

MINUTES

Enterprise GIS Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

1:30-3:30 PM

Public Works

Conference Room C

900 South Fremont Avenue

Alhambra, CA 91803

Chair: Mark Greniger, CIO

Handouts: agenda, 2008 meeting schedule

1:40 PM Meeting called to order Mark Greniger, CIO

1:42 PM 2008 meeting schedule
Members voted to start February 19th meeting at 10 AM. Please note start time.
ACTION ITEM: Mark Greniger will revised schedule to new start time.

1:45 PM GIS Activity Reports Various
a. Training David Kwan, DHS
David has received little or no response for training for the current quarter. He needs at least 12 participants to hold an introductory or advance ArcGIS training. Please contact him to sign up for training.
ACTION ITEM: Mark Greniger will look into getting a person qualified as an ESRI certified trainer to teach the classes in the future.

b. eGIS Web Site Nick Franchino, DRP
Nick reported that the website is up and running. The site is using Word Press, an open source blogging app that facilitates communication by allowing members to easily post items to the site. The website has links to technical articles, GIS Steering Committee items, meeting schedules, etc. Contact Nick to get rights to post items to the website. Please peruse the site when you have the opportunity.
ACTION ITEM: Nick Franchino will look into setting up website to do RSS feeds, which allows persons who signs up for the service to receive notification of updates through e-mail.

c. Enterprise GIS Data Mark Greniger, CIO
Mark reported that members added 44 new data layers to the GIS repository. Most of the new layers lack metadata. Some layers are perhaps duplicates of existing layers. Need to determine authoritative source and accuracy of layers.
ACTION ITEM: Mark Greniger will send spreadsheet to members who recently uploaded data to complete information on layers.

ACTION ITEM: Nick Franchino will look into converting Initial Data Repository Layer spreadsheet into a database that is accessible at the eGIS website so that member can update the information on the uploaded layers.

d. Strategic Plan Subcommittee Mark Greniger, CIO
Mark reported that the subcommittee met last week. They are close to completing the restating the plan into plain English. The plan will be finalize next month and will be distributed to members for review and comments.

e. Positions Subcommittee Mark Greniger, CIO
Mark reported that the subcommittee met last week with Susan Curran of the CEO to discuss positions for the GIS series. She will review proposal and send recommendations to subcommittee. Subcommittee needs data to justify creation of GIS series.

ACTION ITEM: Mark Greniger will gather case studies from members on the difficulty in recruiting, retention, and transfer of employees with GIS skills.

f. Other items Mark Greniger, CIO
Nick Franchino mentioned that LAR-IAC will holding training on Pictometry for experienced users this week. Also LAR-IAC2 kickoff meeting will be this Thursday.
Mark thanked Yoko Meyers for putting the 2008 Thomas Brothers dataset on the servers. Please contact her if you need the dataset.

2:00 PM Demonstration of GIS Support during fires Alfie Blanch, Fire
Alfie Blanch and Ed Lamas of Los Angeles County Fire Department gave a presentation of Wildland Fire Mapping. Please go to the eGIS website to download the presentation.
Timeline from presentation:
1970: Wildland fires spurred the creation of Firescope, a consortium of agencies to facility communication among agencies, coordination of fire fighting efforts, and mapping of fires.
1995: ArcInfo use began.
1996: Firescope GIS Group was formed. The group created the standards for software, training, equipment, etc.
1999: ArcView 3.x & on scene GIS
NOW: Full blown GIS on incident command post (ICP). This consists of networked workstation running ArcInfo and printing to a shared plotter. Fire perimeters are constantly updated with data obtained by ground crews, aircraft flyovers, and satellite imagery. Fire perimeter data is posted to various state and county agencies FTP sites.
2008: LACoFD Mobile GIS Unit was delivered. Funded by grant. Unit has four networked workstations and plotter. External connectors allow other workstations to connect to the network.

Members expressed interest in obtaining the latest fire perimeters to determine timely measures to mitigate the adverse impact of the fires.
ACTION ITEM: Mark will look into facilitate the distribution of LACoFD fire perimeters to the various agencies. He offered the use of the GIS facilities for LACoFD to post the fire perimeters so that all county agencies will have access to the perimeters at a internal website and external users at an external website. To alleviate LACoFD workload, he suggested that LACoFD posts perimeter at a single site and that the recipient be responsible for pushing the data to other agencies that LACoFD currently uploads data to.
ACTION ITEM: Mark has proposed creating a LACoFD website using Word Press so that they can create blogs about the latest uploaded perimeter data and push RSS feeds to notify subscribers about the latest data.

2:45 PM	Open Discussion	Members
	Mark gave demo on using Word Press to create and posting a blog and uploading a file. Nick mentioned that the strategic plan has provisions for the creation of the GIS Corp, which consists of volunteers and resources that will be utilized in events of major incidents or disasters.	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	Mark Greniger, CIO