

GPL Notes for November 12, 2013

Time: 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: All Call-In iLinc meeting

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Introductions/Attendees

This meeting was changed at the last minute to an all call-in iLinc meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. The December GPL meeting will be held at the Port of Portland.

Announcements:

ESRI Fall Seminar "Sharpen Your Skills" - seminar is full. They have a waiting list.

GIS in Action April 16-17, 2014

Esri UC July 14-18, 2014

Troy Worth announced as new OR Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) GIS Coordinator.

Jacob Edwards announced as the new OR Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Lidar Coordinator.

Discussion of GIS Day (November 20th) activities: no State agencies doing any activities. It typically occurs the Wednesday of National Geography Week every November. Usually the activities are held by local governments and academia. There is currently no official Oregon coordinator. In the early days, GIS Day was very popular. There is a web site where you can look up events. There are 3 events registered for OR. <http://www.gisday.com/> Esri encourages everyone else to do GIS events vs. Esri hosting events themselves.

A: For the 2015 legislative session, there will be related GIS/data bills on the table. We should consider doing an organized event next year.

Review of October Minutes

Minor changes to the minutes as discussed. Reviewed Action Items.

Geocortex software discussion: Geocortex reduces the need to program/custom code using ArcGIS

Server. Everything is GUI driven and is a package that sits on top of ArcGIS Server. **A:** GPL could benefit from a technical presentation on this topic...either from DEQ or the Port of Portland (who has already installed the software and is using it). Several agencies are interested in this topic.

Cy hasn't made much progress on organizing the AGOL Governance Group. Cy has been working out the main topics for the agenda of the first meeting. Cy will be sending out an email to organize this first meeting sometime in the next month for a December meeting. He is still looking for volunteers to participate in the group – should be folks who plan to use AGOL in the next year or is currently using AGOL. He's trying to form a group of 10 or less. He is looking for folks who can think through some of the issues and come up with reasonable alternatives to present back to the larger groups – a guidance committee.

No-one had heard from Carol D. from Esri regarding updates to agency training plans.

FIT Update/Announcements – Bob D.:

Most FIT activities in the last month have been focused on the execution of all of the FIT projects/contracts/interagency agreements. There is an amended water and monitoring well data standard that is out for a 45 day review. He is looking for public comments prior to Nov. 18th. The address

standard is also being reviewed by the preparedness advisory group. This would adopt the FGDC address data standard. The elevation FIT charter has been out for review for quite a while. The chair is getting comments back and making edits. He is also getting the elevation FIT stewardship plan draft document updated.

He has attended meetings with the ORMAP group regarding tax lots and the coastal marine FIT.

Statewide zoning layer implementation is moving forward.

Bob is starting to plan for the next Standards Forum to be held in Eugene in January, 2015. (**Update:** GIS Standards Forum is scheduled for February 5, 2014.)

Agency Round Table:

Rachel followed up with Chad Brady on the ODOT layers being hosted as services. He asked Rachel to bring up the topic again for discussion. Rachel reiterated that this idea was not 100% set in stone and that ODOT was obviously looking to fulfill their agency needs first. A new idea of perhaps DAS GEO hosting these services was brought before GPL as an alternative to ODOT hosting the data services. Cy says that DAS GEO is already hosting the centerline data. They can also host other services as requested by ODOT. However, GEO is currently understaffed and will need some time to get new services up and running with new staff coming on in January.

Rachel provided an update on the OLC (Oregon Lidar Consortium) new acquisition projects and current lidar holdings.

Diana Walker (ODA) – asked about the “reinventing government” initiative that she heard about that would sweep all ISS positions into a centralized IT solution. The concern is that this would sweep GIS positions. Cy asked for details of who is saying this “rumor” so that he can look into it. He also said the CIO office has been working with several CIO’s of agencies to revamp and revise the IT Governance Model. However, this is not about centralizing and consolidating the IT services. (**Update:** Cy followed up via email on Nov. 12th stating that he spoke with the State CIO and that this is absolutely not happening or being contemplated by anyone. The rumor is without substance.)

Gail E. said that DAS is looking into revamping the ISS series, reviewing the position descriptions, the framework matrixes, etc... The ISS series is currently written for traditional IT tasks, skills, and duties rather than content/information focused. GIS is a mix of these two; traditional tasks and content focused tasks.

There is an effort nationally to create GIS classifications by the Dept. of Labor based on previous work by URISA and others. HR resources will then be able to create positions with this Dept. of Labor information. It will be a while (at least a year) before the DOL work is finished.

Cy announced that data sharing is going to be the primary topic discussed at the next OGIC meeting. He will summarize data sharing activities for the last ~13 years by the State. He is wanting OGIC to work on some of the key issues that continue to be road blocks. Cy is looking for ideas on next steps or things that OGIC can do to make real change and identify some potential solutions. Cy would like to solidify some legislative ideas prior to the 2015 session. The OGIC meeting will be an open discussion on this topic.

Rachel asked if anyone from Oregon attended the NSGIC annual meeting in October (2013)? Cy said that Ed Arabas, Sean McSpaden, and Cy Smith attended. Two folks from Washington attended. The primary discussion topic was on addresses. The US Census announced that they are willing to take on the coordination work for creating a national address database and keep it outside of Title 13 so that they can

share it with others. Generally, it is a lot of State presentations providing updates. Cy gave a presentation with Joy Paulus, the Washington GIS Coordinator, on AGOL. They provided a comparison of how Washington and Oregon are implementing AGOL since the two states are implementing it very differently. Washington is implementing AGOL agency by agency vs. a coordinated effort like OR is doing it. WA does not have an ELA. **A**: At a later meeting date, Cy could provide a better explanation/presentation on the NSGIC conference.

Rachel announced a new pilot project that DOGAMI is doing with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The two agencies will be looking at hospitals and drinking water systems and their seismic vulnerability. DOGAMI will be using HAZUS to determine how many people will be affected by a M9 earthquake and the effects of the earthquake on hospital structures and the surrounding drinking water systems. (Hospitals require clean water for many of their functions and this is will be a critical need should a M9 earthquake occur.) The pilot study area is along OR-18 from Lincoln City to McMinnville. There are two hospitals within the study. The project will end June 2015.

DAS GEO has finally filled the ISS-6 position vacancy. The new employee is Josh Tanner and he starts January 7th. He is coming from the NOAA Coastal Services Center in Columbia, SC.

Next meeting will be at the Port of Portland – December 10th. Bob will arrange the car pool for Salem folks.

Meeting Adjourned