



16TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA GIS CONFERENCE

Geospatial Implementation in the 21st Century:
Mapping California's Future

CalGIS 2010 - March Newsletter



Hello CA GIS Professionals!

I just wanted to share with you some of the technical highlights of the CalGIS 2010 Conference to be held this April 18-21 in Huntington Beach that you will be able to leverage in your day to day business.

Opening Keynote - James Fee, WeoGeo

James Fee, GISP, is widely regarded as a leader in the field of geospatial and web-based mapping technologies. At WeoGeo, James has been responsible for helping organizations organize, share and monetize their geo-content. He blogs about geospatial technology at <http://www.spatiallyadjusted.com/> and has helped develop an online GIS community culminating in Planet Geospatial (<http://www.planetgs.com>). He is a frequent keynoter at GIS Conference around the world as well as an advisor on many technology panels. He is also a regular columnist for *GeoInformatics Magazine*.

Closing Keynote - Eric Waldman, Microsoft BING Maps

Having started with a BA in Environmental Design from UC Berkeley, Eric Waldman has 25+ years of experience in GIS & Mapping industry with a strong background in Remote Sensing, 3D Visualization and Web Mapping Services. His background includes: Managing Sales/Marketing at Hitachi Software Engineering, Western Regional Manager at Space Imaging, Vice President Photon Research, Sr. Director GlobeExplorer, and for the last 4 years as GeoSpatial Specialist with the Bing Maps team in Microsoft Corp.

Department of Homeland Security Summit (Tuesday, April 20th, 2010)

The Department of Homeland Security is sponsoring a single day event this year to outreach and educate the public and private sector GIS professionals about federal, state and local programs, coordination, recent events (e.g. Haiti), and specific California Programs. If you are responsible for GIS planning, response or operations during a critical event, you will not want to miss this special program.

Coastal Resources Track (Monday - Tuesday, April 19 - 20, 2010)

A wide variety of federal and state agencies, NGOs, and consulting firms will hold a continuous track of sessions focusing on California coastal resources. Talks to be presented touch on data management, resource protection, data collection techniques, and multi-agency collaborations. Hear what is happening to protect and manage our precious coastline!

Hot Topics Track (Monday through Wednesday, April 19 - 21, 2010)

The Hot Topics track has sessions devoted to a wide range of subjects, including the modeling of green development, solar energy mapping, new datums, BIM, geo-tagging, the new USGS topo map, and much, much more!

GIS Operations (Monday through Wednesday, April 19 - 21, 2010)

The GIS Operations track encompasses all those things that are involved in running a GIS for a public agency, NGO or consulting firm - those common challenges we face every day, like system design and integration, data collection and automation, application development and service delivery, and various management and funding issues. Come learn from your peers and share your experiences!

Emerging Technology Track (Monday, April 19, 2010)

Innovative uses of GIS modeling, cartography, web portals and web 2.0 tools are showcased in this track of speakers.

Natural Resources Track (Monday, April 19, 2010)

If you're involved in open space as a resource in California - planning, protecting, monitoring - you won't want to miss this panel discussion on the California Protected Areas Database - a database containing information on all lands held in fee ownership by public agencies! Other tracks will present talks on techniques of monitoring open space preserves, water quality issues, and collaborative natural resource management.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (Monday, April 19, 2010)

Wildfires, earthquakes, terrorism, oh my! Since 9/11, public agencies at all levels are faced with the heightened challenge to be prepared to respond to any and all emergencies and their aftermath quickly and efficiently. Come and hear about regional collaborations on inter-operational response to emergencies, hazard mapping, modeling fire behavior, and cross-jurisdictional fire response database models.

GIO Panel Discussion (Wednesday, April 21, 2010)

Three county GIOs will participate in a panel discussion focusing on their current successes and their challenges, and looking into the future for their take on what's next. Be there to get their perspective, and share your views!

The CA GIS Council is planning to meet at CalGIS 2010 on Monday April 19th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM. The California GIS Council (CGC), made up of representatives from local/regional, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, was formed to collaborate on the planning, implementation and maintenance of a California GIS infrastructure. Please join this meeting to network and get updated on California's GIS Infrastructure.

CGIA Awards (Wednesday, April 21st)

The CGIA annually recognizes outstanding achievements in various aspects of GIS within California through its awards program. In addition to a "Chairman's Award" recognizing individual contributions to the advancement of the GIS field, Awards are presented in the categories of:

- Chairman's Award
- Exemplary Systems Award
- Advancements of Collaboration Award
- Outstanding Internet Presentation Award
- Excellence in Education Award

The deadline for nominations has been extended to March 19th, 2010. [Click here for nomination form!](#) Also don't miss a regular business meeting to be held during the Conference on Monday, April 19th, 2010 (1:30-3:30 PM Salon B)

Tribal Unwind Meet & Greet-Indigenous Mapping Network (Mon. Night Fire Pit). The Indigenous Mapping Network's (IMN) mission is to empower native communities by connecting them with the tools they need to protect, preserve, and enhance their way of life within their aboriginal territories. IMN is a conduit for native individuals and groups to meet and build relationships, and assist one another in accomplishing sovereignty goals. IMN endeavors to bridge the gap between traditional "mapping" practices and modern mapping technologies. Please join us in welcoming Tribal GIS professionals to this event. Also plan to attend the **Tribal Roundtable Session (Tues. April 20 11 - Noon)**

5 Pre-Conference Workshops (Sunday, April 18th, 2010):

- Asset Management
- GIS Program Management
- Open Source GIS
- NOAA Coastal Inundation Mapping Workshop - morning session)
- NOAA Habitat Priority Planner Training - afternoon session

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We still have room for a few more booth sponsors for the Exhibit Hall and other special Sponsorship opportunities. Don't Delay!

Hope to see you all in Huntington Beach in mid-April! Go and register for this event!



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