SoCal Tribal GIS

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Beginnings

- Started in 2006
- Open to Recognized and Non-Recognized Tribes

Purpose
- Foster Intertribal GIS Communication
- ESRI offered strong support as needed

Overwhelming Need:
- Training, Training, & Training
- Tips & Tricks
- Success Stories & Challenges
Mission Statement

“To better the Regional Tribal Nation Community;
Through the application of geospatial technology, data management and analysis;
Facilitating efficient business work-flows, improve departmental operations, and intertribal communication;
Resulting in greater resources protection, cultural preservation, and efficient business processes;
By fostering the exchange of knowledge, ideas, ambitions, experiences, and the promotion of its’ value and benefits to those Tribal Nations”
Collaboration

- Web Presence
  - www.socaltribalgis.com
    - blogs, forums, pages, files, links, messaging, events
  - www.arcgis.com (private group)
- Private (walled garden)
- 11 Tribes, 3 Organizations
  - Consultants by invitation only
  - 51 registered users (33 active)
- Quarterly Meetings
  - Bi-Weekly Conference Calls (Steering Committee)
Mentorship Program

- Provides a framework for user assistance
- Started with a formal process
  - Assigned mentees to specific mentors
- Morphed into a less formal process
- Call those with specific knowledge of topic
- Has provided strong benefits
- Quick way to get assistance
- Way to learn new skills
Benefits to Tribes

- Long-term GIS program success
  - Through mentorship, networking, and staff support
- Information about new GIS technology
- Information Technology
- Increased staff skills
- Close partnership with ESRI
  - Helps ESRI to better understand Tribal GIS issues, needs, and concerns and to facilitate GIS solutions at a Tribal level
Benefits to Users

- Mentorship benefits both the mentor and the mentee.
- Brings people together for collaboration.
- Varied user backgrounds benefit all.
- Information about new GIS technology.
- Training!
- Close partnership with ESRI.
  - Anne Taylor & Jan Mares are awesome!
- Donuts & coffee at meetings and super cool members!
Thank You

Questions