

North Valley Regional GIS Council Meeting

Meeting Summary

February 9th, 2016



ATTENDEES:

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Emergency Preparedness Data

Jim discussed the emergency preparedness data project being completed in the north state. Project consultants will be sending our data to county contacts once completed. Glenn Co has received a link to some of the flood related data. Jim will contact consultants and get a status report. Counties agreed that it would be good to post data on the NVRGIS ftp site once received.

Asset Management

Glenn Co is looking into asset management systems in response to the latest state and federal reporting requirements. Butte Co has a mix of various systems including Street Saver for pavement management. Tehama Co is primarily using Cartegraph products.

Groundwater Management

Recent groundwater legislation is having counties looking at various reporting requirements. Mardy is looking into the use of ArcHydro. Butte Co has a Department of Water and Resource Conservation that utilizes various tools and has monitoring sites, however, the GIS division has not developed any of tools for them. Tehama Co has been keeping internal records of well information but does not publish.

2020 Census Preparations

Brian reported the Census Bureau is starting its geographic related preparations for the 2020 Census and the state is leading the Block Boundary Suggestion Program (BBSP) in the coming months. A series of BBSP workshops are taking place over the next month, Jim and Brian will be attending the Redding workshop. The LUCA Program, address updates, project will also be taking place in 2017.

Regional Data Exchange

Brian discussed the regional data exchange ftp site and its function for sharing county datasets as they relate to emergency preparedness. Jason agreed to send out the new ftp connection information so counties could post the latest datasets.

CA GIS Council Update

Brian provided a brief update of the CA GIS Council. The Council has primarily been focused on setting up the new structure since getting going again. The list serves and websites are being transitioned, so those that want to stay up-to-date should make sure they are on the appropriate lists. Jason pointed out that the rural areas such as ours need to get more involved with the Council.

City/County/Local Agencies GIS Activities Update

CSU, Chico – Jason reported that the University is currently assisting Caltrans with its federal reporting requirements. The Geography Department is also looking to broaden its outreach to attract more students to the department. They are willing to go out and work with high schools.

Glenn County – Mardy reported that Glenn County has recently acquired some new GPS units. They will be sending these out with field crews to collect various data.

Butte County – Jim discussed that Butte is looking into consolidating some of its web applications. They are currently looking into GeoCortex. Tehama is currently using ESRI based products which require credits. The group also discussed ETrakit.

Tehama County – Gail reported that Glenn recently transitioned to Megabyte which has created some issues in regards to formatting. They will also need to create some custom filters for pulling datasets that were once easy to generate. Butte Co is also using this system.

BCAG - Brian reported that BCAG will be working to develop additional transportation related datasets over the next year and hopes to utilize grant opportunities to fund the development. He agreed to report back to the group as things progress.

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th, 2016** from 9-10:30am (conference call)