

eGIS Meeting Minutes
03/17/08
DPW Conf Room C
Alhambra

Updates

Training:

ESRI Advantage Program

- Suggestion is to bring training in-house. Still need to find out cost per unit
- David Kwan received some responses on which departments want/need training

eGIS website

- Has a new home at: <http://gis.lacounty.gov/egis>
- Recommend all users to register and post notes
- The website can be used to upload documents
- Mark Greninger will be posting GIS notes and announcements on the website
- With RSS feeds a user will be able to see when a post changes
- Users will be able to subscribe to comments about specific posts
- Nick was asked to set up some meeting sessions to walk through users through the application

Position Subcommittee

The committee completed a draft and will be meeting with the CEO the week of March 24th to discuss the draft.

ITF Grant:

- Working on a firm list of interested departments participating in the pilot program

- Unit cost is \$750 per car
- Unit cost is \$50 for a laptop
- For cell phones need specific model
- Audience commented: Post a log on AVL?
- The cost for GPS to become network enabled is \$50 per month
- Pilot project is expected to last one year
- The ITF grant is looking at 50 units to pilot.
- Mark will write a document about the use of AVL
- Grant for the project is written. Once all the Departments are listed, it will go to the Implementation Agenda.

Data

- Blog Page: Discusses the use and value of Metadata
- Purpose is to have one location for data
- When writing MD, use plain English. Avoid acronyms
- Meta data can be tied to Assessor or TIGER files
- ESRI has MD style sheets
- ESRI has seven sections for writing MD
- Need ArcInfo to load MD
- Can create MD about Map Service
- Mark Greninger has put together simple instructions for MD
- Mark Greninger is the contact person for templates
- Currently there are templates for:
 - Geocoding
 - Registrar recorder
- Default is FGDC
- Can import MD in several formats like XML
- There are 2 different editions for MD editing
 - FGC and ISO
- MD can use local shape files
- Gets published directly to MD explorer
- Users should see the "Create MD" Document
- The eGIS group will decide what fields to put in MD
- Goal is to have MD for every data layer
- ArcIMS9 has MD Chapters
- Mark will set up a local shape file to test MD publishing
- When writing MD, make sure to export file after finishing to avoid losing information

CAMS

- 60% loaded
- Cities points will be loaded in the next few days
- Group has created a manual
- Will upload to eGIS website

Miscellaneous

Discussion around following issues:

- Should have vendors come to steering committee meeting sometime in August. Nick has put up a post
 - Should be a demo format or mill around?
- Combine GIS day with Vendor day
 - GIS Day is November 19
- GIS day should be in a Department instead of at the Hall
- Could put together a full day for GIS
- 2-3 times a year bring other Department/agencies for a visit
- ESRI Master Agreement GSA price-18% discount
 - Will set up a blog for ESRI registration
- Latitude Conference is in April in BC.
- LARIAC user group meeting is following Thursday