

**GIS Working Group  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2006  
Redondo Beach, CA**

**Attendees:** Jenny Gough (Chair, Torrance); Steve Lavey (Torrance); Barry Waite (Carson); Jim Lee (City of Los Angeles); Chris Hardenbrook (Hermosa Beach); Kevin Gee (Inglewood); Bonnie Shrewsbury (Manhattan Beach); Sonali Tambe (RPV); Ryan Tucker & Michael Williams (Redondo Beach); Rod Peel (ESRI); Sean Christian (LACSD); Diane Cameron (SBCCOG).

- 1. Self Introductions-**Members introduced themselves
- 2. Minutes-**Approved
- 3. City of Los Angeles Regional GIS Projects-**Jim Lee presented an overview of some of the projects being worked on in the region, especially as it relates to disaster planning and emergency response. LA region is made up of over 100 cities and districts, making planning complicated. GIS issues are: where is the data, what data do we have and how do we use it? LA has GIS initiative which consists of renovating the GIS infrastructure, putting together yellow page/metadata and creating a common GIS Web viewer.

Renovating the GIS Infrastructure includes increasing data volume to accommodate regional data, as well as improving data availability and accessibility. This includes a fail over that operates outside of city hall, in case city hall has a disaster and the system is down.

Metadata/yellow page creates a single point of access for discovery, transmission, use and download of GIS data maintained anywhere on the city's intranet, to avoid confusion over who created data, when it was last updated, etc.

A common GIS web viewer will allow an EOC staff to access GIS info.

Once this infrastructure is in place, other cities can either assign staff access to use this data, or possibly dial in to obtain data. Barry stated that county assessor is talking about making parcel data available through a web server. Barry also stated that Thomas Brothers has restrictive license issues, and asked how LA is working with them. Mr. Lee stated that how one will use the data, and if there will be a cost in different situations, is something the city attorney is working on. Jenny asked if there is anything we can do now, or is this just an informational update. Mr. Lee stated that his partner is working with Long Beach, and later in the project, other cities will be able to participate. Bonnie Shrewsbury offered to update some existing data and send it to Mr. Lee.

- 4. SBCCOG Website Update and FTP Funding Request-**Diane stated that the website was up and running and content is still being added. The Steering Committee approved the request for FTP service for a six month trial period. Information on how to use will be on the website, and once it is up and running, everyone will be notified. Diane stated that the GIS group needs to come up with an evaluation tool within 4 and 1/2 months in order to have a completed one before the end of the trial period. In addition, all future funding requests must be completed as part of the Steering Committee approved

funding request form in order to be addressed. Jenny stated that planning departments and Livable Communities should probably be notified of the FTP access, since they routinely are forwarding large files to SBCCOG members.

**5. Business and Demographic/GDT Centerline Data Funding Request-**Barry stated that Knabe's office is accepting a request to fund the purchase, so it may be purchased through there. Diane stated that the SBCCOG will follow up with Knabe next Wed prior to taking the request to the City Manager's meeting. If Knabe does not pay for it, it will be presented to the City Manager's and then have to go back to the Steering Committee in August. Barry also discussed ways that interested cities could go in on it together, if neither Knabe or the SBCCOG wishes to purchase the data. Since price is staggered downward with less licenses, it gets cheaper than it is for the full 15 licenses. Rod stated that data gets sent electronically very quickly once purchased.

**6. Other Potential uses of Data from Item 5.** Diane requested that the GIS group discuss how the data could be used, except for emergency planning as previously discussed. The group came up with several other uses for the data, including the following:

- Economic Development/Planning-Torrance routinely requests data like this for industry cluster analysis. In addition, businesses wanting to locate into an area (such as restaurants) ask for daytime population to know who would come to their business.
- Public works-Utility Modeling
- Business Licensing-Compare data with business licenses-if there is "no match" then enforcement is a possibility.
- NPDES
- Emergency Services and Long Term Planning
- Transit
- Ride Share Programs

**7. Shared Centerline Status-**no report

**8. Economic Development Grant-**Barry is still putting together final parts of grant, then he will send via Joe Aro to LAEDC.

**9. (ADDED ITEM) Storm Drain Update-**The pilot project is done for the South Bay area. 1 license per city to use for free right now; licensing issues for more than one are in process of being addressed. Sewer (regional and local) data will soon be added.

**10. ESRI User Conference Map Gallery-**Bonnie stated that there are only 3 panels left that are available for the map gallery.

**11. Other Business-**Steve Lavey stated that anyone interested in joining a Homeland Security Road Map group next week (response, recovery, protection or prevention) he has dates and times, but no location yet. Kevin Gee discussed Inglewood's establishment

of GIS service fees (regarding requests from the public, consultants, or others), and he asked how many other cities had done that. Jenny stated that she had researched something like that in the past, and based it on time used. She will send Torrance's fee sheet to Kevin.

**Next meeting**-September 13th

**12. Adjournment**-Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.