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| **Charter of the**  **Digital Land Records Information (DLRI) Working Group**  **Of the California GIS Council (Council)** | |
| **Problem Statement** | The California GIS Council has long identified digital land records (parcel, cadastral) data layer as being one of the basic GIS layers needed by all levels of government for effective communication and interoperability within the individual government entities and across jurisdictions. In fact, the 2006 California Geospatial Framework Draft Data Plan identified Cadastral as the ***highest priority dataset*** from the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).  There is currently no complete and publicly available cadastral dataset for California, due to various restrictions and issues, both legal, technical, and budgetary.  It is the goal of the DLRI Working Group to determine the current status of a statewide cadastral dataset, identify the benefits of and impediments to creating such a dataset, and develop strategies that could lead to the creation of such a dataset. |
| **Mission Statement** | The DLRI Working group will:   * Identify the benefits of developing a complete, accurate, and up to date cadastral dataset for California, * Identify costs of not sharing cadastral data, * Identify legal and financial barriers to the development of such a dataset and recommend solutions. * Make policy recommendations to improve accessibility and integration of parcel information to improve interoperability of local, state, and federal government in California. * Identify strategies and potential methods for creating such a dataset, including best practices and standards for accuracy, metadata, attributes, update cycles, and distribution methodologies, as well as identifying stewards. |
| **Authority** | The DLRI Working Group (DLRI) will report to and receive direction from the Council. The DLRI will develop recommendations, priorities, best practices, and standards, and request their adoption by the Council. |
| **Ownership** | Participants volunteer their time to serve because they recognize the need to develop and maintain a statewide cadastral dataset. |
| **Communication Strategy** | The DLRI plans to meet by teleconference every 3-4 weeks.   Minutes will be posted on the CGC’s Work Group website. Reports will be made during Council meetings or upon request. |
| **Workgroup Objectives** | Success will be indicated by:   1. Maintain information about the current status of publicly available cadastral data. 2. Document the value of a publicly available statewide cadastral dataset. 3. Adoption by the Council of a recommended statewide cadastral data standard (minimum requirements). 4. Finding an agency to steward the creation of a statewide dataset. 5. The release of a statewide dataset. 6. Provide case studies of the benefits of this dataset. 7. Others as determined by the Working Group. |
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| **Definitions** | DLRI – Digital Land Records Information  Parcel – The geographic extent of past, current, and future right, title, and interest in real property, and the framework to support the description of that geographic extent.  Cadastral – the ownership and other characteristic attributes of a parcel. |