernization in engineering and administrative units of local Government.”

CEAC believes the following benefits, as outlined in your letter, to be particularly relevant for any GPS Real Time Network:

- A system in partnership with the National Geodetic Survey and in compliance with the California Public Resources Code
- A system that provides for continual statewide positioning analysis as well a rapid updated positioning following seismic events
- Free Access to any site data port through out the state for single base RTK surveying
- Free access to Epoch-Date Positioning service
- System should require no user fees as system should be funded by public/private monies

In closing, CEAC would like to congratulate CSRC on its efforts and hereby endorses the use of the CRTN as the geodetic backbone for California as defined by CRTN Version 5.0 of the Proposal for a Statewide California Real Time Network. CEAC looks forward to the development of this important infrastructure for the State and we thank you for your time spent to inform and solicit comments from our membership.

Very truly yours,

Patrick V. DeChellis
President