

North Valley Regional GIS Council Meeting

Meeting Summary

May 8th, 2012



ATTENDEES:

Brian Lasagna –BCAG
Kelly Allen – City of Chico
Carol Ostergren – USGS
Scott Gregory – California Technology Agency
Sean Harrasser – Tehama County
Jim Aranguren – Butte County (phone-in)
Mardy Thomas – Glenn County
Jerry Schantz – Colusa County (phone-in)
Jason Schwenkler – CSU, Chico
Mike Martinez – ESRI Sacramento

MEETING SUMMARY

State GIS Activities Update

Scott Gregory reported on several GIS initiatives occurring at the state level:

- *CA Statewide Geoportal* - an extension of CalAtlas that will organize the 5-7K GIS data layers currently distributed among the various state agencies.
- *Statewide Geocode Service* – architecture has been completed and beta will be available this summer. Final version will be available as a web service.
- *CA GIS Council Web Portal* – currently being developed as an area for the members and locals to collaborate. Web address will be available shortly.
- *Parcel Data* – has been developed at the state level. State is currently using private sector assessor data with the parcel base in order to develop state land use layer.

- *Statewide Parcel Viewer* – web service utility for accessing parcel information
- *Land Use* – state data layer of land use based on Assessor’s use code

Group followed with a discussion of defining land uses and determining local needs. Local needs discussed included urban level aerial photo products and guidelines for locals in developing data and cartographic products.

State GIS Activities Update

Carol Ostergren reported on current GIS activities occurring at the federal level:

- *NAIP* – next flight or imagery has been schedule for summer 2012
- *USGS Topo Maps* – currently available as geo pdfs. New files have layers which can be turned on/off and old files are simple image. New maps have been developed using federal datasets including census road file.
- *NHD Stewardship* – DWR is still developing pilot project
- *Elevation Data* – feds are currently developing new data standards

City/County/Local Agencies GIS Activities Update

BCAG - Brian provided an update on BCAG transportation data and model development grant funded projects. Data maintenance was completed for first cycle and is programmed again for next year. UPlan training was held in January for local agency staff throughout the region. BCAG is seeking additional grant funds to develop regional pedestrian facilities inventory using GIS.

CSU, Chico – Jason described the University’s central valley vegetation mapping and broadband speed test projects. University is collaborating with CSU Northridge in broadband test project.

Glenn County – Marty reported on the County’s continued blueprint planning efforts. Currently, they are transitioning to the “parcel fabric” for maintaining the parcel base and related layers. Marty covered some the pros/cons of making the move. They are also working with UC Davis in developing a UPlan based land use allocation model. Lastly, the county is in the early stages of planning a for a sign inventory project.

City of Chico – Kelly briefly discussed the City’s sign inventory project and the use of flex in delivering products to staff.

Tehama County – Sean reported that the County is ready to prepare some of the trend models for their blueprint. Tehama RCD is being utilized in GIS training for County staff. The County has also continued work on the “parcel fabric” and web mapping. Sean also provided an update regarding the FNRGC group and there recent efforts with the regional GIS platform project.

Butte County – Jim discussed the use of flex in preparing some recent online applications at the County. The county is also currently migrating to ArcGIS 10 and looking into the use of ArcGIS Online.

Additional Items

Mike Martinez provided the latest news regarding ESRI, which included the release of ArcGIS 10.1, upcoming User Conference, the Sacramento User Group, and ArcGIS Online.

Request for Agenda Items – Next Meeting

- CA Statewide Geoportal Demo
- ArcGIS Online (schedule to include at next User Group meeting following NVRGIS meeting)

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, November 13th, 2012** from 9-10:30am in the BCAG conference room