Patent Search Protocol

Step 1

- Landowners obtain Township, Range, and Section Information from their Deeds.

Exhibit A

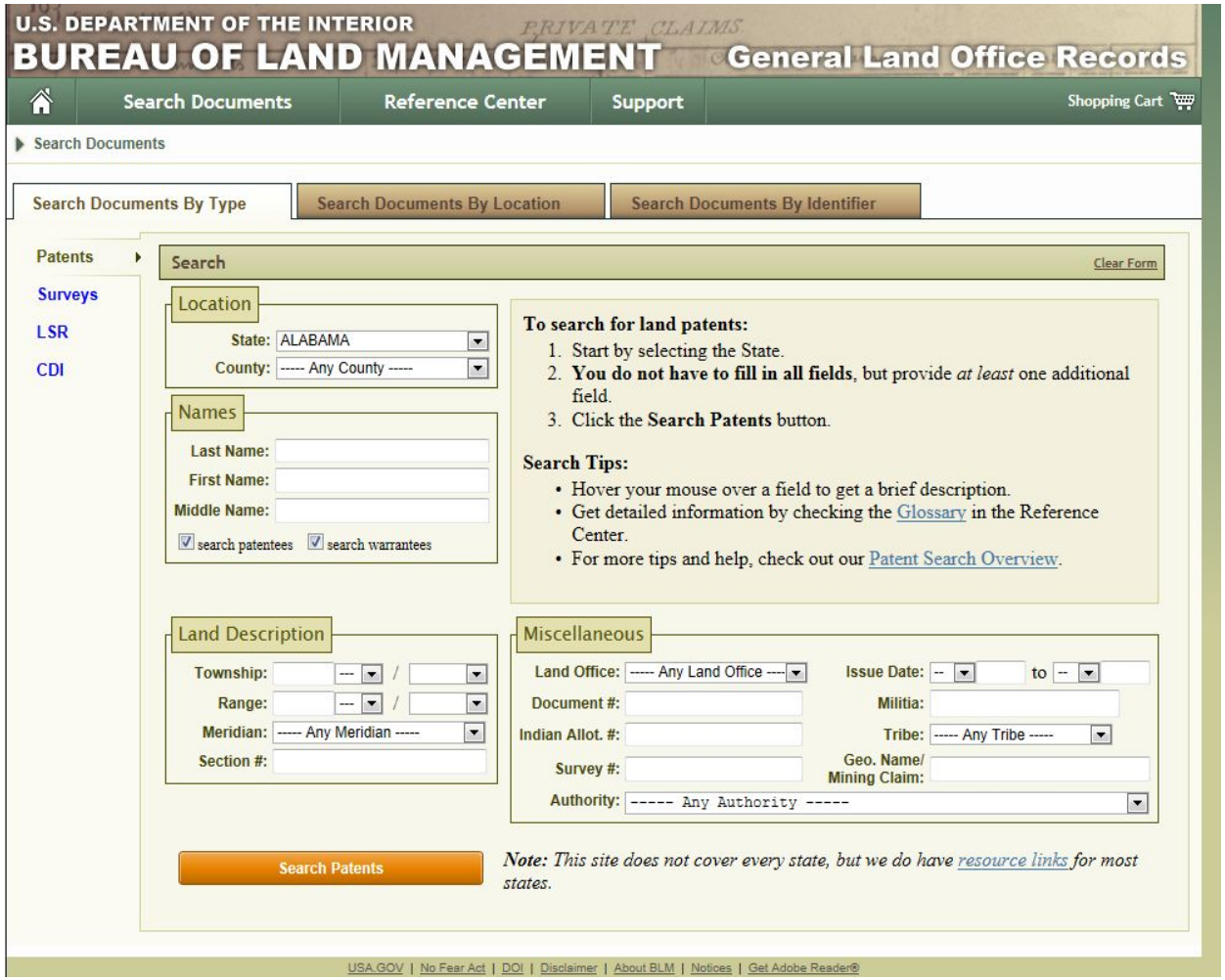
The land referred to is situated in the unincorporated area of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, and is described as follows:

A portion of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 5, East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and more particularly described as follows, to wit;

Beginning in the Southwest Corner of Section (4), Township 4 North, Range (5) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; thence running East on Section line between Sections Four (4) and Nine (9) in Said Township, 1104.5 feet; thence North 2076 feet; thence 88^{o} 37’ West 1104.6 feet; thence South 2049.2 feet to the place of beginning.

Step 2

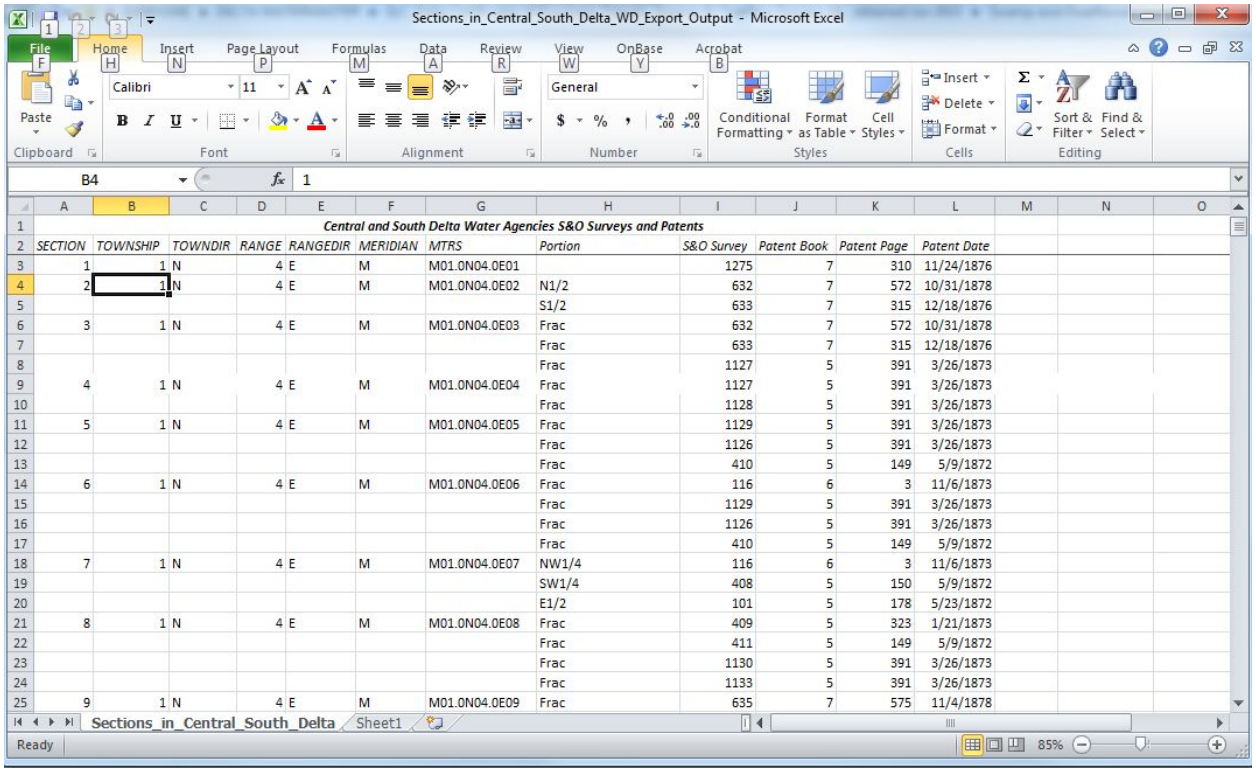
- Landowners type this information into the BLM website, be sure to select California for State, and San Joaquin County under County.



Problem: Federal Patent Maps May Not Be Available for all Parcels

Step 3

- Note: This State Patent Information only contains data for lands located in Central and South Delta Water Agency boundaries. There is ongoing work to include lands within the North Delta Water Agency. If your Federal Patent is not available from the BLM website, you can search for your patent in the State Patent Data by using your Township, Range, and Section from your deed. Using your Township, Range, and Deed, use the spreadsheet (screenshot below) that is included with the State Patent Book Maps. When you locate your Township, Range, and Section in the spreadsheet, it will give you a patent book number and patent page number with Patent Date where your State patent is located.



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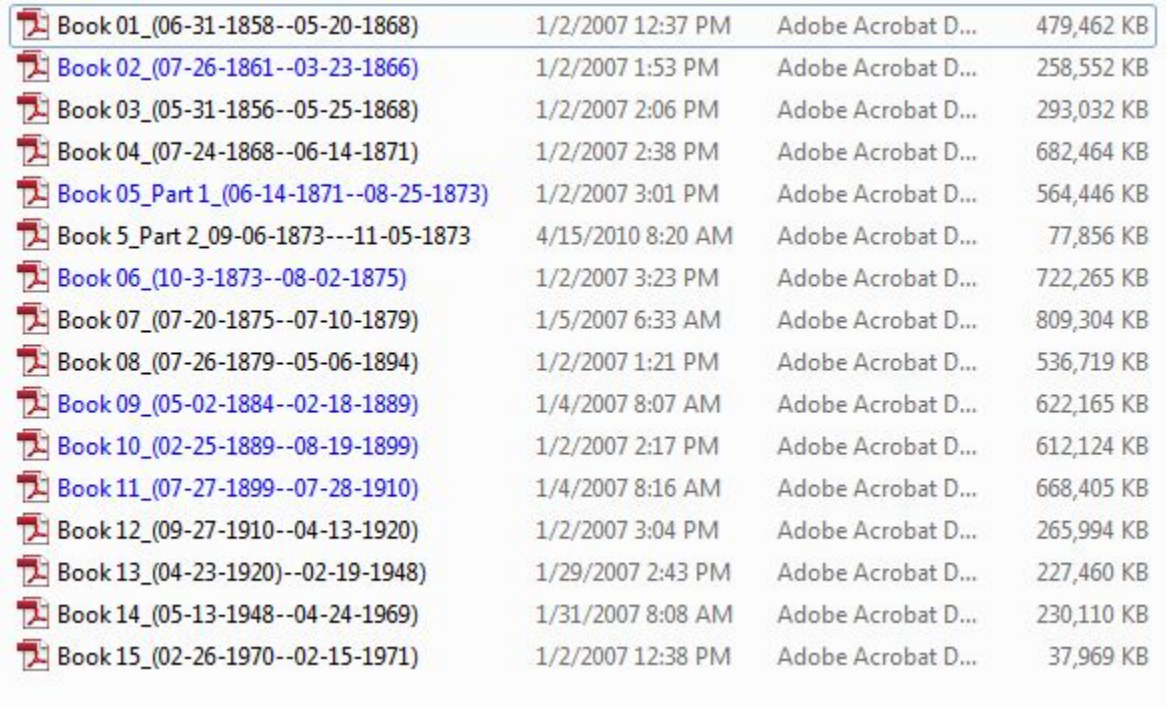
STEP 4

- Now open the patent book that corresponds to the Township, Range, and Section Information for your land.



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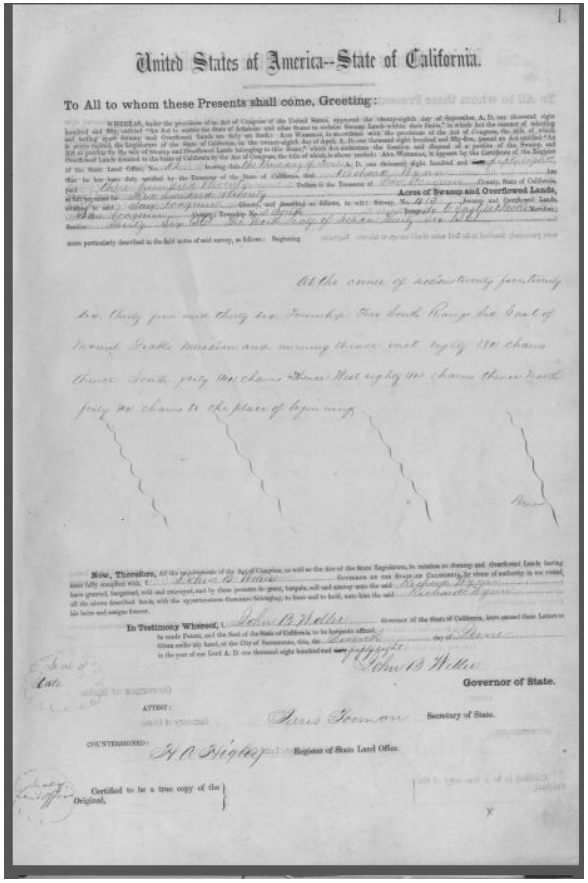
Step 5

- Finally, scroll through the patent book to the correct page to locate your State patent.



United States of America--State of California.

To All to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of an Act of Congress of the United States, approved the twenty-eighth day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty entitled "An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim Swamp Lands within their limits," to which Act the consent of whereby and by virtue of the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of Swamp and Overflowed Lands belonging to this State," which Act authorizes the location and disposal of a portion of the Swamp and Overflowed Lands granted to the State of California by the Act of Congress, the title of which is above recited: Alva Waterman, it appears by the Certificate of the Register of the State Land Office, No. [illegible] bearing date the [illegible] day of [illegible] A. D. one thousand eight hundred and [illegible] that the sum of [illegible] Dollars has been duly credited by the Treasurer of the State of California, to [illegible] County, State of California, as per [illegible] Dollars to the Treasurer of [illegible] County, for [illegible] Acres of Swamp and Overflowed Lands, at fifty cents per [illegible] Acre, and described as follows, to wit: Survey No. [illegible] Swamp and Overflowed Lands, situated in the [illegible] District of Lands subject to sale at [illegible] Office, and more particularly described in the field notes of said survey, as follows: Beginning

At the corner of sections twenty four, thirty [illegible] thirty two Township Two South Range Six East of Mount Diablo Meridian and running thence east eighty (80) chains thence South forty (40) chains thence West eighty (80) chains thence North forty (40) chains to the place of beginning

Now, Therefore, all the requirements of the Act of Congress, as well as the Act of the State Legislature, in relation to Swamp and Overflowed Lands having been fully complied with, I, John B. Weller, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of authority in me vested, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said [illegible] all the above described lands, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold, unto him the said [illegible] his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, John B. Weller, Governor of the State of California, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the State of California to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Sacramento, this the [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord A. D. one thousand eight hundred and [illegible]

John B. Weller

Governor of State.

ATTEST: [illegible]

Secretary of State.

COUNTERSIGNED: [illegible]

Register of State Land Office.

Certified to be a true copy of the Original.