San Diego Regional GIS Council
Meeting Minutes
July 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
      Drew Decker, USGS, has been elected as the federal representative to the CGIA
      Board. He replaces Dan Hildebrand as the second local representative from the
      region. He joins Paul Hardwick who was elected to his second term as a regional
      representative.

      The Strategic Plan and the Best Practices for Imagery final reports are posted on
      the CGIA web site (http://www.cgia.org).

      The CGIA is encouraging folks to join the organization. There are various levels
      of membership, with the regular membership costing $50.00 per year. See
      http://www.cgia.org/join-cgia.htm for more information on CGIA memberships.

      George White, the executive director for CGIA, will most likely step down as the
      funding for that position has ended. He doesn't believe he has the time to continue
      on a volunteer basis.

      Paul Hardwick reminded everyone that the deadline for being "grandfathered" in
      to apply for the Professional GIS Certification is this year. After this year,
      applicants will be required to submit to some type of formal testing.

      The 2009 CalGIS conference will be held in Sacramento, April 6-9. The $120.00
      early registration fee ends July 25, 2008.

      B. Homeland Security Update – Paul Hardwick
      The priority ranking on the UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) grant ranked
      the investment justification containing GIS at #2. Interoperable Communication
      was ranked at #1. The funds will be released around August 1 to the State. The
      state then distributes these funds to applicants. A total of $33 million was
      submitted this year for the region. Last year, the region received approximately
      $11 million and Paul expects the region will receive a similar amount this year.

      The 2006-2007 DHS (Department of Homeland Security) audit was conducted the
      week of July 7, 2008. The audit went extremely well for the San Diego
      Information Sharing organizations. The auditors have asked permission to share
      some of our practices with other regions.

C. SanGIS Update – Ross Martin

Currently SanGIS has no quorum on the board so no SanGIS Board business was conducted.

Ross stated that SanGIS continues with normal maintenance and technical issues. One of the major issues is moving forward with better public communication of data layers. SanGIS would like to have at least three (3) replications of data layers, two (2) within the county jurisdiction and one (1) within the City of San Diego. SanGIS is also pursuing possible replication of the data layers at other locations such as SANDAG.

Phyllis Chapin from the City of San Diego stated the City is currently going through some major operational changes. She was unsure when a board member will be recommended to serve on the SanGIS board. A 12-item action list, including the replications mentioned by Ross, and various Best Practices is guiding the SanGIS operation at the current time. Customer service will not be affected by the changes. Organizations should carry on as normal in their dealings with SanGIS.

The current SanGIS reorganization proposal will have the administrative operation moved under the County, however, SanGIS will operate as a separate entity in its dealings with organizations and the public.

D. 501(c)(4) Update – Paul Hardwick

The SDRGC board has tabled the discussion for now. The discussion was originally raised in relation to the sub-regional imagery acquisition project as way to locate an agency to run the project. With SANGAG's Service Bureau now filling that role, the immediacy of the discussion is lessened. Suggestions and comments on this topic are still welcome. Please contact any board member with ideas.

Sue Carnevale of SANDAG asked if in the discussions there were more identified disadvantages vs. advantages. Paul responded there were more disadvantages, mainly the time commitments placed on board members and issues on how jurisdictions would be represented in the non-profit .

5. **ESRI User Conference Host Booth – Paul Hardwick (taken out of order)**

The conference is scheduled for August 4-9, 2008. The design for the zero module stand has been submitted to ESRI by Barbara.

Harry has lined up the student volunteers and will send out a message asking for volunteers from the professional ranks to man the Host Booth during the Monday night Map Gallery. The Host Booth will only be manned Monday night and Tuesday at lunch. Previous conferences have shown these times are the most trafficked.

The deadline for the ESRI Map Gallery has been extended to July 14, 2008.

Harry is compiling the list for entries into the San Diego Showcase. So far, there are only about half as many entries as last year. Entries will be taken until July 30. The Showcase will be presented in the Host Booth itself. You may submit to the Showcase without submitting to the ESRI Map Gallery. Submitted entries should be given to a SDRGC board member prior to Sunday, August 3 or dropped off at the Host Booth between noon and 2:00pm Sunday.

3. **Sub-Regional Imagery Acquisition Project – Karl von Schlieder**
    SANDAG Service Bureau will be the contracting agency for the project. Notification to interested parties was sent during the week of June 30-July 3.

    Time line:

    July 16:   Deadline for expressing interest in participating. The Service Bureau has a questionnaire that needs to be filled out in order to participate.

    July 23:   Tiles have to be selected. Please send to Mettja Kuna (mkuna@san-marcos.net).
                          Checklist for products have to be submitted (Imagery, DEM, special requests). Please send to Grace Chung (cchu@sandag.org).

    Early-Mid August: MOU sent to participants that need to be reviewed by participants.

    End of Year: MOU signed by all participants.

    Spring 2009:   Contracts awarded

    Summer/Fall 2009: Flights

    Karl has a participant package for interested parties. Contact him at kvons@ci.carlsbad.ca.us to request one.

    Paul mentioned that three (3) Indian Tribes (Viejas, Sycuan, Rincon) will be contacted and asked if they wish to participate.

    Sue Carnevale stated that an FTP site has been established with all the documents regarding participants, tiles and the like. The site address is ftp://ftpx.sandag.org/sandag/pub/SDRGC_Imagery_Parnership/

    Dan Hildebrand asked whether SDGE was in the project or not. This is important since SDGE has identified a large portion of the county and its participation would greatly affect the cost sharing amongst the other participants. He also brought up the issue of funding draws, whether it would be possible to collect money from participants ahead of time so payments to the contractor could be made in a more timely manner.

Sue Carnevale brought up that SDGE might have contracting issues with the SANDAG Service Bureau. Another SDGE issue identified was the public domain sharing required by USGS. Paul stated that he and Drew Decker have hopefully worked out the public domain issue with SDGE.

Karl suggested that someone on the Sub-Regional Imagery Sub-committee be appointed to work with SDGE directly. This will be taken up at the sub-committee meeting.

Pat Landrum of Caltrans stated the budgeting process at Caltrans will probably prevent them from participating in the project.

Matt Brown of the County Water Authority stated that they have budgeted monies for the project.

Sue Carnevale said the draft MOU (consortium agreement) will probably be circulated by the end of the month in preparation for final release in August. At this time, no costs for extras have been determined or estimated. These extras include higher resolution imagery, true ortho, etc.

4. **Animating Traffic Speed and Volume using the ArcGIS Animation Toolbar – SANDAG and Caltrans**
   Presentations were given by Grace Chung of SANDAG and Pat Landrum of Caltrans.

   As transportation agencies, both SANDAG and Caltrans are looking into creating new ways of communicating traffic data to both the public and within their own agencies. Animation is one of the avenues being explored by both. Powerpoint presentations along with animations developed in ArcGIS were shown illustrating the different techniques and symbologies they are experimenting with currently.

   Hopefully, these powerpoints and animation files can be made accessible for download either off the SDRGC web site or an FTP server.

Next SDRGC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at the City of Poway.

Attachment 1 - Meeting Attendees

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