

FIRESCOPE GISS Workgroup Meeting

Meeting Notes

January 31, 2011

Attendance: Tom G., Rich Strazzo, Dave Donnelly, Lorri P-L, Kris Higgs, Tom D.

Mark Rosenberg, Lorri Peltz-Lewis, Coordination with Tom Drayer (Tom.Drayer@calema.ca.gov)

Next Meeting: Conference Call - Feb 14th 10-11:30 AM

Announcements:

Next week - Plan Section Workshop for all Type 1 teams, Lone, CA – Tom D. and Rich S. will be attending. Will report back to the team.

Feb 8-10 - "Explore the Role of Crowdsourcing for Emergency Management" to identify best practices in VGI
http://www.esri.com/news/releases/11_1qtr/gis-week.html

Accept Previous Meeting Notes – Rich moves to accept, Dave seconds, all in favor.

FIRESCOPE Overview - Tom Drayer – Current status: Rosters posted, Plan of Work and Charter are pending review by the Task Force. Proposed Expansion of GIS WG: Meeting last week of the Task Force did not have time to review GIS WG items, but this is on next month's meeting. GIS WG came up and discussion of expanding this group to Intelligence Officers and technical staff. Kate Dargan (Interra) presentation on technology revisiting the issue of creating a super group that would cover GIS, remote sensing, intelligence, etc. This has been discussed in the past... a lot of what GIS WG also involves other discipline cross over. Instead of forming another group it may be better to expand this one. May rename the group to Situation Analysis. Discussion: Rich commented on the larger group needs to have **focus groups** that would break this out better – need to have these focus groups bring up items to the group as a whole. Kris Higgs – GIS is a tool, can be used in many different areas. Past focus has been on the techs at the incident. Most agreed that we need to look at a broader scope. **Need to have meetings and build requirements for the users.** This needs to look at all of the involved groups. Tom D – What was done in South Ops opened everyone's eyes to see what can be done. North Ops developed some things that were also of interest. Kris – we need to focus on the tool – there is the data that is the backbone of the system and the decisions being made.

ACTION ITEM – Lorri will work with Tom D. to get a list of expanded responsibilities for this team.

FIRESCOPE Membership - groups are made up of SMEs throughout the state. They don't have to be a member agency. FIRESCOPE is from all levels are working on consensus level – things should not be moving forward unless they are a consensus. **ACTION ITEM** – see membership notes below.

Liaison Status: Next Task Force meeting is in San Diego – we are working on trying to fill the positions on the Board and get the appointments in place for the liaisons. Some may need to double up.

Funding Projects: Tom G. asked about funding projects like Interra – Tom D. this would have to be funding back at the agency, through grants, etc. DHS and USFS – USFS is funding an Interra effort at this time. Discussion on the viewers – Ladders being used in SouthOps, Interra is not currently being used. Tom G. – Orange county has some agreement, his office has been approached as well.

Question on vendors participating – the understanding is that the folks can be included, but when it comes to consensus building that these inputs would not be included. Group agreed that as SMEs this would be fine.

Future Meetings – Meeting revisited with the group. The team decided to make the March meeting the Face 2 Face meeting instead of May. There is also an agenda planning meeting scheduled – see below:

2011 Meetings – (red ones changed)

- February 14th 10_11:30 AM – Planning for Face 2 Face meeting.
- March 2-3, 2011 – **Face 2 Face**
- April 5, 2011 - 1-3 PM
- May 3, 2011 – 1-3 PM
- June 7, 2011 – 1-3 PM
- July 5, 2011 - 1-3 PM
- August 2, 2011 - 1-3 PM
- September 6, 2011 - Day Webinar proposed?
- October 4, 2011 - 1-3 PM
- November 1-3, 2011 - **Face 2 Face**
- December 6, 2011 - 1-3 PM

ACTION ITEM: All review dates!

Membership – This is pending the new expanded responsibilities and getting items up onto the FIREScope GIS WG website. See Lorri's action item above to define new responsibilities.

ACTION ITEM: All – send possible contacts to Lorri ASAP! Kris will send the contact she has.

OGC Proposal - Tom G. will work on getting paper in on the OGC. Standards for the data discussed. See more at:

<http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/is>

NWCG GTG Updates: Lorri reported out on the activities of the NWCG GTG including the following:

- **Geospatial Framework** no comments were received to date. Recommend that Tom G take a look at this and get comments back based on concerns with viewers, databases, etc. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviews extended – ALL Read First 28 pages - http://gis.nwcg.gov/documents/governance/NWCG_Geospatial_Technology_Strategic_Framework_FinalDraft_20101203.pdf
- **GSTOP** - (http://gis.nwcg.gov/gstop_sop.html) the NWCG GTG team will be working on this in 2011. The NWCG GTG team has all of the previous documentation on this effort, offers of support from BLM and other groups. The team is working on how a proposal on how to use the funds effectively. **ACTION ITEM:** Lorri & Rich continue to work on this.
- **Representation** – CAL FIRE will be nominating a member for this. NWCG GTG has accepted that there may be just a California member that would not cover the western US. The CA membership would not be a voting position if a voice comes up. **ACTION ITEM:** Lorri will address this with NWCG GTG and suggest 2 positions.

DHS/FEMA - Symbology Review - Rich pointed out that FIREScope needs to participate on the review of the DHS/FEMA proposed symbols – he is working on getting a write up for us. Rich also found out that NWCG GTG was never approached by DHS/FEMA on this. **ACTION ITEM:** Rich working on write up for this.

USNG – Lorri has done initial contact with USDA, USDOJ, FEMA, etc. in the federal areas, these discussions continue. Additional contacts have been made with local folks in CA, NV, CO, NC, MT, OR, LA, and others are being reached out to. At this time Lorri has some information to get started on assimilation and writing up documents. Rich will have the labeling included in contract for tool updates under ArcGIS 10. Tom G. discussed FEMA USAR requiring this information in their 8 teams. There is a lot of passion around this the focus Lorri has is to build a recommendation using the template that Tom Drayer recommended and work toward a consensus.