



2010 CCMA Conference

From the Host (Nevada/Placer County) By Terry McFeely



Hosting the 2010 CCMA Conference was fun and something every county should experience. The harmony found when the community, businesses and vendors came together made it seem easy. The instructors and guest speakers brought knowledge that benefited those who attended.

Speaking of attendees, thanks to everyone who came and participated in our first training classes. I felt enthusiasm and camaraderie from all. Having Placer County co-host was essential for our success and I appreciate all the support and help from the CCMA Board. Hats off to Santa Barbara County, I am sure they will take next year's conference to the next level. ENJOY!

Summary of the Conference in Grass Valley By Solana Foo

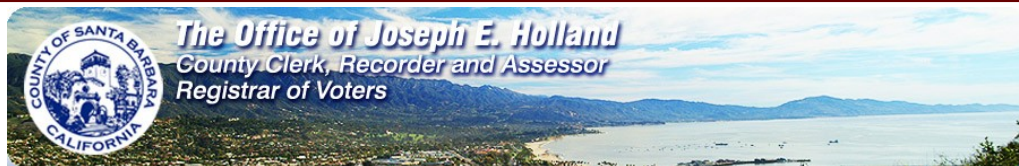
I think everyone who attended the 2010 conference in Grass Valley came away feeling very lucky to have experienced this little gem nestled in the foothills of the Sierras. The streets of Old Town Grass Valley are lined with historic Victorian storefronts and art galleries. The town has a quaint but oddly sophisticated feel, with a diversity of cultures represented in the local cuisine. Attendees even got to try the local favorite, Cornish "pasties," on the last day of the conference. In addition, the small town atmosphere



View from the Holiday Inn

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2011 CCMA in Santa Barbara: Preview of the next Conference



Statement from the President, Duane Gower

First, I would like to thank Terry McFeely and all others at Nevada and Placer Counties for hosting the last conference and making it the success that it was. I would also like to thank the conference attendees for giving Santa Barbara County the opportunity to follow and build on the success of all previous host Counties.

Our Mapping Section is located in downtown Santa Barbara. We are in the Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, and Elections Division. There are 5 mappers including the supervisor. We are working in AutoCAD Map 2011 and ArcGIS 10. We draw our Assessor's Maps in AutoCAD and maintain the GIS Parcel Basemap using ArcGIS. We also do the Elections mapping and provide Emergency GIS mapping support for Police, Fire, and other responding departments. In addition, we maintain the internal Assessor GIS Parcel viewer.

This year, we will be looking into the possibility of a mentorship program for Counties in

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Preview for the Next Conference 2011 (con'd)

... California. Those counties interested in a specific technology would be matched with other counties that use that technology. We hope that the mentoring counties will accept this responsibility and proactively help the mentored county get started and meet their goals.

Once we have collected the CCMA Surveys sent out at the beginning of the month, we will be providing a comprehensive data sheet detailing what technologies each county is using and developing. We can follow this survey with additional questions you may have for specific counties. Please consider the help you can provide by answering the questions in our survey and sending it back.

Our plan is to have the results of the surveys completed and out to all counties before the conference. From the results,



we hope that you will see some goals you want to work towards and possible paths to getting there. We want you to bring your goals and proposed paths to our conference so you can get in contact with those counties that can help you get started.

We are planning on continuing the training classes at the next conference. If you have any recommendations for class topics, please let us know. So far, suggestions have been made to have a

class on easements/ROWs, LISP routines for Assessor mapping, the Subdivision Map Act, developing your own internal map viewer, AH 216, and "How to go Paperless."

We are working on providing a beautiful, affordable, beach location for our conference in the City of Santa Barbara. We hope to see all the counties represented and as many people from each county as possible. See you in October!

Summary of the Conference in Grass Valley (con'd)

... created a sense of camaraderie amongst attendees. It was a nice place for everyone to learn more about each other and build their professional relationships.

Some highlights from the conference included a discussion with Ralph Davis, of the BOE, concerning the new AH 216 which is in the works (*see Ralph's Corner*).

Placer County discussed their use of ESRI's ArcLogistics extension. Richard Ortiz, of CalCAD, suggested that the philosophical war between CAD and GIS may be moot as many organizations are starting to admit they need both. Then, following a delicious lunch from Sopa Thai, mappers had their choice of two CCMA classes:



- 1) Property Locating and
- 2) AutoCAD tips and tricks.

Then, Emilio Solano closed Thursday's session with a talk on how GIS has streamlined business in LA County.

The next day Chris Buscaglia (ESRI), Grant Mulligan (Parcel-Quest) and Colin Hobson (Munsys) gave impressive demos of their cadastral mapping products and we had our last round of CCMA sponsored classes:

1) **State Assessed Property** and 2) **ESRI tips and tricks**. Lastly, we elected a new CCMA Treasurer, Thong Phan (Orange County), and a new secretary, Garo Megerdichian (LA County). CCMA thanks Bret Keesler of San Bernar-



dino County for his many years of service as Treasurer. Attendees also received a spiral-bound Training Manual thanks to Placer County. *More detailed Conference notes will be available on the CCMA website soon.*

Your Questionnaires!!

A little while ago, your office should have received a questionnaire from Duane Gower, the Mapping/GIS Supervisor at Santa Barbara County. The survey was developed to get a better sense of where the counties are with technology, staffing, and the future of cadastral mapping in California.

We will share our observations and conclusions once we have enough responses. They will also influence what workshops are offered at the next Conference.

We only need one survey per county, and we would like your

*Take a break from
mapping and fill out our
survey!!*

responses by February 1, 2011. A big Thank You to those counties who responded right away! As a reward, the first three counties will be given a complimentary bottle of wine!

Please fax your completed surveys to the County of Santa Barbara Assessor's Office at (805) 568-3247. Address them to Duane Gower. Alternatively, you may e-mail scanned surveys to dgower@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. If your County did not receive a survey, please e-mail Duane and we will get one to you.

The image shows a detailed questionnaire form titled "California Cadastral Mapping Questionnaire 2010". It contains 28 numbered questions regarding cadastral mapping practices, technology usage, and staffing across various counties. The form includes checkboxes for "Yes", "No", and "N/A" and a column for "Comments".

CCMA discovers Facebook!

Yes, CCMA is now on Facebook! The California Cadastral Mapping Association Facebook Page is a great place to share photos from conferences, discuss ideas and post questions and concerns to your fellow CCMA members. The hope is for the website to allow CCMA to develop a more cohesive feel, something very difficult when you only meet once a year and are spread out across the state of California. It will also give a face to the names of people you may have e-mailed or talked to over the phone, but never met in person.

Social networking is a tool that has not only become a part of many Americans' daily

lives, but is also making in-roads into federal and local government agencies. EPA employees use Facebook to share knowledge and encourage collaboration. The CIA uses Facebook to do recruitment. It's true that several local governments are using social networking to get information out to the public in emergency situations (Twitter), and to break down old silos between different departments and get people talking and working together. "...social networking sites can establish connections across traditionally stovepiped and geographically dispersed organizations," says Bev Godwin in an [article](#) on webcontent.gov.



Check out our new [CCMA Facebook Page](#) now!

Ralph's Corner : News from the BOE

Ralph didn't have any updates after the conference, so here is a small bit of what he talked about at the 2010 CCMA Conference:

In the Spring of 2010, the BOE updated parts of Assessors' Handbook 215 that had become outdated. For 2011, their goal is to write a new *Assessor's Handbook 216* to establish *electronic* cadastral mapping standards. Ralph said BOE employee, Michael Day, will start working on the first draft of 216 this year. AH 216 will take changing technology into consideration and amend AH 215 to include guidelines and recommendations for cadastral mapping in the digital world. Ralph gave us one hint as to what type of standards they will be developing when he mentioned that the FGDC has a cadastral mapping subcommittee that

the BOE would be pulling standards from. Here are a few more things that might be in the new AH 216:

- What fields should be included in the GIS Parcel Layer and naming conventions for those fields
- The increasing importance of spatial accuracy with digital mapping—what to do with overlapping lines from different surveys, order of importance with legal descriptions that don't line up, using GPS control
- The necessity of the 11x17 page size requirement
- Whether or not electronic kiosks can replace hard-copy Assessor's maps at the front counter
- Guidelines on how to work with other departments that rely on your GIS Parcel Layer

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Who We Are:

We are a professional organization comprised of individuals actively employed throughout the State of California in any Assessors' Office, whose duties include direct or indirect association with cadastral mapping. Our membership also includes individuals actively employed by other governmental agencies having an interest in cadastral mapping.



Mission Statement:

The purpose of this organization is to stimulate education, standardization and communication for the enrichment of Cadastral Mapping in its application toward assessment in the State of California.

Shirts and Hats available for purchase



SHIRTS are finally here and are available in 6 different colors with the CCMA logo embroidered on the left front. Sizes SM, MED, LG & XL. Shirts are \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. If you need 2XL or 3XL let Bret know. Those sizes will be \$22.00 to \$30.00, de-

pending on the style.

These shirts are Gildan brand 7 oz. jacquard pique polo shirts with birdseye trim. 100% preshrunk cotton, double-needle stitching, contoured welt-knit collar and cuffs and 3



wood-tone buttons. Click [HERE](#) to check out all 6 colors. We can order one at a time if needed, there is no minimum that we need to order. The polo shirts are perfect for conferences and seminars or just to wear around your office.

HATS are one-size fits all and cost \$12.00 plus \$5.00 shipping.

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