South Bay Cities Council of Governments
GIS Working Group Meeting
City of Redondo Beach
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 10:30 am

Agenda

Introductions and Sign-in
Attendees: Amber Hernandez (Port LA), Sunny Lai (Torrance), Mike McDaniel (El Segundo), Elsa Moreno (Inglewood), Bonnie Shrewsbury (Manhattan Beach), Michael Sumich (Esri), Sonali Tambe (Hermosa Beach, Chair), Rosemary Lackow (SBCCOG, note taker)

August Meeting Notes: Approved, no changes

Discussion Items:

1. **New ftp site**

   The Chair passed out information instructing how to access the new COG ftp site and noting that this info is available only from her upon request. The Chair further explained that the process for accessing the site is the same as before except the storage space allotted that has been increased from 100 MB to 200 MB.

2. **Area G mutual aid fire run map update**

   The Chair inquired whether Torrance had found any more information, to which Torrance responded negative, but will inquire further. The Chair clarified that an updated Map Book is needed, with hydrants and address updated and suggested that perhaps Torrance just needs to re-export. El Segundo will send example, and Torrance can also go to the Working Group ftp site and look for the Manhattan Beach example (although it was noted that the grids/page may be different); Torrance also will look at the Manhattan Beach Map Book for an example.

3. **Geocoding and routing service and effect on COG GIS group**

   The Chair indicated that the COG is asking whether the GIS Working Group needs Legacy geocoding and routing services because these services are being retired by Esri at the end of the year. A brief discussion followed in which it was noted that while such services are useful to those who teach GIS, this would not affect the GIS Working Group.

4. **GIS day in November**

   The Chair announced that the date for GIS Day is Wednesday, November 20 and inquired as to whether any cities will be doing a presentation. Torrance noted

their city will have an exhibit with a poster. El Segundo advised that there may be a glitch in the GIS Day website online registration and that the cities should double check that their city has a dot is on the map indicating that their event has been registered.

The Chair asked whether any working group cities plan to attend the County GIS Day event. Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach responded that they are interested in attending and Inglewood is interested in helping out and possibly posting maps. After brief discussion it was concluded that there was no interest in the Working Group collectively hosting a booth.

5. **Upcoming Meetings:**

LAR-IAC4 – Thursday, September 12th from 9:30 am – noon

Regarding the LAR-IAC meeting (tomorrow), Torrance and Inglewood indicated they will attend, while Manhattan Beach and El Segundo have conflicts. Torrance will provide a report to the group. Torrance indicated that the vendors have not yet been selected, and the prices have been based on LAR-IAC 2 and so far are just an estimate - the final prices will not be known until the vendors (who will be teaming up with other vendors as a package) are chosen.

Regional GIS Forum – September 26th from 2 pm – 5 pm

Regarding the Regional GIS Forum in two weeks (Downtown at SCAG office on 7th Street 2-5 pm), interest in attending was indicated by Manhattan Beach and Torrance.

Other Business

- 2014 COG General Assembly: The Chair announced that the COG's annual assembly will be February 28, and the topic is: Why Must We Care: The Cost of the Changing Environment to the South Bay. The question was raised as to what type of maps the GIS Groups should prepare for an exhibit. It was determined that more information on the theme would be helpful. Manhattan Beach's "Sustainable Story Map" was suggested to be part of the exhibit.

- Proposed Linked In group: Torrance led a discussion regarding a proposal to form a Linked In South Bay GIS Professional Group. There are two members currently. It was agreed that this be a closed group and active core members of the Working Group would be invited.

- Torrance raised the issue that their Police Department has contacted the GIS staff, indicating that PD wants to integrate some aspects of GIS into their systems and they will be meeting next week to discuss. The question is whether any other cities want to make a contribution to this? El Segundo suggested that they have

some public viewing info on crime stats and noted that the West Covina PD has created a program that they sell. Esri will give Torrance a contact with the City of Redlands which may be helpful.

- Torrance announced that September 21 (Saturday) is Coastal Cleanup Day.

- El Segundo asked for input regarding using the Infra-Map program for Public Works field crews. The El Segundo street crews are starting to use this program on tablets and they are experiencing difficulties with mapping changes made to city signs and a big problem is that there are so many and different kinds of signs to keep track of. Indicating that this has been a very time consuming process, El Segundo asked if any cities have any specific sign layers, or have performed sign inventories in GIS and further does any City know of a source for a data dictionary that would identify what data should be entered for various form fields? Inglewood indicated that she would send El Segundo a link to an online source that might be helpful.

- Hermosa Beach noted some difficulty working with Story Map and asked for advice specifically with exported point data not showing up at the correct location. El Segundo and Manhattan Beach offered possible causes and solutions. It was suggested that Hermosa Beach send the shape file to Manhattan Beach to inspect. It was observed that this was an example of the kind of discussion that would be suitable to the Linked In forum.

Goodies Next Meeting – Sunny Lai