

**ANOTHER FIRST - COUNTY RECORDER RECORDS MAP
ELECTRONICALLY**

May 22, 2008 – Phoenix, AZ Maricopa County Recorder, Helen Purcell, is announcing that a map was successfully recorded electronically for the first time with her office on May 20, 2008 at 10:10am.

Since January 29th of this year Purcell notified her office's customers that a new direction would be taken in recording maps: electronically. As a result of this move she wanted feedback and input with this pilot project from the customers.

A planning session was held in January for those interested which included title companies, land surveyors, engineers, municipalities and Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The concept of electronically recording maps was enthusiastically supported as the next step in the Recorder's automation program; documents have been recorded in this manner since August of 1999. Electronic recording now represents 60 percent of all recordings.

The project was developed with the Recorder's IT division and senior recording staff as digital recording map standards had to be developed. Presently the maps must be submitted in a tif file, eventually, however, Purcell's office will be accepting the maps in a pdf file. Salt River Project was the first to record the map electronically. The map was bounded by Northern Avenue, 19th Avenue, Glendale Avenue, and 27th Avenue in Phoenix.

Purcell also took this opportunity to incorporate the meeting as Arizona's first PREP (Property Records Education Partners) meeting, in conjunction with the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA). PRIA and industry leaders recognized the need and desire for improved communications at the local level and created PREP as a structured forum to provide industry members the opportunity to discuss issues and network more effectively with their industry partners.