

**LOCAL AGENCY GIS GROUP  
MINUTES  
January 7, 1998**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Fred Wong, as Chairperson, welcomed the group for the first quarterly meeting of 1998. Introductions were conducted and a list of members that attended is attached. The cities of Carlsbad, Encinitas, Escondido, Lemon Grove, National City and San Diego were in attendance. In addition, the Port of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Sweetwater Authority, SanGIS and SANDAG were present.

2. 1998 Nominations

Fred Wong, as Chairperson for 1997, announced that it was time to nominate a new Chairperson for 1998. Fred nominated Joey Perry of the City of San Diego's Community & Economic Development Department. Joey had been co-chairing for 1997 and assisted with scheduling meetings and arranging locations to meet. We still need a volunteer to help Joey as the co-chair to plan meetings for 1998. Please call Joey (619)235-5218 or Lisa Lubeley (619)595-5327.

3. GEONEWS

**ESRI Conference Planning**

Bob Parrott (SANDAG) explained that the San Diego GIS Community would be part of the ESRI Map Gallery event during the ESRI conference in July of 1998. A planning committee will begin to meet starting in February to plan the events during the conference. Joey Perry will represent the Local Agency GIS Group on the committee. Other representatives will come from government, education and private sectors and the current President of URISA. San Diego poster entries will be gathered in one area and awards distributed like the previously held Geography Showcase events. Bob mentioned that Jack Dangermond (ESRI) was very pleased with our presence at last year's conference and that he would be extremely supportive of our needs for this next year. VIP Passes were a success last year in educating management/administrative staff about GIS capabilities and will be utilized again.

**Color IR DOQQs**

Bob Parrott distributed a Call for Partners for USGS Color Infra-Red (CIR) Digital Ortho Photo Quarter Quads (DOQQs). Bob explained the success of the 1994/95 black and white DOQQ partnership and solicited for a new partnership for the creation of 1996/97 color infra-red DOQQs. The partnership may include funding to USGS for creation of their standard USGS DOQQ products, or simply funding for creation of value-added CIR imagery products.

Bob explained that unlike the black and white DOQQ data, the CIR DOQQs and value-added products would not be available through SANDAG to anyone outside the partnership. If you are interested in having this data for your projects, you should join the partnership. Please contact Sue Carnevale (619)595-5381 or Bob (619)595-5328. See the attached Call for Partners.

## **CGIA Awards**

Bob mentioned the CGIA Call for Nominations for Annual Awards that was distributed with the meeting agenda packet. The CGIA is going to distribute three awards at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual California GIS Conference in Visalia, on February 25-27, 1998. The awards are as follows:

CGIA Chairmen's Award – presented for outstanding contributions in educating others about the benefits of using geographic information systems.

CGIA Exemplary Systems Award – presented for an outstanding application of GIS in helping to solve a local, regional or state problem.

Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Data Sharing – presented for outstanding contributions made in advancing data sharing among the California geographic information community.

Bob explained that you can nominate your agency or another deserving agency. The deadline for submittal was January 9, 1998.

## **CGIA Metadata Catalog**

Bob explained that the CGIA has a web page at [www.cgia.org](http://www.cgia.org) and that the geospatial metadata catalog resides there. The catalog is an on-line resource that lists GIS metadata that is available in California. Producers of GIS data can enter their metadata right on the web. SANDAG has documented data in the catalog. Steve Kunkel of SANDAG is going to investigate how to incorporate existing digital metadata into the catalog without retyping it on the web. Everyone was encouraged to establish a catalog for their agencies' data. If you don't have internal agency metadata, this is a good want to get your data documented in a systematic manner.

## **Legislative Watch**

The Governor vetoed two GIS legislation bills.

- AB1293 passed the Assembly and was sent to the Governor's desk. This legislation creates a grant program for funding GIS in California. The legislation allows for the creation of an advisory board to help award grants for framework 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]

- AB179 passed both the Senate and Assembly and was sent to the Governor's desk. This bill deals with public records exemptions and the requirement to make digital data available in a digital format. This could be undesirable for agencies that are trying to recoup costs of data development and maintenance. [Note: The Governor vetoed AB179].

#### 4. Other General Announcements

Lisa Stapleton announced that FEMA floodplain data is available on CD-ROM for \$500 from SANGIS. There are six coverages and shape files on the CD-ROM. This data is value-added and has been aligned to the SANGIS roads.

Lisa Stapleton (SANGIS) explained that SanGIS, the City of San Diego, and the County of San Diego were all sued for access to digital data for the agricultural areas designated by the County General Plans. The judge ruled in favor of SanGIS that the agency producing data has the right to choose the form of the distribution of the data. The opposing party, Save Our Forest & Ranch Lands, was fighting to have digital access to the data as opposed to maps supplied by the agency.

Bob Parrott explained the Habitat Tracking Tool effort currently underway in the region. This would be a partnership to develop a GIS Tool to report annual habitat reports to the State and Federal wildlife agencies. All jurisdictions with Implementation Agreements with the wildlife agencies will have to submit annual reports and this partnership would develop standards for submittal. An issue paper has been mailed out and an informational meeting was planned for January 11<sup>th</sup> at SANDAG.

Bob Parrott mentioned that Lynn Christenson of SDSU is coordinating a data partnership for digitizing archaeological data for the San Diego region. The detailed data will not be available to everyone due to the sensitivity of the locational data. However, a system would be designed that would red flag projects when potential work is sought for areas with sensitive archaeological resources. Perhaps integration with local jurisdiction permitting processes would be useful. Bob has drafts of white papers.

## 5. SLUC Subcommittee Report

Lisa Lubeley (SANDAG) presented a status report for the Standard Land Use Code (SLUC) Subcommittee. She discussed the efforts to compile a new regional standard land use code for San Diego. She explained that the subcommittee has been meeting every two or three weeks to discuss the second and third level classifications. The meeting announcements are updated on the URISA web page with the specific topics to be discussed. A handout was distributed that listed the classification system for two main categories: (0)Agricultural/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting Areas and (9)Open Space/Parks/Recreation, Beach, Undeveloped/Vacant, Water. Discussions of residential land use classifications are underway.

As a result of the coordination effort between the Local Agency SLUC Subcommittee and the National American Planning Association's (APA) Land Based Classification System (LBCS) project, a Case Study Paper about the San Diego Region's efforts will be published with the National Project. Joey Perry and Lisa Lubeley are co-authoring the Case Study Paper. A draft outline has already been sent to Sanjay Jeer of the APA.

## 6. Panel Discussion of Local Government GIS Challenges

A panel discussion about "Local Government GIS Challenges" was conducted. Three Local Agency GIS Coordinators/Managers served on the panel:

Jack VanSchenck (City of Escondido)  
Joey Perry (City of San Diego)  
Karl VonSchlieder (City of Carlsbad)

The City of Escondido got into GIS as a result of another project. The city needed new orthophotos for the engineering department. A budget of \$300,000 was established for the effort and only half the budget was required to complete the task. They started doing some GIS with the slush money. They set out on the "QUICK REWARD" system to educate departments in the city about GIS. The location of the GIS system is under Information Systems and near the City Manager. They are currently investigating their Council Work Program for further GIS implementation ideas.

The City of San Diego, Community & Economic Development Department was recently approved for a GIS budget. They coordinate with SanGIS for basemapping information. However, they also had census geography data to maintain and the responsibility of building council district boundaries. They recently hired Tom McDowell as the GIS Coordinator that will oversee intern staff, conduct ad-hoc mapping, data development, use of ARC/INFO & ArcView.

The City of Carlsbad hired a GIS Coordinator over 7 years ago. The GIS Coordinator is under the City Manager and gets support from the Information System staff. The GIS

department is a "SERVICE BUREAU" type of operation. The city had a half completed AutoCad parcel base at that time. Therefore, they did not buy a SanGIS sublicense for parcel data. They spent lots of time maintaining their parcel base. The city requires digital submission of maps from developers. They are running ARC/INFO on an HP Workstation and an XTERM. They also have ArcView on an NT. The engineering and planning departments are currently using ArcView.