

**San Diego Regional GIS Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2008**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Tom McDowell welcomed everyone to the meeting. See Attachment #1 for a list of attendees.

**2. GEONEWS**

A) CGIA Update – Tom McDowell

Dan Hildebrand is completing Tom McDowell's term on the CGIA Board (Tom recently retired from City of Chula Vista). CGIA is determining their mission and developing a marketing plan. Dan encouraged SDRGC members to join the CGIA, annual dues is \$50.

B) High Resolution Imagery Partnership – Tom McDowell

Almost all the municipalities have signed up to participate in the imagery partnership. The goal is to let the contract in April, award it in July, and fly the area in either the fall of 2008 or spring of 2009. Orange County has expressed interest in participating in this partnership. Several SDRGC members expressed concern over mission creep, working with another county without solid and familiar contacts in that county, and if this would actually contribute to a lower cost per unit. Tom asked for another volunteer to review the RFP, Karl Von Schlieder said he'd do it.

C) Homeland Security – Paul Hardwick

The region has received UASI funding for FY 07. The money is earmarked for planning for a San Diego regional emergency geospatial information network (SDREGIN), GIS emergency first responders assessment and development plan, and the CAD interoperability pilot project. For FY 08 Paul is requesting full funding for the CAD interoperability program and SDREGIN. Funding will also be requested for North/South Zone Fire mapping projects, migration of City and County data into one fire database, wildland fire/risk assessment mapping, and putting regional imagery into mobile units. We will find out if we receive the funding in November 2008.

Paul asked if the jurisdictions have put the digital submittal guidelines to municipal fire codes. Please email Paul with answers at [phardwick@foundation.sdsu.edu](mailto:phardwick@foundation.sdsu.edu).

Paul also stated that fire chiefs reported personnel using region imagery on mobile data computers to find safe spots during the 2007 fires.

D) SanGIS Update – Andrew Abouna

The SanGIS Board is preparing to conduct an in-depth comparison between SanGIS and the County's proposal to administer and operate SanGIS. A gaps and cost analysis has been prepared by the City and County GIS managers and Andrew. Ross Martin added that this is mainly a cost-savings measure and that the current SanGIS structure will remain unchanged. Ross said that he is available to answer questions regarding the County's proposal.

SanGIS has received GIS data with locations of structures damaged by the 2007 fires. They are compiling the information into one source to help the County Assessor with

processing calamity claims. SanGIS thanks the cities of Escondido, Poway, and San Marcos for their contribution to this data development process.

Incorporation of data from other agencies (Chula Vista and San Marcos) has improved SanGIS data.

E) National Hydrography Dataset – Andrew Abouna

SanGIS has posted a web page for general and local information about the region's NHD effort. The URL is <http://www.sangis.org/NHD.htm>. Please see the web site for more information on NHD.

SanGIS thanks City of Encinitas for updating hydrographic features within their jurisdiction. SanGIS is planning on additional USGS training for local agencies to help incorporate locally-edited data into the national dataset.

**3. SDRGC Elections – Barbara Kent**

Barbara thanked Tom McDowell who conducted the email voting process for the elections. Congratulations to the new SDRGC Board:

Paul Hardwick – Chair  
Barbara Kent – Vice-Chair  
Harry Johnson – Web Master  
Mettja Kuna – Secretary

**4. SDRGC Formulation as a Non-Profit 501(c)(4) Organization – Tom McDowell**

The SDRGC is considering a proposal to become a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization. The primary reason for the SDRGC to incorporate into a non-profit is for the ability to announce and award contracts for the acquisition of imagery and other data sets. Tom explained that this is not without precedence as the Channel Islands Regional GIS Collaborative (CIRGIS) became a 501(c)(4) organization in 2004.

Several issues and questions were raised during the discussion, including the following:

Initial IRS filing fees

Who pays it/How/With what funds

\$10 negative-income tax report filing fee

How would incorporation affect current Board positions

Need to add a Treasurer to the Board

Non-profit organizations need a physical address, not a P.O. Box, Chair could act as contact and provide the physical address

Are agencies able to receive a purchase order and make payment to a non-profit

How would contracts be administered/Who would oversee the administration

Who would review the contracts (i.e. a lawyer)

How would SDRGC issue payments to consultants

Deposit account

Bank account fees

Insurance issues

In the next 30 days the new Board will:

1. develop a proposal to incorporate, including revised bylaws,
2. research potential upfront and annual costs,

3. answer questions that were raised in today's meeting.

Sue will find out if SANDAG is willing to pay the initial incorporation fees.

#### **5. Fire Data – Paul Hardwick**

Paul has a list of web and ftp sites of publicly accessible fire data. He will email this list to the SDRGC. A lot of data was collected of the recent fires. Some will be posted on the SanGIS web site. The first set of high resolution imagery has been received and the second set is expected at any time. The imagery is in JPG2000, four-band (blue, green, red, near-infrared), and is tiled by quarter Thomas Brothers grids.

Regarding the ESRI UC 2008 Host Committee Booth, Paul suggested that we focus on the fires and the support efforts of our local and regional agencies. He also suggested that the SDRGC invite public officials to see the booth and show-off our good work towards the response and recovery to the fires. It was also suggested that there be two sections to the booth: one for the fire displays, and the second for other regional work.

A burn/no burn data set has not been created yet. It was suggested that SDSU could perhaps create this from imagery.

#### **6. Other**

Tom McDowell – A .pdf of the imagery project will be posted on the SDRGC web site. If you would like a copy of the shapefile, please contact Bob Blackwelder at City of Chula Vista [bblackwelder@ci.chula-vista.ca.us](mailto:bblackwelder@ci.chula-vista.ca.us)

Paul Hardwick – The TerraGo GeoPDF Road Show is at SANDAG, January 22, 1:30-3:30. Please register at the TerraGo web site.

And last but certainly not least....**THANK YOU to Tom McDowell** for his years of service to our GIS community!!

## Attachment 1

### Attendees at the January 8, 2008 San Diego Regional GIS Council meeting:

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