

CCMA Conference Minutes

Bakersfield, Kern County, California
Holiday Inn Select, Convention Center
October 18-19, 2007

DAY ONE

Welcome and Introductions

by CCMA President Randy Worley

- CCMA Officers
- Non-Member Guests
 - SBE
 - Sidwell
 - Psomas
- Vendors
 - Munsys
 - ESRI
 - California CAD Solutions

Roll Call of Counties: * Denotes Present Status

Alameda	Alpine*	Amador	Butte
Calaveras	Colusa	Contra Costa*	Del Norte
El Dorado	Fresno	Glen	Humboldt*
Imperial*	Inyo	Kern*	Kings*
Lake	Lassen	Los Angeles*	Madera*
Marin*	Mariposa	Mendocino	Merced*
Modoc	Mono	Monterey	Napa
Nevada*	Orange*	Placer*	Plumas
Riverside*	Sacramento*	San Benito*	San Bernardino*
San Diego*	San Francisco	San Joaquin	San Luis Obispo*
San Mateo*	Santa Barbara	Santa Clara*	Santa Cruz
Shasta*	Sierra	Siskiyou*	Solano*
Sonoma*	Stanislaus	Sutter	Tehama
Trinity	Tulare	Tuolumne	Ventura
Yolo	Yuba		

Attendance Total: 80

- 65 regular members (3 presenting)
- 2 Board of Equalization guests (1 presenting)
- 6 vendor representatives/sponsors (4 presenting)
- 2 vendor guests (1 presenting, 1 observing)
- 5 guests presenting

Welcome to Kern County

by Bob Lisenbee, Chief Appraiser, Assessment Standards Division Chief, Kern County Assessors' Office

Introduction of Vendors

by CCMA President Randy Worley

- California CAD Solutions
- ESRI- George Ishikawa
- MUNSYS- Colin Hobson

Presentation: BOE Update

by Ralph Davis, Board of Equalization, Tax Area Services

- Property Tax data base from FoxPro to Windows SQL
- In November '07 - TRA Builder on-line
- December 15th or January 5th a mock year end Mailing Change Notice, Data Files
- TRA Data Table format changing to .XML (a practice set will be sent out for critique)
- TRA history filings will be on SBE web site soon
- No more change notice maps
- Discussion on Prop 13, AB 8 and AB 3 paragraph 95g
- Jurisdictional changes will create new TRA's
- If you have any questions or problems, e-mail them to tass@boe.ca.gov, after which Ralph will assign an Analyst to the problem then send you a confirmation e-mail

Presentation: Kern County Recorder's Office: Benefits of Combining the Assessor and Recorder

By Jeani Smith, Assistant Recorder, and Jason Lee, Kern County Recorder's Office

- History of the Assessor-Recorder's Office
- Benefits
 - Faster customer service, reduced referrals
 - Fewer instances of missing or incorrect APNs on recorded documents
 - Fewer duplicate public contacts
 - Savings for enrolling supplemental assessments
 - Faster document processing through integrated imaging system
 - Better access to PCOR, CIOS, and undisclosed (all scanned)
 - Assessor gets Recorder's old equipment
 - Better catching of scanning and indexing errors
 - Inter-office notes are helpful
 - Accounting burdens removed from Recorder
- Drawbacks
 - Recorder has fears of being low priority
 - Physical separation in different buildings

- Processing recorded maps
 - Scanned at 300 dpi and transferred to 16mm film
 - Viewable in office, but not on Internet
 - Making them available on CD-ROM and FTP
 - Converted map indices to database

Presentation: Kern Online Mapping

by Jeff Orton, Kern County GIS Coordinator

- History of Kern County GIS
 - Development
 - Proposal
 - Selling the concept
 - Online
- Over 4 million hits on parcel layer this year
- Demonstration of Public GIS
- Demonstration of Intranet GIS
- Specialized tools
- Future developments

Presentation: MUNSYS Product Demo

by Colin Hobson, Munsys

- Demonstration of Munsys system:
 - Edit database and attributes directly with both AutoCAD and ArcGIS
 - No data conversion required
 - Stored in open (nonproprietary) spatial data schema
 - Database server requires Oracle
 - ArcGIS requires Interoperability Extension
 - Provides enhanced editing tools within AutoCAD and ArcGIS

Presentation: Accuracy and Precision in Cadastral Mapping

by Emilio Solano, Los Angeles County Assessors' Office

- Precision vs Accuracy, their meanings are different
- New subdivisions registered to control points
- Assessor assembles the tax parcel base
- Can be rectified to high resolution aerial photographs
- Results are shared with other local agencies
- We work At the Assessor's Office FOR the TAXPAYERS
- The taxpayers expect FAIR and CORRECT (accurate) information

Presentation: ESRI Cadastral Editor Demo

by Chris Buscaglia, ESRI Product Engineer

- Demonstration of Cadastral Editor, part of the Survey Analyst Extension
- New subdivision inserted into parcel fabric
- Surrounding linework is least-squares-adjusted to edge-match against new subdivision

Presentation: Concocting a GIS

by Jim Isbell, Engineering Tech.II, Kern County Assessors' Office

- Kern County statistics
- Current mapping system
- Problems with our current system
- Specific layers needed for Assessment Mapping
- Layers created in other Departments
- Using existing data models
- What we want:
 - Basic system specifications
 - Basic logical design
 - Feature tagging
 - Tagged feature extension
 - How it works
 - Applying tags
 - Common problems
 - Generating polygons
 - Lines to polygons (ArcInfo)
 - Generating maps
- Where we are now

Cadastral Technical Issues – CCMA Open Discussion

Brett Keesler, San Bernardino County

- Discussion on Legal Descriptions from LLA. Various examples brought up.

Randy Worley, Kern County

- Discussion on proposal of Certification for Cadastral Draftsman
 - Majority of Assessors wanted some type of test for certification. Back to square one.
 - Majority of Assessors support idea of Certification.
 - Items to address when Certification Committee goes back to work:
 - Base Line requirements
 - Tiers of technical experience
 - A secure web site and procedures for a test
 - Cadastral knowledge verses technology

- Review certification procedures in the states of KS, IL, MO, FL and NM
- Align closely with Appraiser Certification
- Title Clerk Certification procedure is way behind us

Jim Isbell, Kern County

- If members want to join the discussion forum part of the CCMA web site let him know so that he may add you to the notification list.

DAY TWO

Welcome Message:

by Jim Fitch, Kern County Assessor

- Welcome to Kern County
- Supports Certification
- Proposal needs some tuning up

CCMA Elections/Business/Reports

2009 CCMA Conference:

Emilio Solano volunteered Los Angeles County to host the 2009 CCMA Conference

Jim Isbell (Kern Co.), CCMA Information Officer

- Web site is still running but due a re-vamp
- E-mail forum sign up
- Gallery link
 - Pictures
 - Lisp routines
 - General information

Brett Keesler (San Bernardino Co.), CCMA Treasurer

- We have between \$4-5 thousand dollars for start up costs for next CCMA Conference
- Budget and accounting will be posted on the CCMA web site soon

Doug Vierra (Riverside Co.), CCMA Certification Committee

- We have three new members on the Committee
 - Emilio Solano, Los Angeles County
 - Duane Gower, Santa Barbara County
 - Terry McFeely, Nevada County

- We will be working on new standards
- A certification test will be developed

Anita Pathak (Sacramento Co.), 2008 CCMA President

- Next CCMA Conference will be held in Sacramento at the Radisson Hotel

CCMA Officers for 2008

- **President:** Anita Pathak, Sacramento County
- **Vice President:** Emilio Solano, Los Angeles County
- **Past President:** Randy Worley, Kern County
- **Secretary:** Sue Lightell, Butte County
- **Treasurer:** Brett Keesler, San Bernardino County
- **Information Officer:** Jim Isbell, Kern County

Presentation: Keeping the Book Page in Sync with GIS

by Raymond Kinser, California CAD Solutions

- AutoCAD DWF format – secure file sharing
- AutoCAD features demonstrated:
 - Map Book generator (automated page layout production)
 - Display Manager
 - Feature Data Object (FDO) connections

Presentation: Kern County Assessor – Technology Overview

by Tony Ansolabehere, Assistant Kern County Assessor

- History and Background of Kern County
- Mainframe billing systems integrated with Auditor and Tax Collector
- Conversion to modern web browser-based platform
- aiIndex: automated indexing of scanned documents
 - aiIndex combines OCR technology with Artificial Intelligence
 - aiIndex learning process accumulates a Knowledge Base
 - Advanced learning engine learns document types & locates index components
 - Nationwide use of said technology
 - Redaction and Automated indexing; hiding SSN and other personal info
 - aiIndex accuracy is very high
- Future Recording technology
 - Electronic recording using a state-wide Internet portal
 - Completing electronic conversion
 - Transfer information to Assessor using ai
 - Billing addresses and legal description coding
- Electronic appraisal enhancements
- Electronic Time Sheet and In-Out Board

- Updating residential characteristics
- APEX appraisal sketching software
- High user volume on Kern County GIS
- PDA's with integrated GPS
- Working on Commercial Characteristics data base standards
- Using Business Properties statewide portal for statement filing & retrieval
- Building Appraisal Tracking standards
- Programs
 - BOE Registration tracking
 - Prop 58 and Prop 8 tracking
 - Instant cost calculator
 - Boat valuation
 - Business property leasing

Presentation: City of Bakersfield Parcel Construction

by Matt Cieri, GIS Coordinator City of Bakersfield

- COGO Intro
- City of Bakersfield GIS and Parcel Layers
- Using the ArcGIS Traverse tool

Presentation: Fitting Your Cadastral Data Into Enterprise World

by Bill Wetzel, The Sidwell Company

- Parcel Builder demonstration
 - Runs on top of ArcGIS
 - Creates a Tagged Data Model in a geodatabase
 - Provides CAD-like parcel editing tools
 - Provides instant feedback with cadastral line symbology
 - Manages parcel numbers
 - Passes data to CAMA application

Close of CCMA Conference