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Reserved CAD fields for AutoCAD DWG/DXF formats

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Category	Field name	Data type	Length	Description
Entity properties	FID	ObjectID	4	A unique feature identifier <ul> <li>Read-only</li> </ul>
	Shape	Geometry	-	The ArcGIS area shape representing the spatial extent of the CAD file <ul> <li>Read-only</li> </ul>
	Entity	String	16	The CAD entity <ul> <li>Read-only</li> </ul>
	Handle	String	16	A unique CAD entity identifier • Read-only
	Angle	Double	8	Rotation angle in degrees <ul> <li>Point and annotation feature classes only</li> </ul>
	<attribute name=""></attribute>	Text, Long, or Double	8	A named user-defined textual entity used for storing data in a block insert
	BlkColor	Short	2	The color assigned to the block expressed as an integer
	BlkLinetype	String	255	The line type of the block with which the entity is associated
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	ExtZ	Double	8	The z-coordinate extrusion value <ul> <li>Read-only</li> </ul>	
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	Linetype	String	255	The display line type of the entity	
	LTScale	Double	8	The scale of the entity's line type	
	RefName	String	255	The name of the parent object in which the entity resides	
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### Applications

Staff Time Direct Savings Asset Management Economic Development

Data QA/QC Point Classification DEM DSM nDSM Hillshade Hydrography Contours Slope Void Areas Intensity Land Cover Impervious Surfaces **Drainage Areas** 





#### Figure 3-8. Contours generated from lidar data



B. Same contours edited to produce a more intuitive product, but with lowered accuracy



Figure 6-1. Legal significance of shoreline where the intersection of the tidal datum with land determines the landward edge of a marine boundary (Gill and Schultz, 2001; reprinted courtesy of NOAA)



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#### Table 2. Aggregated benefits from enhanced elevation data.

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[Data are presented sorted by conservative benefits. —, reported benefits less than 1 million (M)]

## Appendix 2. State, Territory, Local, and Tribal Government Requirements and Benefits Data

#### State Functional Activities

Program: Coastal Planning; Delta Levees; Agric	culture and Precision Farming	Business Use: 14. Flood Risk Management
	<ul> <li>Flood Risk Mapping and Flood Assessmere require elevation data or for which better activities:         <ul> <li>identification of low lying areas with climation about the hydrological characterization of existing shore with climate change adaptation plassessment of levees</li> </ul> </li> <li>Estimated Annual Operational Benefits: I Improved operational mapping and defer planning purposes, monitoring, restoration</li> <li>Estimated Annual Customer Service Ben Improved transparency, improved public improved water availability, and quality.</li> <li>Estimated Strategic Benefits: Major Improved preservation of life and proper</li> </ul>	ent: Primary flood risk mapping activities that elevation data would improve functional rulnerable to sea level rise al processes that occur at a regional scale line protection devices which will further assist lanning Major; dollar value not reported asible science-based decisionmaking for on, and protection. efits: Major; dollar value not reported safety, improved emergency response time, ty.
Quality Level: 1 2 3 4 5 Update Frequency: 6–10 years		
Bathymetric Data: Yes		
Tide-Coordinated: Yes		
Data Outside State Needed: No		

Program: Cost Recovery; Fire Protection	Business Use: 16. Wildfire Management, Planning, and Response
-	Fire Response, Fire Behavior Modeling, Post-Fire Damage Assessment and Litigation:
	Primary fire-related activities that require elevation data or for which better elevation
	data would improve functional activities are grouped into three categories:
	<ul> <li>preburn statewide QL5: used for assessment in most areas in California</li> </ul>

## California

### Coastal Planning:

- characterization of existing shoreline protection
- Cost Recovery; Fire Protection
  - improved post fire vulnerability assessment (landslides and debris flows) to minimize loss of life and property.

### Ecosystem Assessment and Evaluation

- improved storm and tsunami readiness
- planning for restoration projects and fish passage improvement (coastal stream, beach, water diversions)
- revision of wetland inventory maps
- Highway Design; Hydraulics;
  - reduce or eliminate the need to pay for survey data

## California

- Land Cover Mapping
  - Reduce fire threat
- Geologic Hazard Mitigation
  - Reduce time in the field
- Urban and Regional Planning
  - Environmental/land use planning, flood risk planning
- River and Stream Resource Management
  - Hydrologic and drainage mapping
- Parcel Slope Analysis
  - 1:1200 scale mapping, 2 hrs saved per instance of use

## Returns: Staff Time

Job Function	Layers	Benefit Description
Transportation	Hydrography	Labor avoidance incorporating found points into
Engineer	Elevation	DOT system
	Transportation	= 90 hours/year
Environmental	Hydrography	Labor avoidance acquiring, creating and
Specialist	Elevation	manipulating hydrology
		= 510 hours/year
Environmental	Hydrography	Watershed Improvement – improvements to
Specialist	Elevation	watershed modeling for sediment delivery
		= 200 hours/year
Environmental	Hydrography	Water Quality NPDS – point discharge permit
Specialist	Elevation	locations, how far from streams, where does it drain
		= 180 hours/year
Environmental	Hydrography	Floodplain Management - floodplain determinations
Engineer	Elevation	for buildings
		= 600 hours/year
County	Elevation	Site planning savings for structures
Planning/Zoning	Building Footprints	=40 hrs/yr
County	Elevation	Viewshed analysis for cell towers and wind farms.
Planning/Zoning		=40 hrs/yr
County Sheriff	Elevation	Emergency preparedness savings for structures
Deputies	Building Footprints	= 10 hrs/yr
County Public	Elevation/	Time savings from using aerial survey data
Health Inspector	Hydrography	= 40 hrs/yr
_	Building Footprints	



## **Returns: Direct Savings**

Job Function	Layers	Benefit Description
County SWCD USDA CREP Program	Elevation Hydrography	Cost avoidance of preliminary surveys, engineering services, and surveys for wetland structures. = \$67,500/year
County Planning Department	Elevation Transportation	Cost avoidance for Transportation Planning = \$24,000/yr
County Level (General Benefits)	Elevation	Avoidance of survey crew time for preliminary design = \$50,000/yr
County Highway Department	Elevation Transportation	Avoidable road maintenance costs using LIDAR for analysis = \$92,200/yr
County Highway Department	Elevation Transportation	Cost avoidance for preliminary surveys for roads and culverts = \$50,000/yr
County Engineer's Office	Elevation Transportation	Avoidance of survey crew time for preliminary design 20 crew days/year at \$150/hour = \$24,000/yr
County Surveyor	Elevation Transportation	25% of total time on any one field work project reduced = \$75,000/yr



## Returns: Asset Management

- Tie as-built infrastructure to elevations
- Better planning for emergency events
- Support MS4 regulatory requirements



### Returns: Economic Development

- Real estate property topo surveys
  - \$1,000-\$5,000 per lot
- Agricultural drainage
  - ~\$5/acre, 100 acres = \$500
  - \$3200/mi<sup>2</sup>
- Conservation and Environmental Assessments
  - 10–20 hours → 30–60 minutes
  - Avoid need for onsite field surveys



# **Using LiDAR**









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