

# Statewide Parcel Data Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

WA Department of Health Tumwater, Building Town Center 3, Room 224  
243 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, (360) 236-3070

**Overview:** The objective of this meeting is to provide an update on the project, report on the use case subgroup progress, identify an individual to keep minutes, discuss data sharing hurdles and opportunities, and develop a statement of intent.

## Minutes (graciously taken by Allyson Jason of the USGS)

### Attendees:

**County:** Terry McLaughlin (Cowlitz Co)

**State:** Deb Naslund (DNR), David Jennings (DOH), Scott Kellog (DOH), Marc McCalmon (WDFW), Jane Ely (DOR), Ray Philen (DOR), Mike Mohrman (OFM), Paul Paynter (DOH)

**Federal:** Allyson Jason (USGS), Tim Keck (BLM)

**Tribal:**

**Vendor:** Heather Diaz (ESRI)

**Academic:** Luke Rogers (UW), Ara Erickson (UW)

**Private:**

### Project Update: (provided by Luke Rogers and Ara Erickson)

- Integrating data might take a little while longer than originally anticipated.
- There is a current status map of the data collection on the website
- Still need a few areas, some counties include state and federal holdings in their parcel layers, and others do not. This is another integration item to work through.
- Still need contact from 2 counties: Lewis & Yakima
- Some counties are tabular only (4-5) these will have to be treated carefully when integrating the data sets
- Dept of Revenue is having a Training to try to help counties link tabular data to a spatial layer. Offer for Ara to sit in on this.

### Use Case Subgroup Update: (provided by Marc McCalmon)

- Created an email for agency leads to send within agencies to advertise the Use Survey
- 31 responses so far from 5 agencies
- Hoping to use the response to help build up the value-added benefits that this

statewide layer will bring back to counties for participating

- **ACTION – Everyone update the Lead Agency Contact for the Use Case Survey Document**

#### **Data Sharing Update: (provided by Luke Rogers)**

- Majority of counties only have verbal data agreements in place. This makes it easier in the short-term to obtain data but more difficult in the long term to share the combined state-wide data layer.
- Assistant Attorney General that we have been working with considered the question of who would have to sign an umbrella data agreement and thought that perhaps every elected official would need to sign such a document. This would be virtually impossible.
- Another option is to create a “statement of intent” on how all participating agencies plan to use the data layer. This would not be legally binding, but would greatly assist in creating the verbal agreements with the different counties as well as in those counties requiring written data agreements.
- The Bottom up instead of Top down approach means that we would only have to worry about formal data agreements in those counties with legal concerns.
- Interestingly Public Disclosure law is typically looked at unfavorably, but provides more protection to counties sharing data. Apparently if the information is provided as part of public disclosure law, then the agency providing the data can provide it as-is and has all liability associated with the data absolved. This could be a good way of protecting agencies in the future.
- Some concerns over the portion of law that limits the commercial use of a list of names, seems to no longer be in effect as of the last few months. Looking into the status of this wording that has been referenced in data agreements. Attorney general looking to see if similar wording appears anywhere else. UPDATE: Many thanks to Terry McLaughlin for finding the elusive reference: the old RCW 42.17.260 that is referenced extensively in data license agreements has been replaced by RCW 42.56.070.

#### **Statement of Intent Brainstorming: (provided by Luke Rogers, Ara & David)**

- Statement of Intent should include: Title, Purpose, Participants, Collection, Transformation, Sharing, Use and A Summary.
- Some brainstorming about each topics’ content occurred (see additional info below)
- Keep in mind that this is a state-wide data set for asking state-wide questions.

#### **ACTIONS:**

Cancelled Dec 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

Everyone agrees to participate in reviewing the documents (SOI)

Individual leaders of Statement of Intent Sections 1<sup>st</sup> draft by Dec 11

Everyone agrees to Luke creating a Parcels listserv at UW

**Next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 11 AM.**

## **Additional Information**

**Ideas and assignments from the brainstorming session:**

**DRAFT LANGUAGE DUE by Dec 13<sup>th</sup>:**

**Draft sections will be combined and distributed for continuing review/edits by group**

1. Title (David J)
2. Purpose (David J)
  - a. Perhaps in the draft charter?
3. Participants (Marc)
  - a. Pull from survey?
4. Collection (Ray & Jane)
  - a. When
  - b. How
  - c. Cost
5. Transformation (Luke & Ara)
  - a. Greatest common denominator
6. Sharing (Paul, Scott & later the AAG)
  - a. Address public disclosure
  - b. Share raw data as well?
  - c. Public facing website?
7. Use (Rich)
  - a. Pull from survey?
8. Summary (Group)