San Diego Regional GIS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 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 – Paul Hardwick
    CalGIS/CGIA meets on a bi-monthly basis. Currently there are 3 members on the
    CGIA Board representing Federal Government, Regional Government, and
    Businesses in the San Diego region. There are various committees re-forming at
    present to work on State grants, a strategic plan, and Imagery. If you have any
    ideas for grant programs in the region, please send them to Drew Decker at USGS
    (ddecker@usgs.gov).

    At the "More than a Map" conference, State officials made a recommendation to
    the CIO that a GIO position be created. The recommendation is currently being
    reviewed by the CIO.

    The annual cost of CGIA membership is $50. To join, visit the CGIA website:
    www.cgia.org . The annual CGIA conference will take place in Sacramento on
    April 6-9, 2009.

    B. Homeland Security Update – Paul Hardwick
    Visit the SDRGC website to view Paul's presentation - http://www.sdrgc.org/

    The GIS investment justification was ranked second by the Urban Area Working
    Group for UASI grant funding in the San Diego region. For details on the grant
    status and distribution, view Paul's presentation. Please contact Paul if you have
    any regional ideas for grant programs as the grant cycle begins this month
    (phardwick@foundation.sdsu.edu).

    C. Imagery Subcommittee – Mettja Kuna
    Without enough regional participation, SANDAG will not be able to act as the
    project lead for regional 4-inch resolution color orthophotography. Currently, the
    North County agencies are creating a partnership to move forward with the
    project. The question was asked if the City of San Diego will be purchasing high-
    resolution orthophotos in the near future. Paul Hardwick said that he's unsure
    given the current economic status of the City.

3. **Imperial 2008 Imagery Project – Pat Landrum**
    Visit the SDRGC website to view Pat's presentation - http://www.sdrgc.org/

Spearheaded by Imperial County's Assessor's Office, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) acted as the project lead for the acquisition of 6-inch (in urban areas) and 1-foot (in rural areas) resolution imagery. With a budget of $240,000 and USGS contributing $40,000 to the project, a Technical Advisory Committee was created to manage the project and QA/QC the product. Caltrans and Imperial County GIS (ICGIS) served on the Committee. Four proposals were submitted and the contract was awarded to Sanborn.

The QA/QC process is finished, and Sanborn has delivered the final product. For FY '09-'10, they are looking to update the urban areas only and potentially obtain terrain data.

The Imperial Imagery Project started in early 2007 with monthly Committee meetings with Imperial County. Please contact Barbara Kent (barbara_j_kent@dot.ca.gov) or Pat Landrum (pat.landrum@dot.ca.gov) at Caltrans with questions about and/or access to the imagery.

4. **City of Poway GIS Program – Brad Rosen**
   Visit the SDRGC website to view Brad's presentation - http://www.sdrgc.org/

   The City of Poway's GIS Program is currently in the early stages of its development. Without any full-time GIS Staff, Poway has relied on paid and volunteer interns to develop its GIS datasets. In 2006, Poway hired ESRI to perform a needs assessment. Poway is also working with Quartic Solutions to develop their database structure. Poway also purchased Latitude Geographic's Geocortex Internet Mapping Framework for ArcIMS to develop two web mapping applications, PowGIS and E-Zoning. PowGIS is an application used internally by Poway City Staff. For this application, Geocortex created a custom Parcel Property Report. E-Zoning is a public web mapping application that gives its citizens access to zoning information for the City.

5. **Regional Technology Center (RTC) Clearinghouse – Kim Spero**
   Visit the SDRGC website to view Kim's presentation - http://www.sdrgc.org/ or the RTC website for more information - http://rtc.sdsu.edu/home.htm

   The RTC was established in 2005 in response to the 2003 San Diego wildfires to facilitate the integration of technology for emergency response. The RTC coordinates with subject matter experts to research emerging technologies and has established a regional clearinghouse, a centralized information resource for public-safety technologies. For access to RTC's Technology Assist Database, or if you are an emergency responder and would like RTC to research a particular technology, please contact Kim Spero (kspero@homelandsecurity.sdsu.edu).

6. **Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence (NGTCe) – Ken Yanow, Professor of Geographical Science, Southwestern College**

Please visit the SDRGC website to view Ken's presentation or the NGTCe website for more information - http://geotechcenter.org/

The NGTCe is a partnership between 7 community colleges and 4 universities whose mission is to improve geospatial technology education to prepare college-level students for geospatial careers. The NGTCe is currently seeking partnerships with educators and geospatial "insiders" and would like a partnership with the SDRGC. Paul Hardwick told Ken that the NGTCe could be added to the SDRGC's e-mail list-serve and could use that as a forum for information.

7.   **2008 ESRI UC Host Booth Wrap-Up – Barbara Kent**
The San Diego Host Booth was re-located to the Grand foyer of the Convention Center, which turned out to be a good location. The SDRGC would like to thank ESRI and URISA for helping to coordinate the booth. Thirty posters were submitted to the San Diego Host Booth. For a list of winners, please visit the URISA website: http://www.socalurisa.org/

Paul Hardwick asked the SDRGC to submit any new ideas for booth graphics to him via e-mail (phardwick@foundation.sdsu.edu). Caltrans gave a tour of the UC to some of their executives and found it very helpful. If the SDRGC would like Paul to coordinate a tour of next year's UC in July '09 for executives, please let him know as soon as possible.

8.   **Open**
John Hofmockel asked the SDRGC what GIS Day (November 19th) activities they have planned. He said that SANDAG will have their own internal event and that he will send the region another "Where in San Diego" quiz. SDSU also plans on having their own internal event including a poster contest with prizes, a career day, and they are looking to coordinate with Adrienne Perry at the County of San Diego Health and Human Services and possibly the County's Office of Emergency Services. Camp Pendleton plans on having a proclamation signed for GIS Day and will hold 8-9 demos in their Command building, including outreach to elementary schools on base.

Paul Hardwick mentioned that new watershed boundaries for the state have been released. Information about the creation of these new boundaries as well as a layer file of the boundaries can be found under Announcements at www.sdrgc.org.

A question was asked about the current status of SanGIS. The SanGIS Board of Directors was reconstituted last month and had their first meeting recently. SanGIS' status is currently being discussed internally amongst its Board.

9.   **Next Meeting**
The next SDRGC meeting will be held on January 14th at SANDAG. If you have any ideas for possible agenda items, please contact Barbara Kent (barbara_j_kent@dot.ca.gov).

October 2008 SDRGC Meeting - Attachment 1

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