

California GIS Council Workgroup Report

Workgroup: Charter Review & Strategic Plan

Workgroup page*: <http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/workgroups/strategic-plan/>

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June 11, 2020

*See the workgroup page for workgroup charter, members, contact information, and prior reports.

Requests for Council Action

New members welcome. We need a co-chair to help Jane.

Status Update

The Workgroup met on 5/22/2020. Meeting notes taken by Jane are attached.

Charter review: The Executive Committee identified some issues in the Charter and acknowledges that By-Laws have not been adopted for this group. This was brought to light when Isaac left his County position and moved to State Government, and he became the GIO, and this happened shortly before the end of the term. We also noticed that there is little guidance in the Charter about conducting the election for Vice Chair.

Legislative/Policy Update

AB 2209: State GIO bill: No action is expected this session but will be held for next session.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2209

Next Actions & Key dates

Action	Key Date
Next workgroup meeting	Second half of July
Propose edits to the Charter via a shared doc	July 15
Goal to have a draft revised Charter to present at the September 10 Council meeting	
Suggested Bylaws - Add to shared doc	July 15
Google Doc to collect ideas for what we would like to capture in the GIS Council Community Survey to help us develop the Strategic Plan. Add comments to shared doc.	July 15

Documents and Attachments

GIS Council Charter Review and Strategic Plan Workgroup

Agenda and Notes - May 22, 2020 meeting

Jane Schafer-Kramer, Chair, Department of Water Resources

Workgroup Members Invited and in attendance

Isaac Cabrera – State GIO

An-Min Wu - CGIA

Carol Ostergren - USGS



Jeff Kapellas – State Water Resources Control Board
Marcus Harner – County of Shasta
Matt Lamborn - County of Napa – unable to attend
Mark Rosenberg - Calfire
Melanie Rosenberg - CGIA
Phil Beilin – CA National Guard and City of Walnut Creek
Steven Steinberg – County of Los Angeles
Shital Dhakal – Private Industry transitioning to City of Vallejo
Dave Powers – County of Shasta

Since the March Council meeting:

- The pandemic-induced shut down happened,
- This workgroup did not meet earlier as planned and no progress on survey.
- Many GIS shops have been heavily involved in COVID-19 planning and response.
- Isaac Cabrera was hired by CA Dept. of Technology to be the State GIO.

Items for Discussion –
(Accept or amend agenda)

1. Charter review: The Executive Committee identified some issues in the Charter and acknowledges that By-Laws have not been adopted for this group. This was brought to light when Isaac left his County position and moved to State Government, and he became the GIO, and this happened shortly before the end of the term.

Action needed – Add editable version of Charter to Google doc. Please add your suggested edits by mid-July. Here is the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W8HOFY7GWnpA2XAFvfe4tdys10U0xhlZ/view?usp=sharing>

We need to establish some bylaws to guide our election process and other items. Please add suggestions to this doc

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kptlwmlFAtt-QHr2s0FFEFYG2TYZt9K_BkaWf0n9eDg

We are aiming to get the draft revised Charter to the full Council at the September meeting.

2. Survey of Council members

Action needed – see Item 3

3. If time allows: Next steps for drafting Strategic Plan

Jane started a Google Doc to collect ideas for what we would like to capture in the GIS Council Community Survey to help us develop the Strategic Plan. Please add your ideas at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zKCuaQJiTzO7ZfNBg1E9cYTRHsLpJ8qW3K-luETkCns>

4. Other items

Jane needs a Co-Chair

Please contact Jane if interested; not a huge time commitment

Next meeting - 2nd half of July

Other things we discussed:



The recent CGIA Brown Bag webinars had some good ideas for governance, Check them out on the CGIA.org website

Isaac has met with West Coast State GIO's and is working with his management to define and establish his role in NSGIC. He is getting up to speed with his team at the Department of Technology.

Isaac suggested that the Council expand into education and advocacy. Others, including Steve, Carol, and Jane suggested that we leverage other organizations that many of us are already involved with such as CGIA and URISA. (We should outreach to ASPRS.)

But we can take on a role as curator and promoter of existing resources and encourage the writing of whitepapers and such by our community.

Shital suggested we expand outreach to the private industry constituency.

Steve suggested we keep focused on the Council's mission and goals as presented in the Charter.

Carol – we need a strategic approach to encouraging the stewardship of authoritative statewide datasets.

Phil asked about various presentations that have taken place at Council meetings over the years. Steve and Jeff responded that some presentations reflected the interest of whoever was chair and cautioned that we avoid the Council being used for marketing.

Please contact Jane.Schafer-Kramer@water.ca.gov with corrections.

Notes

None at this time