

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joey Perry, as Chairperson, welcomed the group for the last quarterly meeting of 1998. Introductions were conducted and a list of members that attended is attached. The cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Poway and San Diego were in attendance. In addition, the County of San Diego, San Diego Unified Port District, San Diego County Water Authority, SanGIS and SANDAG were present.

2. GEONEWS

Color IR Value-Added Products Partnerships

Steve Kunkel discussed the Color IR DOQQ partnership, which is currently being formed. Bob Parrott would like to have a mechanism in place to develop the value-added easy display end products for the Color IR DOQQs before the raw DOQQ products are available from USGS. This is quite challenging, considering the data will be about 54 gigabytes, which is three times as large as the black/white DOQQs. There is potential for the San Diego Super Computer Center to be involved. SANDAG paid for a 1997 flight of the NW portion of the region (\$15,000), to go along with the 1996 flight of most of the region paid for by USGS. USGS has agreed to create the CIR DOQQ raw products for the entire region without any additional local funds (scheduled for delivery in September 1998). The local partnership would only pay for the value-added products.

CHRIS Partnership

Lisa Lubeley informed the group about the effort to put together the CHRIS partnership. This partnership would put historic and archaeological records into a GIS, develop an on-line access to the data via the Internet, and develop the ability to download data for integration with local permitting or project analysis systems. The scope of work for Phase I, which will include getting the historic and archaeological records into a GIS, is planned to be available in late November. The anticipated cost to regional partners will be \$5-10K and local partners will be \$2-4K, based on the number of total partners.

GIS in Public Works Conference

Lisa Lubeley announced that the GIS in Public Works Conference would be held on October 15, 1998 in Carson, California. URISA was to sponsor a social event after the all day conference. Representatives from the City of Chula Vista, Sweetwater Authority and SANDAG were anticipated to attend.

CGIA News

Fred Wong, GIS Manager with the San Diego County Water Authority, has been elected to the CGIA Board. Dr. Richard Wright from SDSU has been a board member for the past five years and will continue to serve on the board as one of the educational representatives.

The CGIA has a web page at www.cgia.org that links to the geospatial metadata catalog that resides on the CERES web page. The catalog is an on-line resource that lists GIS data that is available in California. Producers of GIS data can enter their metadata right on the web. SANDAG has documented data in the catalog.

One of issues discussed at their last meeting was the availability of grant from the National Mapping Division contingent upon using GIS to solve problems and submittal of application by a partnership of agencies. Apparently there are millions of dollars in this grant program. All data developed would be in the public domain.

Fred reported that the CGIA is in discussions with the California Land Surveyor's Association to clarify business practices, policies and procedures. The next CGIA meeting will be on Dec. 17, 1998.

CGIA Metadata Catalog

Steve Kunkel mentioned that SANDAG held a workshop for the CGIA Metadata Catalog over a year ago. He informed the group about the catalog and how it works. There was interest in getting local information into the catalog. He informed the group that one could download the database format to a local PC and load it into ACCESS. One could then add records, export the file and send it to CERES to upload into the catalog. A new feature is the ability to use an existing metadata record as a template for adding new metadata records or modifying existing records. The application is available from CERES as an input form. No previous experience with ACCESS is required.

3. Other General Announcements

Lisa Lubeley announced that advertisements for the 1998 Roster/Directory publication were still being accepted. There would be a URISA social Camp Out on October 24/25 at Miller Valley Ranch. All members and friends were welcome.

Lisa Lubeley announced that all SANDAG member agencies would get a discount on the GeoLytics Census CD+Maps product. The regular price was \$249 and SANDAG member agencies would only pay \$99.95.

Lisa Lubeley announced that the 5th Annual California GIS Conference is to be held in Oakland on February 17-19, 1998. The early registration deadline is 12/4/98 and the price is \$95. The price nearly doubles if you wait.

Lisa Lubeley announced some information regarding the ESRI Local Government Startup Grant Program that ESRI has set aside \$2.4 million dollars for software and training grants. This program was designed to provide assistance to local governments agencies with the establishment of organizationwide GIS projects. Participants must agree to develop framework data defined as parcel/cadastral base, street right-of-way base, and street centerline base.

Tom McDowell expressed concern about some information he heard about the Year 2000 issues and GPS. No one had heard of any problems with GPS and the Year 2000. Tom agreed to do some checking up on this issue.

Lisa Stapleton explained that URISA is looking for a San Diego volunteer for the National URISA Exemplary Service in Government Awards Committee.

Fred Wong announced that the SDCWA is about to hire 2 temporary GIS Analysts. The positions would be advertised on the SDCWA Web Page and through the URISA Local Talk.

4. SLUC Subcommittee Report

Lisa Lubeley (SANDAG) presented a status report for the Standard Land Use Code (SLUC) Subcommittee. She explained that the subcommittee was nearly done with the classification system and definitions of land use categories. They hoped to have a review packet out by the end of October, pilot studies in February and a final system by June of 1999. An informative presentation to the Regional Growth Technical Management Committee and local APA would be conducted in November and December.

5. GIS Job Descriptions and Salary Information (Matt Brown, Bob Canepa).

Matt Brown of the City of Encinitas presented the results of a GIS job description and salary survey that was conducted during the 1998 ESRI Conference. He also announced that the information was available on the SDHOST web page (www.sandag.cog.ca.us/sdhost).

Bob Canepa of the County of San Diego discussed his efforts to create GIS job positions and get salary information. He described his research and shared his newly created job descriptions with our group.

The group decided it would be a good idea to create a master repository of GIS job descriptions in San Diego, so that when agencies hired GIS Staff they could see the various job descriptions and salary ranges particular to San Diego. If you have not sent

your agency's information to Matt Brown, please do so. We plan to eventually get the information on the Internet.