

San Diego Regional GIS Council Meeting Minutes January 11, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. GEONEWS

a) *SDRGC Email List – Harry Johnson*

Harry announced that SDSU is hosting a listserv for SDRGC. To send an email to the group, address it to SDRGC@geography.sdsu.edu

As a general rule, listservs do not handle attachments. Put all of the information into the body of the email and to not include attachments.

This is a closed listserv, you must be on the SDRGC membership roster in order to use it.

b) *Update on Imagery Projects – Lisa Lubeley/Tom McDowell*

Lisa announced that the City of San Diego's imagery project is a few months behind schedule, although they have received the LIDAR data. The imagery and LIDAR datasets will mostly likely become part of the public domain, more information on this will be announced.

There was a discussion on selling imagery versus distributing it without charging a fee. Some were in favor of making imagery freely available to all while others were not.

Imagery needs, including timelines and finances, of various agencies was also discussed. Matt Brown urged everyone to look at the Imagery Acquisition Plan, which was created by the Imagery Subcommittee. It was suggested that this subcommittee be reactivated in order to revisit the plan and revise costs. The discussion of imagery was recommended as a fall agenda item.

c) *Geodatabase/SDE Subcommittees – Tom McDowell*

Tom reported that the Geodatabase Subcommittee has concluded that there is definite benefit from development of GDB models for regional data. First, they need the City of San Diego and County to be involved in this effort.

The SDE Subcommittee meets to exchange information, discuss issues, administration, and upgrades of SDE. They meet every two months. SANDAG's John Hofmockel is now heading up this subcommittee.

The subcommittee agenda item led into a discussion on FEMA's DFIRM database project. The need for regional input resulted in the creation of the FEMA Data Subcommittee. It will be chaired by Lisa Stapleton.

3. SanGIS Data Access Policy Change – Lisa Stapleton

Lisa explained that because of the Attorney General's opinion regarding the California Public Records Act and digital parcel data, the SanGIS Board of Directors voted to discontinue licensing SanGIS data, and to place the data in the public domain.

It will be business as usual for paid subscribers – SanGIS will continue to ship landbase CDs until current subscriptions expire. SanGIS will burn CDs upon requests for data. Email is the preferred request process. Lisa asked for patience during the transition period.

There was a lengthy discussion on this topic and the various scenarios that could result from the Board's decision.

4. SDRGC Elections – Barbara Kent

Voting for new SDRGC officers begins after today's meeting and concludes on January 25, 2006. Voting will be conducted by email. Send votes to barbara.j.kent@dot.ca.gov

Nominees are: Chairperson – Tom McDowell, Lisa Stapleton;

Vice Chair – Paul Hardwick;

Webmaster – Harry Johnson;

Secretary – Barbara Kent.

Note: The election for Chair resulted in a tie and we are holding a run-off vote through February 3, 2006. Please help us break the tie and send your vote to Barbara Kent.

5. NSGIC, CGC, CGIA, SDRGC How does it all fit together? – Matt Brown

Matt introduced the assorted national and state GIS councils.

NSGIC – The National States Geographic Information Council is a non-profit, which supports effective and efficient governments through geospatial technologies.

<http://www.nsgic.org/>

CGC – The California GIS Council is run by the state, and meets two times per year. It is made up of representatives from the public and private sectors. This organization was formed to collaborate on the planning, implementation and maintenance of a California GIS infrastructure. <http://gis.ca.gov/council/index.epl>

CGIA – The California Geographic Information Association is a statewide non-profit which facilitates coordination and collaboration for the state's GIS community. This organization hosts the CGC meetings with the state's regions. <http://www.cgia.org/>

RGC – Regional Geographic Councils, such as the SDRGC, are regional groups that gather to discuss GIS-related topics. The SDRGC's chairperson is our liaison to the CGC.

6. Discussion on Vendor Presentations at SDRGC – Matt Brown

Matt led a discussion on the appropriateness of vendor presentations at SDRGC meetings. After discussing several options, the following was decided by popular vote:

1. A vendor, under contract for a project with a member agency, may make a project-oriented presentation at SDRGC meetings.
2. Vendor presentations are not allowed at meetings, except when related to current projects (see #1). However, a member agency may coordinate informational vendor presentations. These presentations may be held after the SDRGC meeting, and in the same facility as the meeting, if coordinated with that meeting's host agency.

7. Parks Layer and Conserved Lands Database – Sue Carnevale/Paul Hardwick

Two conceptual projects being considered by SANDAG were explained. The Parks Layer project is a result of crime mapping from SANDAG's Criminal Justice Research Division. SANDAG will compile information from a variety of active and passive parks data sets. Once compiled, they will provide the data to agencies for review and input. The result will be a regional data layer for parks.

Funded by the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), SANDAG and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will work collaboratively to develop a GIS database on conserved lands in the region. This database will provide a comprehensive inventory of lands that are conserved in the region for the purposes of open space and habitat protection to assist in identifying gaps in conservation and to provide general information on the status of land management plans. Local agencies in the region will be contacted later this year to provide input on conserved lands in their area of jurisdiction.

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