

2004 CALIFORNIA CADASTRAL MAPPING CONFERENCE

PLACE: Embassy Suites, Napa

DATE: October 21 & 22, 2004

OFFICERS: Cindy Phillips, President (Napa County)
George Eachus, Vice President (Orange County)
Jessie Mudgett, Secretary (Santa Cruz County)
Brett Keesler, Treasurer (San Bernardino County)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Cindy Phillips.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Jessie Mudgett – 29 counties were represented as well as the State Board of Equalization.

Assessor John Tuteur gave welcoming comments and spoke at length about mapping, GIS, Internet access to Assessor/Recorder information and subscription services in Napa County.

Napa GIS, Pat Kowta, GIS Coordinator

Mr. Kowta provided an overview of Napa County's GIS and its many uses. The GIS has 200 data layers and several web mapping applications. There are currently 80 desktop users. Their Assessor parcel summary application receives 20,000 hits per month. They received a CSAC Innovation Award for a special district mapping project.

ESRI (vendor presentation)

A representative from ESRI reviewed their latest product, which includes productivity enhancements and an effort to reduce carpal tunnel injuries. A demonstration showed moving a parcel map page into a GIS.

San Mateo County's GIS System: A Geographic File Cabinet, Garrett Dunwoody

Mr. Dunwoody discussed the who, basic architecture and maintenance of San Mateo County's GIS, what they are doing to increase the accuracy of their parcel base layer and what future services they plan to provide.

State Board of Equalization, Ralph Davis

Mr. Davis provided an overview of what the Tax Rate Services Section does. There is a staff of ten and they are responsible for 12,000,000+ parcels. During 2004-05, they will only send notifications of tax code changes three times – November 15, January 5 and February 28. Hopefully, the following year, all changes will be on their website and they will discontinue sending CDs.

California CAD Solutions (vendor presentation)

A representative spoke about a project in Yuba County using AutoCAD software. He also demonstrated AutoCAD Map 2005.

Cadastral Certification, George Eachus

Mr. Eachus presented a proposal for certifying Assessor cadastral mappers. He discussed the reasons for and benefits of certification. His proposal included certification levels, qualifications and grandfathering provisions. The committee will continue working on this issue during the upcoming year.

Shasta County Presentation, Ken McKrola

Mr. McKrola discussed how Shasta County built their GIS and demonstrated several ways they currently use it.

Leadership in the Public Sector, William Chiat, Consultant

Mr. Chiat's presentation on leadership really inspired the audience and got them involved in small and large group discussions – even though he was in the 4:00 PM time slot. He talked about leadership competencies, which include personal literacy, resource stewardship, relationship dexterity, public service advocacy and strategic agility. There were sub-topics, about which he elaborated, under each of these five areas.

Friday, October 22, 2004

CCMA Elections/Business

Officers elected for 2005: President – George Eachus, Orange County; Vice President - Gulla Gisladdottir, Santa Cruz County; Secretary – Denise Tober, Amador County; and Treasurer – Bret Keesler, San Bernardino County.

Bret Keesler gave the Treasurer's Report. Article II – Membership, Section 3 of the CCMA Bylaws was amended.

CD Data (vendor presentation)

Mr. Mulligan spoke on the importance of Assessor parcel maps and their basis in legal descriptions over GIS.

Psomas (vendor presentation)

Mr. Gooch challenged us to move GIS forward for parcel mapping statewide and to become part of "regional GIS". Regional GIS is a cooperative GIS which provides for better data, optimizes maintenance and allows pooling of resources. He spoke about CGIA whose goal is to advance GIS coordination throughout the state.

Santa Cruz County – Cadastral Data Management in the Geodatabase, Gulla Gisladdottir

Ms. Gisladdottir gave an overview of Santa Cruz County's effort and eventual success in migrating its parcel data from an AutoCAD platform into a geodatabase.

Vestra (vendor presentation)

Mr. Angelides talked about design and components of a geodatabase. He urged us to use "best practices" in our work. Such practices include striving for improvements, understanding the work processes, planning for change and doing what works.

Los Angeles County Presentation, Emilio Solano

Mr. Solano spoke about working in a geodatabase. He emphasized that no matter how you create your Assessor maps, the work still includes acquisition of data, map maintenance and map distribution. He believes that electronic mapping makes Assessor drafting sections more visible. He provided several examples of how a geodatabase can be used in the Assessor's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.