

**San Diego Regional GIS Council
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2005**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Matt Brown welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting. See Attachment #1 for list of attendees.

2. GEONEWS

a) CGIA & California GIS Council Updates

Matt Brown reported that the next meeting of the California GIS Council is at the CalGIS Conference, March 16-18, 2005.

Results from the survey of regional GIS councils throughout the state show that councils range from well-organized to loosely-knit. The SDRGC is more towards the organized end of the spectrum.

GIS was not included the Governor's California Performance Review (CPR). Please go to <http://gis.ca.gov/council/documents.epi>, and click on "Draft – Effective Government Through State GIS Coordination" to see CGIA's response to the CPR.

There will be a workshop to develop a statewide GIS cadastre.

The USGS reorganization puts national mapping and FGDC in one shop.

The CGIA Web site is still being redesigned.

Please go to www.nsgic.org to view results of the latest survey of states and how they are implementing GIS.

b) Geodatabase Subcommittee

Tom McDowell said that the subcommittee's first meeting was in December, and that the next meeting will be January 20, 2005, 1 p.m. at SANDAG. The group wants to learn how agencies are using geodatabases, and also to develop core elements of data models. Contact Tom if you are interested in joining.

c) GIS Management Subcommittee

Bob Canepa reported that the group is halfway through the final draft document. It should be completed within the next three months.

On another note, regarding the Public Information Act, the California Attorney General's office is asking local agencies how they handle the distribution of data (i.e. parcels).

d) GIS Certificate Program

John Johnson described the GIS program at Mesa College. They have been awarded a three-year grant to develop a model skills-based program. They are in the first year of the grant. SDRGC agreed to serve as an advisory committee for this process. The DACUM (Developing a Curriculum) workshop that many local jurisdiction staff participated in was held the week of January 10. A national visiting committee, made up of high profile GIS people, will also provide input to the program.

f) Imagery Projects Update

Tom McDowell said that the Chula Vista and Escondido areas were flown in September. They will probably generate two-foot contours for a DTM (the imagery was acquired with 60% overlap). Digital Mapping, Inc., from Orange County, is the contractor.

Lisa Lubeley said that they are in the RFP process for their imagery project, and a contract will be awarded next month. Sue Carnevale is managing the optional agency clause, where other agencies can take advantage of the pricing for this project. Contact Sue if interested – sca@sandag.org.

3. HAZUS Presentation

After showing the group tsunami information and maps of the region, Alfonso (Alfie) Blanch with the California Office of Emergency Services presented the HAZUS software application. HAZUS stands for Hazards U.S. This application is available for free from FEMA. The application contains models for estimating potential losses from earthquakes, floods, and hurricane winds and runs on top of ArcView 3.3. The application is also being ported to ArcGIS. These Web sites provide more information on HAZUS:

<http://www.fema.gov/hazus>

<http://www.hazus.org>

<http://www.oes.ca.gov>

4. Other

Paul Hardwick says that a new IFSAR DEM of the region is available from Intermap. The cost is approximately \$250,000. For more information go to www.intermap.com

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