

North Valley Regional GIS Council Meeting

Meeting Summary

November 29th, 2011



ATTENDEES:

Brian Lasagna –BCAG
Carol Ostergren – USGS
Sean Harrasser – Tehama County
Jim Aranguren – Butte County
Mardy Thomas – Glenn County
Jerry Schantz – Colusa County
Cathie Benjamin – CSU, Chico
Leroy Christophersen - SFWPA

MEETING SUMMARY

State/Federal GIS Activities Update

Carol reported on several GIS topics occurring at the state and federal levels:

- CA GIS Council – The Council meet in early November. Highlights from the meeting were:
 - Results of latest user survey conducted by the Council
 - Election of new Council Chair, Scott Gergory and Vice Chair, Harold Feinberg
 - Discussion of new website for Council
 - CA Governor’s initiative with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
 - Various updates from work groups
- Imagery – Carol discussed the planned 2012 NAIP project for California along with opportunities for cost sharing on local imagery projects. The group also discussed the status of the 2008 DWR 6” imagery and lidar products. Carol

agreed to distribute contact information for acquiring the DWR products. See additional info following meeting notes.

- Additional Federal Updates –
 - USGS Topo Maps – scans of historical maps are now available as GeoPDF files. Older series of maps also available with photo bases.
 - NHD – DWR is working on a pilot project for stewarding the dataset. CSU, Chico also involved in project with DWR.
 - USACE Levee Dataset – Mardy asked if anyone had used the new dataset, no one had.

Latest News on City/County/Agency GIS Activities

BCAG - Brian provided an update on the development of BCAG's land use allocation model. A training is currently being organized for local jurisdiction staff, to be held in mid-January.

Butte County – Jim discussed the GIS divisions work in updating the County zoning associated with the new general plan.

Tehama County – Sean explained that the parcel fabric project had been completed. The County is now looking at developing a point based address file. Sean also attended the Jack Dangermond presentation in Sacramento. The group discussed some of the issues related to ELA licensing with ESRI products. Sean was also able to provide an update regarding the FNRGC group and their recent efforts with regional GIS platform project.

Colusa County – Jerry discussed the work related to the new parcel base for the County and the recent efforts to clean up some of the boundaries prior to making available to the public. The group discussed some of the issues related to parcel base accuracy. The county is also in the middle of preparing a new general plan and the GIS is being used in this process. Currently, the public works department is the steward of the parcel file. Jerry also described some of the GPS survey work being completed in the County.

Glenn County – Marty reported on the County's work to provide more GIS based applications to staff. A consultant is assisting them with this work. The County is also utilizing Citrix for remote access of applications. Work is also continuing on the cleaning up of base layers, they have utilized some of Colusa's GPS survey points for this effort.

CSU, Chico Geography Department and Lab – Cathy reported that department has been working on developing mobile applications using Flex and Citrix. She encouraged agencies to post their data for use in the applications. See additional info following meeting notes.

County Data Exchange

Brian reminded the County GIS leads to post data to the ftp site on an annual basis or as major changes occur. It was reiterated that the site is provided for County GIS leads only and those that wish to access a particular county's data should contact that county.

Request for Agenda Items – Next Meeting

- CSU Chico to cover NHD pilot project
- USGS topo map demo
- GIS software licensing discussion

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8th, 2012** from 9-10:30am in the BCAG conference room

Additional Info

Instructions for ordering DWR central valley lidar and orthos:

<ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/wr/ca/menlo.park/costergren/Central%20Valley%20Lidar%20and%20ortho--instructions%20for%20ordering/>

CSU, Chico Geography GIS web applications:

<http://geochico.csuchico.edu/bcep>

<http://geochico.csuchico.edu/susCon>