

# San Diego Regional GIS Council

Wednesday, January 14, 2004, 9 to 11 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes

## item #

1. **Welcome and Introductions Wendy Barto**
2. **Executive Committee Introductions Wendy Barto**
  - a) Introduction of the newly elected officers; Matt Brown, Chair; Paul Hardwick, Vice-Chair; Dan Henderson, Secretary; Harry Johnson, Webmaster
3. **GEONEWS**
  - a) CGIA & State GIS Council Update Steve Kunkel; The Census Tiger Modernization effort is looking to local jurisdictions to improve data. The census will seek policy recommendations from local RGCs. The state GIS Council and Resource Agency continue to be up in the air with respect to budget and status of data, etc.
  - b) Web Design Subcommittee Harry Johnson; Webmaster will be responsible for posting minutes and agendas and is looking for a logo for the SDRGC. A question was posed to the group with respect to posting contact information. We may use an image to avoid getting address pulled from the site for spam purposes. A design will be shown at the next meeting and a finished product will be online by summer.
  - c) GIS & Management Subcommittee Matt Brown; Matt posed a question/comment to the group relating whether the RGC should be a resource for implementation tips and tricks, etc. The group seemed to agree that we should begin talks to put together a guide for managers to use. Bob Canepa agreed to head the committee.(Dan or Paul, do you have the list of committee members that signed up for this.)
  - d) Stormwater Update Paul Hardwick; There appears to be no existing long range plan for GIS and stormwater management. Paul suggested that we help in promoting one. The Project Clean Water data committee has lost momentum due to the loss of key individuals from the county and other agencies. There are no Watershed Resource Management Plans (WRMP) in place. Due to little change, no new maps were created in 2003 and it was decided that new maps will be created on a biannual basis. A location based management system needs to be refined. Products like the KIVA system with the County were mentioned as examples. This will enable analysis on a project by project basis. This highlighted the need for a stormwater management product. Some examples were given including one made by Geographic Data Products called City Maps.
  - e) SanGIS Geodatabase Update Lisa Stapleton; Lisa commented that SanGIS was behind schedule on the geodatabase development and is hopeful for an April delivery. ESRI is working with them on revamping the database organization.
4. **Imagery Sub-Committee Report Tom McDowell, Matt Brown, Sue Carnevale**
  - a) Introduction of the Acquisition Guidelines\* for Digital Imagery & Terrain Data for the San Diego Region and the Executive Summary
  - b) Discussion; After several months of work, the Guidelines document has been finalized. The plan is that the document is consistently updated. It includes examples of specifications for regional and subregional imagery as well as DEM data. The overall goal of the document was to promote collaboration on imagery acquisition projects to lower the costs for each participating agency. A second document is being created which

*is more of an Acquisition Plan which provides more specific details on potential schedule and costs. The Plan is due to come before the RGC in April after going through the Imagery Subcommittee. This will hopefully continue the successful record of acquisition projects.*

*The NOAA DSM is hopefully coming in March. There needs to be a vertical datum conversion from WGS84 to BADV88 before the product can be used with local data.*

\*Image Acquisition Guidelines are available for download at [www.sdrgc.org](http://www.sdrgc.org)

**5. Fire Data Overview Paul Hardwick, Rob Winslow**

- a) Presentation on available fire data
- b) Discussion about further data needs and storage; *A suggestion was made that the RGC should compile a list of potential GIS volunteers who can help in emergency situations. The RGC could be an agent of promotion with respect to getting the technology into the hands of the emergency managers who need it.*

**6. Other**

- a) Gabriella Coverdale has left her position as GIS Manager of City of San Diego and anybody interested in the position can contact Lisa Stapleton who will forward your name to the right person at the City.
- b) Matt Brown asked if the group would be interested in doing a presentation of What is the SDRGC to other regional government group meetings like the regional city managers or water district managers groups. There didnt seem to be any opposition and Matt will return to the group with a draft presentation for the RGC to review.
- c) CalGIS X is coming up in February 18-20 in San Jose. Please visit [www.calgis.org](http://www.calgis.org) for details.