South Bay Cities Council of Governments
GIS Working Group Meeting
City of Redondo Beach
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:30 am

Minutes

Introductions and Sign-in
Attendees: Bonnie Shrewsbury (Manhattan Beach), Michael McDaniel (El Segundo), Sunny Lai (Torrance), Ryan Tucker (Redondo Beach), Michael Ferris (CSU Dominguez Hills), Sonali Tambe (Hermosa Beach), Sabrina Bornstein (SBCCOG), David Magarian (SBCCOG)

August Meeting Notes: Approved

Discussion Items:

1. **Welcome to Sabrina Bornstein, Environmental Programs Specialist with the COG**

Sabrina Bornstein from the SBCCOG introduced herself to the group. She took over Jeremy's position as the climate action planner for the South Bay Cities. She works with cities to set reduction targets and to develop strategies for reducing GHGE. Sabrina knows how critical mapping is to this process and would like to work with the group to help their cities reach sustainability goals.

Sabrina also wanted to take the opportunity to inform the group of a free GIS training hosted by SCAG. The training is a two-day workshop on the NOAA coastal inundation mapping program. There will be two sessions: the first from November 6th through 7th and the second November 8th through 9th. The group had several questions regarding the workshop: does the workshop involve FEMA's efforts to incorporate HAZUS and does the workshop involve sea level or tsunami?

For information contact Matt Pendleton at matt.pendleton@noaa.gov and RSVP to Juliette Hart at jahart@usc.edu

2. **SBCCOG Street Lamp Mapping Projects**

David Magarian from the SBCCOG spoke about the COG's street lamp mapping project. There have been recent changes in policy that now allows cities the opportunity to interface differently with Edison and their street lighting systems. Cities will now have the opportunity to purchase their lighting systems instead of renting them directly from Edison, which would be a benefit to cities in terms of cost savings as they can upgrade

their lighting to more efficient bulbs. This policy came about because Edison has been sued by Huntington Beach for overcharging and for not replacing 80-year-old poles. Huntington Beach will replace their lamps and contract the maintenance through ESCO. This deal will save them money in terms of energy savings.

The COG would like to work with cities helping them to map their current street lighting systems. They are willing to provide internship support. The COG is in the process of developing a business case to see how far cities can go with replacements. Torrance and RPV have expressed interest. **David** to let Sunny know who the COG has contacted from Torrance.

David asked how much the South Bay cities have in terms of mapped lamps. Carson does but it is derived from the county. Redondo Beach has an inventory and Manhattan Beach has somewhat of an inventory. The data are spotty for the rest of the group. Cities can go to Edison to ask for their data however, Edison does not have a great inventory. Redondo Beach noted that the inventory process is laborious and took them a year and a half to document their infrastructure.

If anyone knows of students seeking short-term work or if they are interested in the project they should contact the COG. Cities should consider an experimental stage before asking the COG to commit.

Group members should assess the level of interest within their own city and the possibility of working with interns, considering that supervision of the interns would be necessary. In the meantime cities can contact Edison to obtain a list of their lighting. **Ryan** to see if he knows the Edison contact.

Questions remained such as whether the policy requires replacement of the entire lamp or simply the bulb and whether or not there is a time frame on the decision.

3. SCAG GIS Services

SCAG provides GIS services to its member cities. The contact person for these services is Ping Wang. Training is the primary service they provide, at basic, intermediate and advanced levels. It might not be something that the working group can benefit from but it may be something to promote to cities lacking GIS services or other employees within GIS-ready cities. **Mike** to send out SCAG training information to the larger working group list.

4. CAMS update

For the county wide address management system (CAMS) many group members contributed address points. After the points were registered there was an editing process.

The county has switched technologies, transitioning from Thomas Brothers which was not a publicly available dataset. They are creating their own street addressing system with the use of TIGER centerlines and feedback from cities and other agencies in LA County. They had a good geocoder with Thomas Brothers and are looking to keep the same level of precision.

If anyone's jurisdiction has address points, they should contribute to CAMS. It would be best to have the best and newest points. Everyone should be helping the county get away from Thomas Brothers so the county may share their data.

There is an issue with apartment buildings and other multi-addressed properties. One way of working with this is to begin with a voter registration list as it has detailed address (unit number) information.

There is time with CAMS as they have slowed down their operations a bit. The next CAMS meeting was not officially announced. The meeting will likely take place after the elections.

5. **Upcoming meetings**

   a. **APWA GIS Conference, September 20**

The APWA conference will take place in Cypress.

   b. **Esri ArcGIS 10.1 Seminar, October 2, 8 a.m. – noon**

The ArcGIS 10.1 training will take place at the OMNI hotel in downtown LA.

   a. **County GIS Day, November, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The group had a booth at last year's County GIS Day and a few people ended up manning the booth the entire day. This year there will be a booth rotation schedule for all of those who use the booth to distribute handouts. **Bonnie** to sign the group up for a booth.

By the next meeting, the group should have some ideas of what the group can present so it can be solidified what will be showcased. Last year the booth highlighted the working group's timeline since formation.

The county GIS day is on the group's meeting day in November. Everyone should consider whether the group skips a meeting or reschedules.

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Other Business

- The group's poster won third place in the community maps division at the ESRI conference. Bonnie took the poster to the COG Board Meeting. This is a useful meeting for group members to attend as it is an opportunity to get face time with elected officials and upper management from various cities.
- Mike sent out an e-mail about a wastewater meeting in Torrance on November 8th.
- There is a FEMA meeting on September 26th from 2pm to 5pm in Lawndale. They are looking for data to populate their flood risk maps. Mark G. was discussing having a LA Regional Forum meeting on that day. **Bonnie** to forward Mike the list of what FEMA wants.
- The community maps program will be redone. ESRI is redoing the program because people used different templates and now they are adjusting so that all maps will look the same through a new template. ESRI has a blog regarding what they are proposing. They do not want individuals to do their own caching but rather have jurisdictions turn in their maps and data for ESRI to cache. It remains unclear as to whether previous versions have to be revised or new ones created. This opportunity will allow groups to correct elements of their maps. The blog reads that April is the deadline to create changes. It was suggested the blog be monitored for updates.

Volunteer for Goodies October 10th Meeting: Mike Ferris