

South Bay Cities Council of Governments
GIS Working Group
Meeting Notes for January 4, 2006

Attendees: Barry Waite, Michael Mc Daniel, Chris Hardenbrook, Elsa Moreno, Bonnie Shrewsbury, Ryan Tucker, Sonali Tambe, Cuong Dang, Michael Ferris, Susie Dever, Jenny Gough (Chair)

Susie Dever, council member from Lomita and chair of the COG, introduced herself. She explained that the Technology Committee was reactivated in 2004 to review technology policy issues and provide direction to the board. She was hoping the GIS Working Group could provide a lot of input to the committee. The committee has been focused in a fairly narrow range, and she would like to change that. Susie asked what the WG would like from the COG and the Technology Committee. There was some discussion of projects and awareness opportunities. Jenny will start a discussion by email to be followed by further discussion at next month's meeting to be scheduled at a time when Susie can be there.

Jenny thanked Diane for preparing the notes from December's meeting.

Shared centerline project – Jenny explained the background on the project. The data will be used for city planning, traffic and emergency response. Mike has redone Gardena. Bonnie is updating Manhattan Beach. We need LA County's data for the unincorporated areas. Barry will check with Dean Lehman in the street maintenance bureau. Dean used to head GIS for the county's public works department. We need LA City data too. The attribute fields seem to be generally the same, so it shouldn't be hard to join them by using the basic fields.

Homeland security data portal – This application is to access and maintain our data for use in an emergency. A company called Geoprise has software that would do what we want for about \$45,000. Consulting costs for implementation would be about \$20,000 more. There is grant money available. We can work through Mike Martinet to put together a project. Jenny will generate a draft for us to review. Susie suggested a report to the COG about this to let them know what the WG is doing.

General Assembly – Barry attended December's meeting of the Technology Committee and found the topic for the general assembly was narrower than we had understood. The agenda was solely on telecommunications related issues. Now it has broadened somewhat but still is focused in that area. Barry has been working on adding several technology vendors to the exhibit hall and adding a technology theater to the exhibit hall for ongoing presentations throughout the day. We are trying to broaden the appeal of the event. Several people suggested additional vendors to contact. ESRI has provided several good ideas.

Each city will have a display in the exhibit hall regarding some use of technology. Many of these will include GIS, but there was a consensus that it would be nice to have a display on our shared GIS efforts. Barry will collect images from each city to be put into a PowerPoint display that will run continuous in the exhibit hall.

Susie is looking for historical maps of the area. Having just finished his thesis on the Spanish rancho boundaries, Mike has a lot of data that would be helpful.

NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE – Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, at 10:30 in Redondo Beach.