

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
GIS Working Group Meeting  
City of Redondo Beach  
Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 10:30 am**

**Minutes**

**Introductions and Sign-in:** Mike Ferris (CSUDH), Kevin Gee (Inglewood), Amber Hernandez (LA Port), Sunny Lai (Torrance), Mike Sumich (Esri), Sonali Tambe (Hermosa Beach, Chair), Ryan Tucker (Redondo Beach), Mike McDaniel (El Segundo), Bonnie Shrewsbury (Manhattan Beach)

**May Meeting Notes:** Approved unanimously, no changes.

**Discussion Items:**

**1. Recap of meeting: SoCal GIS at Culver City**

Attendees' main impression of the Culver City GIS is the superior level of involvement of departments, especially Fire and Police. It was also surprising that the core GIS staff is only three persons, but they are assisted by employees in each department, forming a very cohesive group. The "SoCal vs. The Forum" issue seems to be resolved and both groups will continue with better communication.

**2. ESRI Conference**

There was brief discussion regarding the Working Group's presentation at the conference, including number of panels, spacing and maps. Samples of the banners (24" by 48") were viewed that display each city logo and representative photos. It was agreed that 10 banners would be printed and that the sample images were acceptable. Arrangements for finalizing, transporting and set up at the conference were briefly discussed.

The subject of conference free passes was discussed briefly – El Segundo has one extra pass; Torrance has enough passes for now.

### **3. Sea Rise Grant – Bonnie Shrewsbury**

Bonnie informed the group of a Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Grant that had been forwarded from Esri. Local governments and ports that have a Local Coastal Program are eligible to apply. The purpose is to help evaluate sea level rise and help calculate storm and flooding impacts from climate change. The grant is a collaboration between the California Coastal Commission and Coastal Conservancy. The submittal date is July 15 and requires adoption of a resolution by the city council. Bonnie will forward info to the cities and the Port of Los Angeles.

### **4. HAZUS training by FEMA demo/info – Mike McDaniel**

Mike McDaniel (El Segundo) made a PowerPoint presentation of the HAZUS training program that is available at no cost by FEMA at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmetsburg, Maryland. He will post the presentation to the Working Group ftp for group access.

The following points were made:

- What is it? HAZUS is a software package created by FEMA that uses standardized GIS methodology, estimates possible losses, helpful in preparedness, used to create Emergency Action Plans, can be downloaded at <https://msc.fema.gov>. Warning: data for earthquake estimates is at census tract level, so not really detailed. But the training is still useful.
- Enrollment: After getting an ID number, your city must sponsor you, (needs City Manager approval). Your application is forwarded to the state training officer, who forwards to FEMA for processing.
- Getting there: get your airfare (nonrefundable) 21 days in advance. Bus transport is provided from the airport to the campus.
- Campus life: the location is 75 miles from Washington D.C., 15 miles from Gettysburg and there is a \$125 mandatory meal ticket.
- Tips: other eating options include the Ott House in town in Emmetsburg (a mile walk). You need to have 2 forms of photo ID to get back onto the campus. The dress code is casual but long pants are required. Make sure you visit Gettysburg if you've never been.
- Classes: held daily 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Certification and courses: there are two certification tracks: Trained Professional, and Practitioner. Various courses are offered and you

sign up for what you need. Look at the catalog in advance because classes fill up. It is suggested that you get your city approval ASAP.

## **5. Community Maps 2.0**

The Chair reported that she got a notice that the Community Map needs updating and asked that the cities register (for 2.0). It was suggested that when prompted as to what layers are being contributed, that you check all the boxes. By registering, you will receive future notifications and be kept informed. When contributions are made in the future it will be as a Map Package. Everything will be symbolized and the maps will have a much more subdued color palette.

## **Other Business**

Bonnie (Manhattan Beach) raised a few issues: 1) bike path information needs to be sent to the other WG members, and 2) the County sent some initial False-Match geocoding results, but without a CAMS online interface for editing, there's not really much for the group to do at this point.

Volunteer for Goodies Next Meeting – Mike McDaniel