

California GIS Council Quarterly Meeting Notes

September 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Virtual meeting was held on Zoom

Council email address is calgischair@cgia.org (note change from former email address ca.gis.council.chair@gmail.com)

Council website: <https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/>

AGENDA

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome and Opening Announcements – Chad Miller, Chair

Chad shared an announcement about the [Esri Pacific User Conference](#) is planned for November 15-16, 2022 ([Geography Awareness Week](#) and [GIS Day](#)) at the Sacramento Convention Center and he hopes to meet other Council members there. Other upcoming events are the [URISA GIS Pro](#) conference in Boise, ID, October 2-6, 2022 and the [URISA GIS Leadership Academy](#), taking place in Santa Rosa, CA, October 31-November 4, 2022. Save the Date for the [CalGIS 2023](#) conference is happening March 13-15, 2023, in Monterey. A call for volunteers to help with the planning will be posted soon.

10:05 - 10:10 Executive Committee Announcements/Reports

The Executive Committee did not meet this quarter. Executive Committee work this quarter pertained to CGIA Integration and will be discussed during the CGIA Integration Vote agenda item.

• Announcements from Executive Committee Members

Steve Steinberg noted that the early registration discount was still available for the [URISA GIS Leadership Academy](#), and that URISA is preparing an Advanced Leadership Academy to be introduced next year, and prior participation in the GIS Leadership Academy will be a prerequisite for the Advanced Academy.

10:10 - 10:15 - Update from Office of the State GIO – Isaac Cabrera, CA Department of Technology

Isaac was not in attendance and no report was received.

10:15 - 10:45 - 811 Presentation – James Wingate, Underground Service Alert

James works for the “call before you dig” organization Underground Service Alert – USA North which manages the 811 call centers for California from Kern County north, and routes inquiries to the utility facility operators.

The work of GIS professionals who create and share accurate GIS data is critically important to this work.

Presentation slides are [here](#). James may be contacted at james.wingate@usan.org

10:45 - 11:25 CGIA Integration Vote – Chad Miller, Chair

Jacob Mark provided the Executive Committee with the “Integration of CA GIS Council into California Geographic Information Association (CGIA) Terms and Conditions” (integration) document by email for review June 28. The newly elected CGIA Board met August 2 and approved the integration document. The integration document was posted to the CA GIS Council site August 8 for member’s review and vote at today’s meeting (<https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/2022/08/08/cgia-approves-integration-with-ca-gis-council/>).

Vote 1 - CA GIS Council official integration into CGIA

Jacob gave a brief introduction of the document. Carol Ostergren asked whether there were enough members in attendance at this meeting to take a vote. Chad responded that the CA GIS Council does not have by-laws, and that the [Charter's](#) guidance on Decision Making states:

1. *For Council votes, the Council will strive to reach consensus regarding decisions. Consensus is defined as a simple majority of members present with no one objecting.*
2. *If objections are presented, the Chair will table the issue and will work to ensure that all objections are addressed to ensure consensus before a revote.*
3. *If consensus is not reached, a vote will take place and a two-thirds majority of all votes cast will affirm the decision.*

Chad asked for a formal motion; Jochen Albrecht moved to accept the Terms and Conditions, and Jacob Mark seconded the motion. Opened for discussion: Rachel Marquez asked whether the Terms and Conditions would allow for the meetings to be open to the public, Jacob responded that yes, that is the intention. Chad noted that

there may be adjustments to the organization in the future. Bruce Joffe voiced his support for the Terms and Conditions. Chad opened a Zoom poll for the voting on the motion.

Votes cast: 13 (out of 15 in attendance), Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 3. The motion passed.

Vote 2 is dependent on the outcome of the first vote, so no motion is needed.

The vote will be on the name change to either "CGIA Community Council" or "CGIA Community Forum"

Discussion was opened.

Carol advocated for the name CGIA Community Forum in order to make it clear that that there is a "clean break" from what this group may have aspired to be in the past. Steve Goldman said that "Forum" is too informal and would like to come up with a different term but had no suggestion for a substitute term. Bruce agreed with Steve. Nate Roth asked whether the name "CGIA Community Council" is different enough from "California GIS Council" to satisfy the change of context needed. Rachel asked whether our Workgroups really do anything and would the Council Workgroups should be pushed into CGIA's Workgroups. Jacob responded that the Council has been acting more like a forum and that the Council Workgroups would be allowed to remain as is under the Terms and Conditions. Jochen advocated for the name CGIA Community Council because Forum is too wishy-washy and the name Council preserves some history of this group. Jacob noted that adoption of this now would allow the CGIA Board to move forward with amending the CGIA by-laws. Bruce and Jochen both commented on the small number of members in attendance and Jochen suggested that if the name change did not result in a 2/3 majority on a name, then the vote should be conducted by email. Jacob noted that the Council's Charter can be amended in the future. Chad opened the Zoom poll for voting. There was no abstain option on the poll, so not voting is the same as abstaining.

Vote result: CGIA Community Council won the poll.

11:25 - 11:30 Executive Committee Nomination Announcement – Chad Miller, Chair

As outlined in the Council Charter, the Executive Committee assists the Chair and Vice-Chair in the governance of the Council "on internal business matters such as developing agendas for Council meetings, maintaining the Council website, supporting communications, holding elections, responding to requests from Council members or constituencies, and establishing workgroups." The Executive Committee comprises one representative from each of the Council constituencies, or an alternate designee for open constituencies. The term for the Executive Committee is one year, beginning on October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. Since the Terms and Conditions for the integration of the Council into CGIA has passed, the Executive Committee is now the Coordinating Committee.

You may nominate yourself or another member. Anyone who is registered on the Council website is considered to be a member and eligible to serve on the Coordinating Committee. Register at <https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/>

A call for nominations will be posted next week. Nominations close at 5:00 pm Thursday, September 22, 2022. If needed, an election will be held the following week.

11:30 - 11:55 Workgroup and Other Reports

[Education Workgroup](#) - Danielle Bram

No report was submitted.

[Tribal Workgroup](#) - Donna Begay

No report was submitted.

[Policy Advisory Workgroup](#) - Jacob Mark

Jacob reported that GIS Under the Dome will be published twice a year and will be streamlined. The Fall version is [here](#). Jacob has plans for a restructuring of this Workgroup in order to pass items to CGIA for potential advocacy. New members are welcome to join.

Communication and Collaboration Task Force – Chad Miller

The Council email address has been changed from the gmail account to calgischair@cgia.org. Chad continues to clean up the spam on the membership list and reported that there are 675 valid email addresses registered on the website

Elevation - Nate Roth

[Elevation Workgroup Report 20220908](#)

Geodetic Control – Kevin Maxwell

No report was submitted.

Hydrography/NHD - Jane Schafer-Kramer

[Report for the September 2022 meeting](#)

NextGen 9-1-1 - Rachel Marquez and Gene Barrera

CalOES hosted a meeting regarding the NG9-1-1 GIS Project for the designated County GIS Point of Contacts. Discussion entailed Phase 1 and 2 quality measures and the availability or lack thereof of documentation released to the general GIS community, the required collaboration entities, or the public. Currently, the only available CalOES Documentation can be found on the Los Angeles Countywide Address Management System Program Site; <https://cams-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/ng9-1-1> . Meeting notes from Aug. 30, 2022 are available at this link:

<https://lacounty.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/e557115dcc5c496e91965b9605282de0/data>

It is not the complete presentation and provides some notes and context directly from LA County.

CalOES is not posting anything related to this effort on its website. This results in local governments not being aware of funding opportunities. This has been brought to CGIA's attention in the past, and a proposal is being prepared to bring it up to the CGIA board again as an issue for advocacy.

State Plane Coordinate System 2022 - Nate Roth

[September 2022 Workgroup Report](#)

This effort will start to transition to education and implementation on the data products. It won't be fully implemented in 2022 but the name will remain. For California's State Plane, the defaults will remain (to minimize distortions in more highly populated areas) and a new statewide projection will replace California Teale Albers.

To join a workgroup, please contact the workgroup leader or send an email to calgischair@cgia.org

11:55 - 12:00 General Announcements (Open)

None were offered.

Future Meetings of CA GIS Council

December 8, 2022

March 9, 2023

(Meetings to be held at 10 a.m. to 12 noon; dates and times subject to change. Check the website for details:

<https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/>

Send questions and comments to calgischair@cgia.org

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Chat:

09:58:13 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

Please post your name and email in chat so that we can record attendance. Thx!

09:58:36 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

Jacob Mark, Jacob.mark@woolpert.com

09:59:01 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

Carol Ostergren, USGS, costergren@usgs.gov

09:59:27 From Rachel Marquez to Everyone:

Rachel Marquez rrodriguez3@isd.lacounty.gov/rachel.r.rodriguez@gmail.com

09:59:41 From Mary Hurley to Everyone:

Mary Hurley

10:01:07 From James Wingate to Everyone:

James Wingate

Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada (USA North 811)

james.wingate@usan.org

10:01:46 From Steven Steinberg to Everyone:

Boo! They scheduled on GIS Day (when many of us have our own events)

10:02:40 From Steven Steinberg to Everyone:

CalGIS is meeting in Monterey in March: <https://www.urisa.org/calgis>

10:03:20 From Steven Steinberg to Everyone:

Early bird for GLA is this week!

10:04:25 From Steven Steinberg to Everyone:

Register by today for \$100 savings <https://www.urisa.org/education-events/urisa-gis-leadership-academy/>

10:08:11 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

James, you might turn your video off when you share your screen :)

10:09:29 From Rachel Marquez to Everyone:

83?

10:57:36 From Steven Steinberg to Everyone:

My apologies, I must jump for another meeting.

11:13:41 From Jochen Albrecht to Everyone:

I move to take the vote

11:20:30 From Jochen Albrecht to Everyone:

Thank you. And congratulations to Mark for chaperoning this.

11:22:00 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

Thanks for all your help, Jochen!

11:26:06 From Steve Goldman to Everyone:

How about Committee?

11:26:44 From James Wingate to Everyone:

As a newcomer, my perspective is that I agree with both Carol and Steve. To me, "council" implies some type of authority. But I also agree that "forum" does not signify long-term collaboration. I recommend finding some other term in the middle.

11:26:58 From James Wingate to Everyone:

Committee would work. Good idea, Steve.

11:27:11 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

Might be confused with the Coordinating Committee

11:29:32 From Bruce Joffe to Everyone:

How about "Assembly" ?

11:30:20 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

I would also say yes, that the workgroups do get some important work done, over the years, and still do to some degrees

11:31:00 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

I like assembly

11:31:12 From Bruce Joffe to Everyone:

or "Cabinet" ?

11:31:54 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

cabinet maybe applies to a leadership group

11:34:02 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

good points!

11:36:39 From Rachel Marquez to Everyone:

Put to a vote with an asterisk to potentially modify in 2023.

11:38:53 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

Every vote counts!

11:40:02 From James Wingate to Everyone:

Abstain is not an option on this one...

11:40:22 From James Wingate to Everyone:

Okay I won't vote

11:45:40 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/GISDome_Fall2022.pdf

11:49:03 From James Wingate to Everyone:

Jacob, just to reiterate, I am happy to use 811 as a use case for advocacy efforts. Especially when advocating for data standards and data sharing collaborations.

11:49:46 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

Absolutely, James. This is something we will for sure be looking for. I have written your name down and I'll make sure to loop you into efforts. Thanks again 😊

11:49:52 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/WorkgroupReport_Elevation_20220908.pdf

11:55:06 From carol ostergren to Everyone:

Thanks, Nate.

11:55:15 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

Great update and info

11:56:31 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

<http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/NHD-Workgroup-Report-CA-GIS-Council-September-2022.pdf>

11:56:37 From Rachel Marquez to Everyone:

NextGen 9-1-1 :

<https://lacounty.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/e557115dcc5c496e91965b9605282de0/data>

12:03:29 From Chad Miller to Everyone:

http://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/WorkgroupReport_SPCS_20220908.pdf

12:03:33 From David Harris to Everyone:

I need to break away for another meeting. Thanks, everyone.

12:03:54 From Jacob Mark to Everyone:

Thanks, David!

12:04:57 From James Wingate to Everyone:

Thank you, everyone!