LOCAL AGENCY GIS GROUP
MINUTES
June 11, 1997

1.   Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were conducted. A list of members that attended is attached. The cities of Chula Vista, El Cajon, Encinitas, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, San Diego, the Sweetwater Authority, the County of San Diego, and SANDAG were present.

Fred Wong, as chairperson for 1997, welcomed everyone and explained that this was the third quarterly meeting of the Local Agency GIS Group for 1997.

2.   GEONEWS

Bob Parrott (SANDAG) provided an update of local plans for the ESRI Conference, CGIA initiatives and data partnerships in the region.

ESRI Conference (July 8-11, 1997)
Bob explained the plans to have a GIS Community Booth at the Tuesday night Map Gallery Social and in the Exhibit booth on the Thursday & Friday of the ESRI Conference. Bob made everyone aware of the San Diego GIS Community efforts and that VIP passes were available for both the events mentioned above. The VIP passes were for those not already attending the conference, particularly GIS decision makers like public officials among others.

CGIA Initiatives
Bob provided an overview of CGIA, how it got started, and some of its current initiatives. CGIA has been awarded an Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) grant for approximately $35,000 to establish the California Geo-Spatial Metadata Catalog on the Internet. This catalog will provide information on GIS data throughout California and will have search engines to query by topic and geographic areas. CGIA's project is being coordinated with metadata efforts under way by CERES, the State Resources Agency. A future workshop on how to use the California Geo-Spatial Metadata Catalog is scheduled for August 11th at SANDAG. More information about the catalog can be found on the website: http://www.cgia.org.

The web site also provides a new button for legislative watch issues. A new Assembly Bill (AB1293) is related to funding the development and maintenance of framework databases. This bill calls for the establishment of a committee to oversee distribution of GIS funds throughout California. The data must be framework data (parcels, imagery, elevation data, etc.) and must be put in the public domain. It is still undecided where the funds will come from or how much will be awarded. But this is the first step. It has passed in the Assembly and is now in the Senate.

San Diego Data Partnerships
The partnership for the creation of Digital Orthophoto Quads (DOQs) has been completed. The project developed approximately 360 quarter quads from 1994/95 photography. All partners have received the DOQQ data. The total storage of all the DOQQs is 18 gigabytes. SANDAG recently put out an RFP for value-added DOQ products to create a seamless regional image and to develop a compression/extraction routine for use in ARC INFO and ARCVIEW. New partners are needed to fund the value-added imagery project.

The data is now in the public domain and will be available to anyone. For local member agencies that were not partners, please contact SANDAG or any of the partners to get data. Consultants and other interested parties should contact the USGS. The USGS data comes in a raw, unenhanced file format by quarter quads with a 100 meter overlap between quads. This data is 1 meter black/white DOQ's for the entire San Diego region.

The U.S./Mexico Border Aerial Photography Project to develop 1996 Color IR DOQs is going to develop DOQ data for a 100 mile buffer along the border. The photography has already been flown for the entire county, except for the northwest section. Additional money is needed for that flight and the development of the value-added data. Please contact Bob Parrott (595-5328) about participating in this project.

3.   Other General Announcements

Joey Perry of the City of San Diego has a GIS Coordinator position approved for approximately $42,000 - $45,000. The position will close the end of July.

Contact Gabriella Coverdale of RUIS for information about Mr. Sid.. The CD contains compressed DOQ data for the City of San Diego and has a built-in ARCVIEW application.

ESRI and the California Local Government Commission have teamed up to offer free ARCVIEW software to agencies working on neighborhood redevelopment projects. SANDAG will explore this further and get the information out to the jurisdictions.

Lisa Lubeley made a request to please return the Draft SLUC codes if you have any comments. The SLUC subcommitte will compile all comments and revise the code accordingly.

Lisa Lubeley also requested that anyone with updates to the Local Agency GIS Survey Table should return them ASAP for inclusion in the revised table. The revised table will be available with these meeting minutes.

The SDSU geography department is now offering a GIS Certificate Program. Contact Dr. Wright for information.

RUIS is now a JPA that was unanimously voted in by the City Council of San Diego and the County Board of Supervisors. The main goal of the JPA is to become the Data Warehouse for the region. The new name is SANGIS. See the web page at www.ruis.org.

4.   Discussion about Streamlining GIS Data Requests and Project Tracking

Joey Perry led a discussion about GIS Data Requests and Project tracking. She was contemplating creating a form for her own department. The City of Chula Vista and SANDAG offered copies of their internal forms. The idea of an intranet to catalog archives from finished projects was discussed. The potential of archiving data on tape or a CD and keeping a list of data on the Intranet was also mentioned. Production of a 8.5 by 11 binder of hardcopy plots was suggested.

5. Local Participation in the CENSUS 2000 Effort

Steve Kunkel of SANDAG made a presentation about the Census 2000 program. Karen Lamphere of SANDAG is the project manager of the Regional Census Data Center. In past censuses, local agencies were required to submit geography-related information (such as census tract boundaries) on paper maps. RUIS and SANDAG have been involved in a pilot project with the Census Bureau to explore the feasibility of submitting information in digital format. The Bureau has successfully processed the road centerline file and is using it to update the TIGER file.

Other areas of local agency involvement in Census 2000 include assisting the Census Bureau in updating the master address file, which will be used to distribute census questionnaires. SANDAG compiled a regional address list from the County Assessor's Master Property Record File. The bureau will match that information to their records and request local agency assistance in resolving any discrepancies in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program.

The Statistical Areas Committee, composed of a representative from each jurisdiction, RUIS, and SANDAG, will soon begin work on recommending boundaries for census-related geographic areas such as census tracts and block groups. Local agencies should contact Joey Perry (235-5218) or Karen Lamphere (595-5355) for more information.