

**San Diego Regional GIS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2007**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tom McDowell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Discourse Maps – Gregg Verutes

Gregg presented Discourse Maps at the July meeting, but due to time restrictions, SDRGC was unable to discuss his presentation; Gregg was invited back to provide more information on this project. Discourse Maps is a web-based application which facilitates spatially-oriented communication, and Gregg is testing it's usability for his Master's thesis.

For more information, please see the web site or contact Gregg at:

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3. GEONEWS

A) CGIA Update – Tom McDowell

No new news. Tom will most likely be leaving the CGIA Board by December 31, he is looking for a new municipality representative for the Board.

B) High Resolution Imagery Partnership – Tom McDowell

Seven agencies have expressed interest in this imagery acquisition project to date. Currently, they are dealing with finding an agency to lead the project and working on the details of an RFP. The vision is for the lead agency to be contract administrator and accept deposits from participating agencies and make the payment to the vendor. The anticipated schedule is to go to contract July 2008, and fly the area in October 2008. The budget is estimated at \$100/tile or \$500/square mile.

C) Homeland Security – Paul Hardwick

The San Diego region received \$11 million from the UASI awards. The North and South Fire Zone Mapping also received funds as did the CAD-to-CAD interagency communication program. The region was also funded for a planning inventory of GIS layers of various agencies, a needs assessment for emergency incidents, and an estimate of emergency GIS network costs.

D) SanGIS Update – Andrew Abouna

The BPR, so far, has led to an improved Landbase update process. There are two proposals out on the future of SanGIS, one is to maintain the City of San Diego and County of San Diego JPA the other is that the County of San Diego would take over the operations of SanGIS. SanGIS Board meetings are open to the public. Contact Andrew for more information.

E) National Hydrography Dataset – Andrew Abouna

Andrew thanked Caltrans and ESRI for providing training facilities and software, respectively, for the recent NHD stewardship training sessions. This will help the USGS maintain accurate hydrographic data. Carol Ostegren said that there is no state-level NHD steward in California yet.

Federal agencies use the NHD, therefore it is important for the region to update our area's data.

4. SDRGC Elections – Barbara Kent

It is time to nominate and elect new board members for the SDRGC. Positions that need to be filled are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Web Master. More information on the positions and duties are in the Council Charter at <http://www.sdrgc.org>.

Please submit nominations to Barbara Kent. Voting will be conducted through email.

5. Digital Submittal Standards – Paul Hardwick

Draft guidelines are on the SDRGC website <http://www.sdrgc.org/documents.html>. Paul requested for agencies to review the document. The goal of this effort is to have local fire codes include wording about digital pre-plan submittals. There is also a PowerPoint show on the web site that will be helpful with talking to planners, fire marshals and developers about the digital submittal guidelines.

6. Update on USGS National and State Initiatives and Strategies – Carol Ostegren and Drew Decker

There will be a California GIS Council meeting on October 17.

Carol discussed several topics:

- California Geospatial Framework Draft Data Plan – the draft plan is on the CGIA web site and included results from the six workshops held around the state.

- Strategic Planning, Phases 1 and 2 – two initiatives were identified for Phase 1: (1) California Spatial Data Infrastructure (CA SDI), and (2) a California Geographic Information Office. Phase 2 details the CA SDI.

- Imagery for the Nation – funding for this is attached to the Farm Bill and redirects existing funding. More information is at the NSGIC web site <http://www.nsgic.org/>

- NHD Stewardship – SanGIS is funded to be a regional associate steward. Information on the NHD Stewardship program can be found at <http://webhosts.cr.usgs.gov/steward/index.html>

- CAP Grants for FY08

- The National Map – a short-term goal of this is to produce new 24,000 topo maps SB90 establishes a new California State CIO, but there is no mention of a GIO.

7. Master's Thesis Research Project – Kimberly Dodson

Kim Dodson asked the SDRGC members for help in evaluating maps for her Master's thesis. Participants in the study will be asked to evaluate three internet-based transportation themed maps. Please contact Kim if you'd like to participate or if you'd like more information at dodson@rohan.sdsu.edu.

8. Other

Eileen Goff – Mesa College now has year-round GIS intern class, previously it was summers only.

Tom McDowell at City of Chula Vista is looking for an web master intern. This is an unpaid position.