



California GIS Council

ENABLING THE CALIFORNIA GEOSPATIAL COMMUNITY

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About the California GIS Council

- Purpose and Goals
- Brief history of California GIS Council
- Current Council Activities
- Synergy with CGIA and California URISA Chapters

- The Council, comprised of a diverse body of GIS professionals, will act as an **advisory body** to members of its constituencies, the State Geographic Information Officer, and agencies and groups that develop and implement geospatial initiatives, policies, and standards, by **providing recommendations, best practices, and expertise**.
- The purpose of the California GIS Council is to promote a greater understanding and use of the benefits of GIS and **facilitate cooperation throughout the State of California by supporting the collection, acquisition, sharing, and dissemination of GIS data, standards, and policies**.

<http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/home/ca-gis-council-charter/>

No appointees

Membership is voluntary and open to all (*no membership dues!*)

Members identify with a constituency

One member per constituency elected to Executive Committee

Nominations are open now for Executive Committee!

Constituencies

- State Government
- Federal Government
- County Government
- City Government
- Tribal Government
- Regional Government and Regional GIS Councils
- Special Districts
- Education
- Private Industry
- Professional Associations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Public and Private Utilities

How do I join?



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the California GIS Council website. The browser's address bar shows 'cgia.org/cagiscouncil/'. The website header includes the title 'California GIS Council' and the tagline 'Enabling the California geospatial community'. A navigation menu contains links for 'ABOUT', 'CONSTITUENCIES', 'DOCUMENTS', 'EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE', 'CALIFORNIA GIS CONTACTS', 'WORKGROUPS', 'CONTACT US', and 'FORUMS'. The main content area features a 'Latest Posts' section with three articles: 'Nominations Open for Executive Committee', 'Council Meeting September 10, 2020 Agenda and Documents', and 'Agenda and link for September 10, 2020 Council Meeting'. A right-hand sidebar contains sections for 'Categories', 'Meta', and 'Tags'. The 'Meta' section includes a 'Register' link, which is highlighted with a yellow background.

[HTTP://CGIA.ORG/CAGISCOUNCIL/WP-LOGIN.PHP?ACTION=REGISTER](http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/wp-login.php?action=register)

Workgroups - where the work gets done

Elevation/Statewide
LiDAR

Tribal

Hydrography/NHD

Geodetic Control

Next Gen 911

Charter Review/Strategic
Plan

State Plane 2022

Communications &
Collaboration Task Force

**Emergency
Response GIS**

Digital Land
Records Inventory
*(not currently
active)*

UAS - Drone
Policy *(not
currently active)*

Goals (or Gooooooooooooooooals!)

- **Planning and Strategy:** *To identify and prioritize California's geographic information needs and priorities and develop and maintain a Strategic Plan to guide the implementation and completion of the goals and associated objectives expressed in this Charter.*
- **Advisory:** *To serve as a trusted advisor to members of its constituencies by reviewing, analyzing, and responding to public policy issues that affect GIS and GIS Professionals.*
- **Collaborative policy development:** *To serve as a forum for members to seek input, guidance, and consensus on policies and best practices that support the development of GIS in California and advocating for their adoption.*
- **California Spatial Data Access:** *To support the development, maintenance, and access to comprehensive statewide geospatial data for Council constituencies and the general public.*
- **Collaboration:** *To promote cooperation and create opportunities for various levels of government to meet identified needs and priorities.*
- **Communication:** *To provide a forum where GIS professionals and governments can discuss best practices, identify technology trends, and benefit from others in the GIS field.*

Brief history of California GIS Council

- Actually, I only have anecdotes, not a documented history.*
- Council existed in **2000s** as an appointed body
- Council activity declined in early **2010s****
- CGIA/CalGIS*** led effort to re-form Council in **2014-2015**
- CGIA supported the formation of the Council all along the way!
- URISA chapters and CGIA hosted Council meetings at CalGIS events

**Potential topic for a virtual happy hour, perhaps?*

***leadership issue - (refer to Little Hoover Commission Report)*

****CalGIS 2014, hosted by CGIA and URISA chapters, provided the forum and opportunity*

Recent Past and Current Council Activities

- Active workgroups serve as points of contact and information for the GIS Community
- Little Hoover Commission Report on “Mapping a Strategy for GIS”
<https://lhc.ca.gov/report/mapping-strategy-gis>
- Modernize communication and collaboration, update the Charter, prepare the Strategic Plan, and offer support to State for implementation of LHC recommendations
- Active working relationship with State GIO

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA GIS COUNCIL!



FACILITATING COORDINATION, COLLABORATION,
AND ADVOCACY FOR CALIFORNIA'S GIS COMMUNITY



What is URISA?

URISA is the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association. URISA is a non-profit, volunteer-based association that provides education and training, a vibrant and connected community, advocacy for geospatial challenges and issues, and essential resources for GIS professionals throughout their careers.

To learn more about URISA, check out urisa.org.



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The image displays two screenshots. The top screenshot shows the California GIS Council website, which features a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Constituencies, Documents, Executive Committee, California GIS Contacts, Workgroups, Contact Us, and Forums. The main content area includes a 'Latest Posts' section with articles such as 'Nominations Open for Executive Committee' and 'Council Meeting September 10, 2020 Agenda and Documents', and a 'Categories' sidebar listing various topics like Announcements, Constituent Initiatives, and Digital Land Records (DLRI).

The bottom screenshot shows the LinkedIn page for the California GIS Council. The page header indicates 'You are viewing this page as a member' and includes a 'View as admin' button. The profile information shows the organization is based in Sacramento, CA, with 104 followers. The description states: 'Promotes a greater understanding of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to facilitate cooperation throughout the State'. A 'Visit website' button is visible. The 'About' section in the overview area explains the council's purpose: 'The purpose of the California GIS Council is to promote a greater understanding and use of the benefits of GIS, and facilitate cooperation throughout the State of California by supporting the collection, acquisition, sharing, and dissemination of GIS data, standards, and policies.'