Construction Management and Public Information using GIS Time-Series Data

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A Coastal Community Pipes Up For the Environment

• State-mandated (SWQCB) a waste-water collection system in 1983

• Followed by 3 decades of political and legal wrangling

• County took ownership

• Sewer collection pipes to be installed in every street over a 1.5 year period

• Construction begins in the Fall of 2012
GIS Portal for Project Management

- GIS website to display project data
- Over 250 street segments to schedule and display
- Links to Document Management System on construction segments
- Construction schedule for each segment spanned the duration of the project
GIS Project Portal

Audience for Project GIS Site:

- County project managers and staff
- Construction managers, planners and staff
- Pipeline-contractor managers and schedulers
Optimizing the Pipeline Construction Scheduling

- Old way – Spreadsheets, paper maps
- New way – Visualized as Time-series data in GIS
Visualize the Schedule using Time Series Slider

- Move through entire project manually or with animation
- Daily metrics: how many segments are current or upcoming and the length of segments currently under construction
Demo
GIS website for the Public

- Link form Public Portal – Dig Los Osos
- Public GIS website displayed current status of construction by street segment
- Slider hidden but functionality remained so that it would open to the current date
GIS Data Update Model

- Data updated to reflect weekly time changes
- Each segment is represented by 4 features: Outline, Upcoming, Current and Finished
- Model alters time attributes only, features remain in place
Feedback

- Time-Series visualization was highly effective way to collaborate and plan weekly schedule optimizations

- Enhanced schedule communication between management and contractors

- Was instrumental in the success of the public outreach program for a sensitive subject concerning every resident

- Fun to play with