

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

