

## **2003 CALIFORNIA CADASTRAL MAPPING CONFERENCE**

**PLACE:** Mission Inn, Riverside

**DATE:** October 23-24, 2003

**OFFICERS:** Doug Vierra, President (Riverside County)  
Cindy Phillips, Vice President (Napa County)  
Secretary, Jessie Mudgett (Santa Cruz County)  
Treasurer, Bret Keesler (San Bernardino County)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Doug Vierra.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Jessie Mudgett – 22 counties were represented as well as the State Board of Equalization.

Assessor Gary Orso gave welcoming comments. He recognized the importance of cadastral mapping and noted that conference attendance allowed the sharing of ideas.

Jim Isbell was honored with a plaque for setting up the CCMA website. He encouraged us to send items for the News and Articles page and suggested that this page might be a good place to post job openings.

Cindy Phillips, Vice President was introduced as the host of the 2004 conference in Napa.

### **Riverside County's GIS Toolbox, Bill Mumbleau, GIS Manager**

Mr. Mumbleau reviewed the several attempts to start a GIS in Riverside during the 1960's and 1970's. Eventually, the T.L.M.A. (Transportation Land Management Agency) was formed and along with the Assessor, Sheriff and Fire agencies, created a successful GIS. The T.L.M.A. was formed in order to take advantage of funding for homeland security. An application has been written that answers 75 business requirements (i.e., what can I do with my parcel?). Mr. Mumbleau estimates that this application saves considerable staff time each year. They are currently using ESRI 8.3 and are a premier beta site for ESRI 9.0.

### **How Riverside County Creates Condominiums Within the GIS, Jason Santos, Senior GIS Specialist**

Mr. Santos demonstrated their policies and procedures for drawing condos.

### **PSOMAS, Craig Gooch (vendor presentation)**

Psomas provides GIS consulting services including requirements analysis, strategic planning, design/conversion, software development, business process design, training/education, inter-agency facilitation and program management.

Mr. Gooch reviewed three current projects in Santa Clara, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

### **California CAD Solutions (vendor presentation)**

California CAD Solutions provides training/support of AutoCAD software and GIS consulting services. They demonstrated a program that vectorizes raster.

CalTrans Projects – Dennis Green

This guy is a hoot and an excellent speaker. He reviewed major projects now occurring in Southern California and noted that CalTrans is looking into mass transit because they cannot build their way out of congestion.

How long is the dashed white line on a freeway?

Mark Lancaster, Caltrans Project Director, described the 60/91/215 freeway project that is using design sequencing as well as design build. These procedures allow the work to be done much more quickly.

### **CCMA Standards and Titles**

This item was put on the agenda as a starting point to decide whether we want to pursue standards, titles and possibly a certification program under the auspices of the CCMA. Discussion centered on why we would want to do this, should we invent our own program, adopt someone else's or create a hybrid. The 'why' had mostly to do with salary and respect. IAAO and URISA were suggested as model certification programs to review. Several counties spoke of the frustration they experienced in trying to get positions reclassified through their HR/Personnel departments and how GIS/using GIS tools affected their efforts. A committee, comprised of Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Calaveras, Los Angeles, Amador and Santa Barbara, was formed to study the issue and report back at our next meeting.

### **State Board of Equalization, Ralph Davis**

Mr. Davis described what the State Board does with respect to tax rate areas. He encouraged all counties to provide the SBE with digital base maps so that we will not

have to draw tax rate areas every year. License agreements with the State Board say that they promise not to share county maps. However, he believes that the agreements should be amended because of the great demand by other state agencies for our digital maps. Robin Rose, CDF and Craig Gooch, Psomas, both spoke to the need for Assessors to share their digital maps.

The State Board is getting ready to update AH215. Mr. Davis summarized the procedure and handed out a questionnaire to gather our thoughts on the relevancy of the current handbook and how GIS should be addressed.

Do you know why Assessor map pages are 11x17?

**Friday, October 24, 2003**

### **Business**

Officers elected for 2004: President – Cindy Phillips, Napa County; Vice President – George Eachus, Orange County. Jessie Mudgett, Secretary and Bret Keesler, Treasurer will service out the remainder of their two year terms.

### **Amend Bylaws (Article II – Membership, Section 3**

The CCMA Bylaws were amended to reflect that our bank account is in the name of the *California Cadastral Mapping Association* instead of the California Cadastral Mappers' Association and that funds in that account can be used for future meetings and *to cover Association operating costs*.

### **CCMA Website, Jim Isbell, Kern County**

Jim did a demonstration of the website. It includes a membership directory, links to relevant sites, history of the CCMA, an events page and an e-forum capability.

### **George J. Spiliotis, Executive Officer for Riverside County LAFCO**

Mr. Spiliotis acknowledged that LAFCO'S interaction with the Assessor is small. He noted that GIS has made it much easier for LAFCO to carry out their notification requirements and encouraged us to do outreach with respect to map services.

## **ESRI, Overview of GIS**

A representative from ESRI did an overview of where GIS is today and its future.

## **Certification Program – University of California Riverside Extension GIS Program, Jason Wilbur and Jennifer Campbell**

There are three focus tracks in the GIS certification program: GIS Management, GIS Data Collection/Data Generation, and GIS Analysis and Presentation. To earn a certificate participants must complete 24 units (9 units of required courses and 15 of elective courses). Students will gain access to GIS information, expertise and technology, learn the basics of GIS technologies by using GIS software, explore interdisciplinary aspects of GIS, understand how demographic information can be used and obtain skills necessary to manage a GIS program.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.