

North Valley Regional GIS Council Meeting

Meeting Summary

November 14, 2007



ATTENDEES:

Brian Lasagna – Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)
Jim Aranguren – Butte County
Jesse Smith – City of Oroville
Doti Watkins – Tehama County
Kelly Allen – City of Chico
Mardy Thomas – Glenn County

MEETING SUMMARY

CGIA Strategic Plan Workshop - Update

Brian reported to the group on the CGIA California GIS Strategic Phase 2 workshop held in Redding last month. Phase 2 of the plan is focused on soliciting the various regions perspectives on the California State Data Infrastructure (CA-SDI) project. The workshop gave an overview of Phase 1 results, which included a survey of existing regions GIS infrastructure and funding, and included discussion and exercise to gauge some of the issues the regions are faced with. Issues revolved around funding, partnerships, and data sharing. More info @ <http://www.cgia.org/>

Doti also reported on some of the activities of the Far North GIS Council and some of the projects they are working on which include the development of regional layers. It was pointed out that these regional layers and the collaboration amongst the counties could be extremely beneficial to regional Blueprint Planning efforts.

County Data Exchange

Brian proposed a yearly data exchange, among the counties, of GIS base data layers. In part, this is a step in the direction of data sharing in response to CA-SDI but also allows the counties to have access to updated GIS layers for projects that extend beyond individual county boundaries. The group agreed that this would be beneficial and datasets such as parcels, addresses, roads, hydrology, and possible aerial imagery should be included. BCAG offered to host an ftp site to house the datasets and will follow up with the individual counties regarding procedures.

Latest News on City/County GIS Programs

Butte County – Jim informed the group that County GIS staff currently coordinate the development and maintenance of GIS layers such as general plan, zoning, hydrology, etc. Over the past few years they have also acquired ArcIMS, ArcServer, and ArcSDE of which they are utilizing ArcIMS for a Public Works traffic collision site and a Water wells site. They hope to implement ArcServer in the near future.

Tehama County – Doti informed the group that her department currently maintains the countywide parcel and roads layers. They have acquired ArcIMS and are currently using it as a tool in the General Plan update to depict old vs. proposed zoning for parcels. GIS is also being utilized to analyze transit data and assist in the Blueprint Planning process. Cities within the county are currently either maintaining their own base layers or are still using CAD based tools.

Glenn County – Mardy informed the group that his department currently maintains the countywide base layers. They recently completed a revision of the parcel base to improve its accuracy and hope to do the same with centerlines and addresses. The County has acquired a light version of ArcServer and ArcIMS and expects to use these to develop applications for staff to access and view GIS information. In turn, they feel that they will be able to eliminate some stand alone seats of ArcView with the implementation of these new applications. County would also like to coordinate base layer updates with cities in order to eliminate duplication.

City of Oroville – Jesse informed the group that the City is currently using GIS to build infrastructure layers for assets such as sewer, curbs, pavement, signs, etc. They are looking at purchasing a CityWorks product for the management of these datasets. Jesse is also working on implementing ArcReader for staff to use vs. ArcView. The City also located some older aerial photos and they are attempting to build a mosaic.

City of Chico – Kelly reported that the City GIS Division is currently in a transition and has transferred from Capital Projects to the Building Division. Susan Young has also taken on a management role and is heading up the Permits Plus program as well as overseeing some of the GIS activities. The City is currently transitioning datasets from the shapefile format to SDE features. GIS staff is also being utilized in the current General Plan update for the City.

BCAG – Brian informed the group that, over the past two years, BCAG has converted all the maintained base layers (parcels, roads, address) to SDE. The Geographical Info Center (GIC) is still utilized as BCAG's consultant to house, maintain, and distribute the data. Currently, the system is set up to allow jurisdictions read access to all maintained datasets as well as the ability to modify the address layer.