

MLIAC March 3, 2011, - Department of Environment Quality, Room 111

Members or Designees

Robin Trenbeath – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – Department of Transportation; Ed Madej – Tetra-Tech; Annette Cabrera – Yellowstone County (via teleconference); Lance Clampitt – Department of the Interior; Catherine Maynard – Department of Agriculture; Art Pembroke – Lewis and Clark County IT Department; Bryant Ralston – GCS Research LLC; Janet-Hess Herbert – Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Erin Geraghty – Department of Administration/BMSC; Don Patterson – USDA Forest Service (via teleconference); Lorin Peterson – Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes IT Manager; Darlene Staffeldt – Montana State Library; Kris Larson – CDM; Daniel Chelini – Department of Environmental Quality

Guests

Jenny Stapp – Montana State Library; Jess Aber – Department of Natural Resources WRD; Stu Kirkpatrick, Michael Fashoway – Base Map Service Center; Michael Sweet – University of Montana; Evan Hammer- Montana State Library; Julie Kriedeman – DOA/SITSD

November Executive Summary - Darlene Staffeldt motioned to approve, seconded by Mike Bousliman
****Approved****

Land Plan Process Revision Subcommittee - Lance Clampitt

The Subcommittee reviewed the 2011/2012 Land Plan and produced a draft template for future planning documents. The proposed [change](#) could impact the existing MLIA granting process. The template suggests that goals and objectives in the plan be associated with known funding sources. The Council discussed the pros and cons the proposed changes, especially in light of how MLIA funding is dispersed through the existing grant process. Robin Trenbeath asked the Subcommittee to review the Council's comments, make appropriate changes, and present the process revisions to the Council for action at the June, 2011 meeting

FY11-12 Land Plan, Action Plan - Robin Trenbeath/Annette Cabrera

The GIO presented an [Action](#) Plan to accomplish the goals and objectives of the FY11-12 Land Plan. Darlene Staffeldt expressed concern about using "ongoing" for some tasks as it doesn't communicate what the Council and others need to accomplish. She understands these are on-going items that will continue from one year to the next. The GIO agreed but wasn't sure how to communicate the idea any better. Several expressed concern that the Action Plan calls for working groups or committees but didn't describe the level of effort required. Robin expressed willingness to examine those levels of effort and include time commitments and the expected results. He will work with the Council and others to revise the Action Plan for the June meeting.

MAGIP Report-Erin Geraghty

MAGIP Mentoring Program efforts are lead by Diane Papineau of Montana State Library. The intent of the program is to create a system for less experienced GIS professionals to network with more experienced Montana GIS Professionals. The MAGIP Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 11-12 at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, Montana ([Agenda](#)). The MAGIP elections are underway. Nominations are open. Planning is underway for the MAGIP 2012 Intermountain Conference in Kalispell, on April 16, 2012.

Climate as an MSDI Layer – Michael Sweet/Jesse Ablor

An informational presentation was given on the role of GIS in climate models and as a tool for data

presentation, along with the roles of the U.M. Climate Office and DNRC. The Climate [Presentation](#) is available.

Updates and New Business

FY2011 Coordination Budget - Robin Trenbeath

An updated [GIS Coordination Budget Status](#) was reviewed.

Legislative Status – Robin Trenbeath

SB188, a bill that would have eliminated the MLIAC along with some other advisory councils, did not make transmittal.

GIS Cloud RFI Recommendation – Robin Trenbeath

[The GIS Cloud One Page Report](#) and the full document [GIS Cloud RFI Recommendation](#) have been posted. The multi-state team is looking into the economic and technical feasibility of putting GIS in the cloud. The team determined that there is a viable marketplace supporting GIS in the cloud. They recommended moving forward. Montana will host an RFI workshop, Utah will be the lead RFP state, and Oregon will guide development of the governance model.

MSDI Policy Issues – Robin Trenbeath

GIO Robin Trenbeath questioned the Council on whether this needed to be a standing agenda item. He noted that policy issues, the action plan, and the land plan all have some overlap. After discussion it was agreed that MSDI policy issues not addressed specifically in the Action Plan to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Land Plan would be incorporated and reported on in the Action Plan.

BMSC Update– Stu Kirkpatrick

Staff visited Beaverhead County, Ravalli County, and Missoula. Cadastral staff worked with Missoula on a new plan for tracking of condominiums, and moving their data to the GCDB base. The FY12 Structures work plan requires a good deal of county and tribal outreach to acquire addressed structures.. Staff also met with Madison County, City of Great Falls, Cascade County, and Missoula County on boundaries.

MSL Archiving Project - Jennie Stapp

The Montana State Library has been accepted as a partner in the Geospatial Multistate Archive and Preservation Partnership ([GeoMAPP](#)). The grant goal is to develop a Montana GIS data inventory and to evaluate the archival status of that data. MSL will work with at least one MSDI steward to develop a plan for that theme as a model for future archival processes.

2011 NAIP - Evan Hammer/Stu Kirkpatrick

An update on the Farm Service Agency's 2011 National Aerial Imagery Program was provided. It was noted that based on a previous survey of the GIS community, potential buy-ups to procure the color-infrared (4th) band(CIR) or ½ meter accuracy would not be fiscally supported. This lack of support brought some questions as to why there wasn't more interest. One audience member questioned the long-term viability of NAIP given the existing free commercial products available (Bing maps, Google etc.) An update will be provided to the Council in June.

Public Comment

MSL/NRIS manager Evan Hammer expressed appreciation of the work accomplished by those attempting to revise the annual Land Plan format.

Mike Sweet from the University of Montana commented that he felt that the Council needed to have more direct dialog with MACO and the League of City and Towns, especially in light of the lack of 2012

MLIA grants from the local government sector. He also expressed his opinion that the annual Land Plan could benefit from a stronger interaction between the annual planning process and the University System.

Open Forum

Lance Clampitt reminded the Council that the MAGIP bylaws ask that a Council member serve on the MAGIP Board and that he had fulfilled that position for the last two years. If other Council members are interested in serving in this capacity they should contact Robin Trenbeath and/or Lance Clampitt.

Kris Larson advised that the GIS Certification Institute is sponsoring a poster contest to show the location of all Geographic Information System Professionals. Two \$500 prizes, a \$300, and \$100 prize are being awarded and the deadline is March 31, 2011.

Bryant Ralston wanted it to go on record that a member of the Montana Senate is by statute to be appointed to the MLIAC. Bryant noted that he felt it imperative that this position be filled and will speak to the GIO as to how this can be prioritized. Darlene Staffeldt noted that she had a couple of interested Republican Senators that attended the Library Legislative Evening and would provide the GIO a few names to get started.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items- Robin Trenbeath

Next meeting - June 2, 2011, DEQ Room, 111, Helena

Topics for Next Meeting

Action plan for the Land Plan; GIS Task Force update; grants, budget; ongoing updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:27 p.m.