

## A.P.N. EXPLAINED - Assessor's Parcel Number

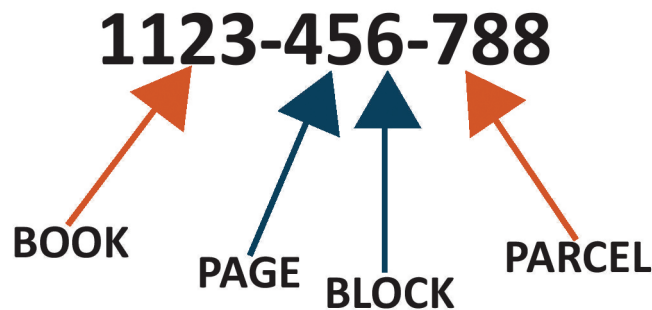
### Parcel Numbering System . . .

Most counties use a number system to identify a parcel for tax purposes. In California, the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) refers to the map book number and acts as the index for researching parcel information. Information is available for public viewing in most County Assessor's Offices and Recorder's offices.

### The Parcel Number . . .

Consists of 3 different parts! For example . . .

**APN 1123-456-788 would be:  
Assessor's Book 123; Page 45 and Block 6  
of that page, and parcel 78 of that Block**



### Locating Parcels . . .

1. If street names are shown on the Plat Map, use the street index guide of another larger area map to locate the parcel.

2. If no street names are present, use the Township and Range numbers to locate the parcel.

The entire United States is divided into a large grid pattern of Townships and Ranges, approximately six miles wide. Each Township and Range intersection is comprised of 36 sections of land. A single section is one square mile in size. Refer to the legend of another general area map to identify its Section. Township and Range markings.

For Example. S. 1/2, Sec. 16, T, 6N, R3W across the top of the Plat Map would mean; the South half of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 3 West. Refer to the legend of another general map to identify corresponding Section, Township and Range markings. Helpful Information . . .

The Assessor's office and the Planning Departments in most counties maintain a variety of maps (General, Assessor's Plat, Subdivision and Zoning maps). These offices are a good source of property information.

Pacific Coast Title Company is another excellent source of information.

The United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) maps cover the entire country and come in several different scales. Many retailers sell U.S.G.S. maps, as well as county maps useful to the real estate investor.



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