

**LOCAL AGENCY GIS GROUP
MINUTES
October 1, 1997**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Fred Wong, as Chairperson, welcomed the group for the fourth quarterly meeting of 1997. Introductions were conducted and a list of members that attended is attached. The cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway and San Diego were in attendance. In addition, the County of San Diego, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Port of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Sweetwater Authority, SANGIS and SANDAG were present.

2. GEONEWS

Geography Showcase

Lisa Stapleton (SANGIS) explained the history of the Geography Showcase. She informed us that SDSU had hosted the event the first three years and that last year it was held in Plaza Hall of the San Diego Concourse. Although RUIS had financially sponsored the event last year, it would not be able to do so again. Organizers of the local GIS community for this year's ESRI Conference proposed the idea of holding the Geography Showcase during the ESRI Conference next summer. A comment and discussion period followed.

Bob Parrott (SANDAG) explained that it would be part of the ESRI Map Gallery event during the conference and that we would group the San Diego poster entries in one area and still give out awards as it was done in the past. Karl VonSchlieder (City of Carlsbad) thought it was a good idea as long as we could give access to a wide variety of people. Bob Parrott suggested that the VIP Passes could be given to anyone interested that was not a formal conference participant.

It was also suggested that we continue to keep the K-12 program to boost local involvement. Glen O'Grady (Poway) suggested that we obtain a room for doing local presentations during the conference week.

The ESRI Conference Local Participation Committee will meet to discuss further ideas on this topic.

Legislative Watch

Bob Christopher (County of San Diego) informed the group of legislative events related to GIS. He commented that the CGIA web site provides a new button for legislative watch issues. He explained that there were 3 bills of interest to our group at this time.

- Model Legislation (AB1293) has passed the Assembly and was sent to the Governor's desk. The Governor has until October 12th to make a decision on this bill. This legislation creates a grant program for funding GIS in California. The legislation allows for the creation of an advisory panel to help award grants for regional and local planning, education, and state and federal data development and maintenance projects. These grants will be contingent on multi-agency partnerships. The data must be framework data (parcels, imagery, elevation data, etc.) and must be put in the public domain. [Note: The Governor vetoed AB1293]
- SB1338 passed both houses and passed as an emergency clause. This is not law, but will be reintroduced next session. This bill deals with the availability of data at the state level and will have impacts for the Teale Data Center.
- AB179 passed both the state and assembly and was sent to the Governor's desk. It had not been signed yet. This bill deals with public records exemptions and the prompt availability of digital data. This could be undesirable for agencies that are trying to recoup costs of data development and maintenance. [Note: The Governor vetoed AB179].

California Geospatial Metadata Clearinghouse Workshop

Bob Parrott provided an overview of the Metadata Clearinghouse Workshop that was held at SANDAG on August 11, 1997. Co-Sponsors for the Workshop included the San Diego Section of URISA, the Local Agency GIS Group, the CGIA, the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES) and SANDAG. Craig Gooch of the CGIA presented the workshop and focused on the importance of the metadata catalog for agencies. The clearinghouse will serve as a type of yellow pages for geospatial information. It will help a user identify geographic information, learn more about the data, and determine who to contact and how to get more information. The CGIA has been awarded a Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) grant for approximately \$35,000 to establish the California Geo-Spatial Metadata Catalog on the Internet. The workshop was a success with over 21 agencies represented and over 30 participants. Agencies should begin documenting their geographic information in the catalog. Bob is the regional coordinator for the CGIA Metadata Catalog. Contact Bob at (619)595-5328 or bpa@sandag.cog.ca.us if you have any questions.

Habitat Tracking & Monitoring GIS Tool

Bob Parrott explained that habitat tracking and monitoring is a requirement of the local habitat planning programs in the region. Through these programs, local jurisdictions will enter into implementing agreements with the State and Federal wildlife agencies. This process will allow the jurisdictions to authorize development according to rules established by their Implementing Agreement. These agreements require the local jurisdictions to submit an annual habitat tracking report.

There is a current proposal to standardize this procedure as a GIS Tool for Habitat Tracking and Monitoring. Pooling resources together to develop a GIS Tool for Habitat

Tracking and Monitoring is more cost efficient than independently developing the tools. Data standards and consistency are added benefits of a joint GIS Tool development project. Standard data formats would be most desirable for data access by the biological research community.

Proposed Tasks

- Expand MSCP Habitat Tracking Committee
- Determine Output Formats, Process, Responsibility
- Develop Specifications for GIS Tool
- Design GIS Tool & Review
- Program, Test and Review
- Document, Distribute and Train

An information flyer should be sent to your jurisdictions very soon. Contact Bob for more information.

3. Other General Announcements

Joey Perry (City of San Diego) announced that the SANGIS Homepage is up and running. It contains some interactive mapping capabilities for various data layers. Bob Parrott had used the mapping tools on the web and was impressed with the amount of information available.

Lisa Stapleton announced that SANGIS stands for the San Diego Geographic Information Source. They currently have two staff and will eventually hire up to six more staff.

Fred Wong encouraged the jurisdictions to fill out the State Tax Board of Equalization Survey that was sent out with the Agenda Notice. Accuracy for this project assures local jurisdictions of proper allocation of funding.

Fred also announced that we would send out the survey for interest in future topics again. Please fill them out and return to Fred as soon possible.

Bob Parrott announced that the 1994 B/W DOQQs from the USGS Partnership are a combined total of 18 gigabytes of data. The data will be radiometrically balanced, mosaicked, and compressed onto 2 CDs (EAST/WEST). It will have an ArcView interface as well.

Census 2000 will ask for local inputs for census tract and block boundaries in 1998, rather than 1997. Each local jurisdiction has a representative on the Local Statistical Areas Committee.

4. Review of Comments for SLUC Review Draft

Joey Perry presented a status report for the Standard Land Use Code (SLUC) Subcommittee. She discussed comments that were received based on the crosswalk to SLUC(1968), Standard Industrial Code (SIC), North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS), SANDAG and all local jurisdiction codes. A handout is attached that describes these comments and summarizes the findings of the subcommittee so far. The main conclusion to date is that one code system is not going to satisfy the needs of all jurisdictions and departments. We have decided to create our own regional land use code, heavily based on existing standards, but modified to suit all our needs. Very early in the process we determined the minimum unit of measure would be the parcel level. This will strongly influence the detail of the coding system.

The subcommittee will meet much more frequently to work on specific sections of the new code. Announcements of meeting dates and topics will be put on the web. The exact location will be on the URISA homepage (www.sandag.cog.ca.us/urisa), under the meeting dates topic. We welcome input from local jurisdictions and all are invited to participate in these meetings.

5. Local Government Commission's ArcView Program for Neighborhood Revitalization

During the last local group meeting, Joey Perry announced an opportunity for local jurisdictions to apply to the Local Government Commission to participate in their joint ESRI neighborhood revitalization program. This program supplied ESRI ArcView software to qualified participants involved in neighborhood revitalization projects. Several jurisdictions applied and received this software and include the Cities of Chula Vista, El Cajon, Escondido, La Mesa, Lemon Grove and San Diego.

Since the City of San Diego was the first to take advantage of this program, they presented how they might use this tool to aid their own Neighborhood revitalization project. Frank Hafner & Les Carter Jr. of the City of San Diego gave informative presentations.

If there is interest in having a workshop on this topic, please contact Fred Wong (464-5339) or Lisa Lubeley (595-5327).