

San Diego Regional GIS Council
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. GEONEWS

A. CGIA/CalGIS Update – Paul Hardwick

CalGIS made a recommendation for the creation of a Geographic Information Officer (GIO) position for the State. The Governor's GIS Task Force posted the GIO position last November and is currently in the process of interviewing candidates.

The CalGIS 2009 conference will be held April 6-9 in Sacramento. The registration fee is currently \$250, but will be increased to \$350 after February 19. CalGIS 2010 will most likely take place in Santa Barbara or Palm Springs. They are currently looking for program committee members. For additional information, please contact Lisa Lubeley at llubeley@dudek.com.

Paul distributed some information on CGIA membership and its awards program. To nominate a colleague, project, or program for one of CGIA's five awards, please visit the awards page on the CGIA website (<http://www.cgia.org>). The nomination deadline is February 27, 2009.

The Government Technology Conference (GTC) west will be held May 11-15 in Sacramento. CGIA has been invited to put up a booth, which will provide great exposure of GIS to State officials.

B. Homeland Security Update – Paul Hardwick

Discussed below in Paul's presentation on Homeland Security and SDREGIN.

C. North County Imagery Project – Karl von Schlieder and Mettja Kuna

Because SANDAG will not be able to act as the project lead, the City of Carlsbad is currently reviewing the possibility of releasing an RFQ for 4-inch resolution imagery acquisition and spot updates to existing terrain data. If the City of Carlsbad moves forward with the project, they may allow other North County jurisdictions to participate in the acquisition through a joint contract. Karl expressed concern about the RFQ process.

Peter Fait from the City of Coronado explained that his jurisdiction releases RFQs to obtain a short list of qualified vendors. They then ask those vendors to submit full proposals with anticipated costs. In 2004, the City of Coronado participated in a similar acquisition project where the City of Chula Vista acted as the project

lead. The City of Coronado turned over all of the imagery acquisition funds to the City of Chula Vista all at once, rather than spread over time.

D. SanGIS Update – Frank Jessie

On Jan. 6, the SanGIS Board met and voted to release Andrew Abouna, the interim Executive Director. Currently, the SanGIS Management Committee, with one member from the City of San Diego and the other member from the County of San Diego, provides direction to SanGIS staff on everyday tasks.

There was some discussion on the future of SanGIS, data warehousing, and the landbase updates. Ross Martin from the County of San Diego emphasized that the landbase data will continue to be maintained; however, they are still in the process of discussing the future of SanGIS. They are currently seeking help from a consultant to prepare a service level agreement to formalize the data maintenance procedures.

The next SanGIS Board meeting will be held on Jan. 20. Please visit the SanGIS website for details (<http://www.sangis.org>)

E. SANDAG Update – Tim Southerland and Clint Daniels

SANDAG is currently working with the City and the County to develop an MOU to move the public regional data download website from SanGIS to SANDAG. They will then take the MOU to SANDAG's Executive Team and the SanGIS Board for approval. Clint Daniels emphasized that the only change to the user workflow for downloading regional datasets will be to go to the SANDAG website instead of the SanGIS website.

There was some discussion and concern from members of the SDRGC on how this will impact updates to the landbase data. Ross Martin stated that because the data replication process is already in place between the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and SanGIS, it should be a relatively smooth transition if SANDAG houses the data.

Clint suggested that because SANDAG is made up of its member jurisdictions, they are looking into opening up the data process with its member agencies. This may lead to more frequent updates of the data to the SANDAG member agencies, but the process has not been formalized and would still need to go to the SanGIS Board for approval.

Although the technical aspect of the transition is almost complete, Clint does not think that the transition will go through until the summer because they still need to negotiate the MOU.

3. Homeland Security and SDREGIN – Paul Hardwick

Visit the SDRGC website to view Paul's presentation - <http://www.sdrgc.org/>

The San Diego region asked for \$30 million of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds in 2008, and received \$15.5 million for nine regional projects. Details of how the funding was broken up to various programs can be seen in Paul's presentation. The FY'09 projection is for \$16.2 million of UASI funds for seven regional projects.

Paul went on to discuss GIS-related projects that are part of the regional UASI investment including the Fire Services Geodatabase, the San Diego Regional Emergency Geospatial Information Network (SDREGIN), School Digital Target Hazard Plans, and Interoperable CAD. The first phase, or planning phase, of the SDREGIN project and tasks that were put out in a recent RFP were described and can be reviewed in his PowerPoint. Paul stressed that this project is going to ask each of the GIS managers in the region for information about their GIS data and operations, as well as for guidance on how they think a regional system should be implemented.

Paul emphasized that these projects and funds are for the entire region to develop a regional dataset for emergency preparedness that will also fulfill other regional needs.

4. ASPRS: Guidelines for Procurement of Aerial Imagery and other Services – Drew Decker

Last November, ASPRS released draft guidelines for procuring services. CalGIS reviewed the guidelines with the Imagery Working Group and drafted a letter to ASPRS expressing concern in 1) the method of vendor selection, 2) technical aspects to consider in procurement, and 3) the value of independent quality assurance review. Please visit the SDRGC website to view a draft of the letter – <http://www.sdrgc.org>

5. Next Meeting – April 8, 2009

The next SDRGC meeting will be held on April 8, 2009. If you have any ideas for possible agenda items please contact Barbara Kent (barbara_j_kent@dot.ca.gov).

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