

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Paul Hardwick welcomed everyone to the meeting. See Attachment #1 for a list of attendees.

2. GEONEWS

A. CGIA Update – Dan Hildebrand

Dan attended a CGIA board meeting last March. There is a local government seat open for a two-year term. The representative for this seat does not need to be from a local government. Nominations are due at on April 30th. Please contact Dan if you have any questions:

Dhildebrand@ci.escondido.ca.us.

There will be a State forum on the importance of GIS in Sacramento on June 19th. CGIA is looking for 30-minute sessions on how GIS is being used in various organizations in CA. To participate, visit the newly updated CGIA website (<http://www.cgia.org/>). The CGIA Board also opposed legislature on AB 1978 that would amend the State of CA's Public Records Act to modify the meaning of the term "software" (including mapping systems), allowing state and local agencies to sell, lease, and license the "software" for commercial or noncommercial use.

B. Homeland Security Update – Paul Hardwick

Paul is currently working on two projects: 1) Develop a Geospatial Strategic Plan for the County to include imagery and geospatial best practices, and 2) North and South Zone Fire Projects.

Paul is currently in the UASI grant process. The region received \$11 million last year and will most likely receive the same next year. Some of the UASI funds were tied in with public safety equipment, and needs, including mobile maps, MDCs, situation awareness, and common operating procedures.

Charles Adler (CCDC) asked Paul about the status of the regional digital submittal standards. Paul stated that the regional submittal standards are complete; however, it is up to each local jurisdiction to adopt the standards and enforce them. Paul wasn't sure which agencies had adopted the standards.

Charles was also interested in acquiring imagery for the City of San Diego using a 3D laser scanner. The Airport Authority mentioned that size and storage capacity is a concern for acquiring this type of data.

C. SanGIS Update – Andrew Abouna

Andrew showed the same Powerpoint presentation he was planning on presenting to the SanGIS Board on April 11th. Please go to the SDRGC website to view the entire presentation. Some of the highlights of the presentation are listed below:

- SanGIS data servers are up to 11 years old and they are asking the Board to upgrade these servers
- They are working on distributed editing for Dispatch so that the update process is quicker
- SanGIS is working towards updating the Law Beats layer
- The SanGIS budget projection is the lowest it's been in 9 years at \$1,445,000 largely due to the use of consultants
- The City of Chula Vista is working with SanGIS to update parcel and road features
- SanGIS is currently providing updated Data DVDs for the cost of \$75
- SanGIS can distribute the Thomas Brothers page grid layer for \$100 to public safety agencies. The cost would be higher for local jurisdictions.

There was a discussion on the possibility of the County taking over the operation of SanGIS. Andrew understands that there would be no change to the operating procedure of SanGIS if the County took control. There was also a question about historical parcel data. Charles Adler suggested that SanGIS contact the County about obtaining a historical properties GIS layer for the entire County.

3. Sub-Regional Imagery Acquisition Project – Mettja Kuna

Mettja presented on the status of the sub-regional imagery acquisition project. Mettja's presentation can be viewed on the SDRGC website. The Imagery subcommittee is currently developing an RFP for the project, which is simpler than the last RFP and is based on the LINK-GIS (Kentucky) imagery RFP. The RFP scope of work is 4" color digital orthos (3" for portions of the County), LiDAR and DTM for portions of the County, and an optional MrSID delivery format. Each participating agency received a map showing their tile selection and the number of shared tiles. There are currently 24 agencies participating.

Currently, the project does not have a lead agency. Paul and Barbara met with the SANDAG Service Bureau to discuss the possibility of SANDAG acting as the project lead. There was also some discussion about the possibility of USGS acting as the project lead, but according to Drew Decker, an agency would still need to manage the money, expectations, and agreements even if USGS was the project lead.

Paul asked that the Imagery subcommittee finalize the RFP before the next SDRGC meeting and distribute it to the participating agencies.

4. SDRGC 501(c)(4) Proposal Update – SDRGC Board

Barbara summarized the results from the survey that was sent out to the SDRGC last January about the possibility of the SDRGC becoming a 501(c)(4). Barbara's presentation and results from the survey can be found on the SDRGC website.

Harry discussed the logistics involved in becoming a 501(c)(4), including a draft revision of the SDRGC's bylaws. Harry's presentation is on the SDRGC website.

Paul stated that he had mixed views on this matter. He feels that it is better to apply for grants if applied as a region; however, he is concerned with the time and work involved in becoming a 501(c)(4) to make it successful. Dan Hildebrand advised the Board to not pursue becoming a 501(c)(4), stating that it would be burdensome and time-consuming. Peter Fait suggested the possibility of the SDRGC becoming a committee under SANDAG and having the SDRGC paying fees to create a new position at SANDAG to manage the SDRGC. John Hofmockel said that he will look into the matter. Pat Landrum suggested that the SDRGC go through SANDAG for contracting work because he doesn't want the SDRGC to lose its identity from an idea-sharing group to a contractual group.

5. ESRI UC Host Booth – Paul Hardwick

This year's theme for the host booth will be the 2007 fires. Harry will coordinate the booth volunteers and Paul will coordinate a tour of the UC with ESRI Staff for management and higher-ups.

If you have any major regional GIS events that need to be updated to the timeline poster of San Diego GIS events, please e-mail them to Barbara (barbara.j.kent@dot.ca.gov) by May 1st.

6. Other

Geomorphis is offering an Introduction to GIS class May 15-16 in downtown San Diego. Please visit the Geomorphis website for more details (<http://www.geomorphis.com>).

Next SDRGC meeting is July 9, location TBD.

Attachment #1 – Meeting Attendees

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