

North Valley Regional GIS Council Meeting

Meeting Summary

February 5th, 2013



ATTENDEES:

Brian Lasagna –BCAG
Sean Harrasser – Tehama County
Jim Aranguren – Butte County
Mardy Thomas – Glenn County
Jason Schwenkler – CSU, Chico

MEETING SUMMARY

Far North's Regional GIS Platform Project

Sean presented the work which has been taking place with the Far North Regional GIS Platform Project. Information regarding the background, roles and responsibilities of the participating agencies, and an overview of the website (<http://farnorcalgis.org/index.php>) were covered. Other key points presented include:

- State and National Science Foundation grants are funding portions of the project
- Geographic area covered with the project coincides with the North State Super Region (<http://www.superregion.org/>)
- Subcommittee involved which is overseeing data standards
- Current partners in the project include the Far North Regional GIS Council, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency, Shasta College, and Tehama County
- Project committee is looking to expand participation by adding other North State Super Region counties to the platform

Following the presentation the grouped discussed several issues related to gaining participation from other counties as well as the development of data standards. Sean

encouraged members from the council to attend a platform project committee meeting to express thoughts on the project.

State and Federal GIS Activities Update

Brian passed along information regarding two GIS related projects at the state and federal levels:

- 1) 2012 NAIP is now available online for agencies to download
 - a. SID files available at the Federal Geospatial Data Gateway
 - b. TIFFs available at CalAtlas
http://atlas.ca.gov/download.html#/casil/imageryBaseMapsLandCover/imagery/naip/naip_2012
- 2) Central Valley LiDAR data now available to responsible public agencies through the Department of Water Resources

The California GIS Council last met in April of 2012, so no new information was available regarding that group.

City/County/Local Agencies GIS Activities Update

Butte County – Jim expressed that the County is currently looking into the use of various mobile GIS applications to be used by County staff in the field. The various hardware devices within the County make it difficult to focus in on one software package. The County also wrapped up work on the final General Plan GIS datasets.

Tehama County – Sean reported that the County recently completed GIS server upgrades and is currently hosting public GIS web services for various departments. GIS work related to the general plan zoning code update was recently completed. Blueprint project is on-going.

Glenn County – Mardy reported that Glenn County is currently wrapping up work on its Blueprint project in which they did extensive work in improving the parcel base, developing web applications, and prepared a comprehensive zoning layer which include s all local jurisdictions information.

BCAG - Brian reported that BCAG recently completed its land use and travel model development grant funded projects which were used in preparing the 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

CSU, Chico – Jason reported that the Center for Economic Development received a grant for looking into the development of “fiber rings” in northern California. Project should involve the use of GIS in determining locations. Also, the University recently completed the fine scale Central Valley Riparian Mapping project.

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14th, 2013** from 9-10:30am in the BCAG conference room