

Statewide Parcel Data Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Washington State Department of Health (Bldg 3)

243 Israel Road SE

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Overview: The objective of this meeting is to provide an update on the project, report on the presentation at the annual assessors meeting, report on the use case subgroup progress, discuss a “producers” survey and (possibly) report on the progress of the attorneys general and legal questions.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was chaired by David Jennings (DOH) and Luke Rogers (UW).

AGENDA ITEM

Next Meeting: September 19th, DOH, Tumwater

Introductions

Review of Agenda

Review of past Minutes

Minutes moved and seconded

Project Update

Annual Assessor’s meeting:

Luke attended the annual meeting of the County Assessors held in Walla Walla August 6 – 9. Twenty three county assessors and three elected officials were in attendance.

Luke gave a presentation that defined the purpose and the goals of the Parcel Framework Management Group.

The attendees expressed a desire to move toward a standard for a statewide parcel layer. Assessors overwhelmingly agreed that any available monies should be allotted to non-GIS counties to get them up and running with at least some base level of parcel GIS.

It was good that Luke attended the meeting as there were many false rumors about a State “mandate” for parcel data and other related misinformation.

Terry McLaughlin discussed the concerns shared by the counties:

- The word “initiative” caused some concern as it was believed that this framework committee was mandated by the legislature.
- Taxpayer name and taxpayer address information disclosure and requests for that data
- A discussion forum could be used to assist in GIS technology.

An open invitation was extended to the framework chairperson to attend and present at the annual meeting.

Attorney General and License agreement:

Luke met with the State Attorney General office to discuss Data licensing agreements. There were 2 major concerns about these agreements:

- Protection the owner/producers of the data
- Protection of the data users

The county assessors like the idea of a standardized Data Licensing Agreement. Tammy Griffin of WaTRANS is interested in pursuing a Data Licensing Agreement standard. Tammy and Luke will meet with the State Assistant Attorney General Clark Shores. It is Luke's hope that a working document will be ready by the end of the year.

Other items:

Luke continues to work on getting all collected information up on the web including county status, contacts for counties and agencies, data attributes, license agreements, derivative data products produced from parcel data, etc. That information should be available on the Parcel Framework website by the end of August.

Use Case Subcommittee

Meeting was held on July 24 with Marc McCalmon leading the discussion. Marc provided the subcommittee with Use-Case examples from WDFW. A common data form was to be created with some examples displayed at this meeting. This form has yet to be created. No further meetings have been scheduled.

The subcommittee agreed that the completion of the use-cases examples should not hold up work on the statewide parcel database.

Parcel Data producers survey

Luke created a survey that has 98 questions. Luke mentioned that the last half of the calendar year is a better time to approach the Assessors. Luke wondered if it was necessary to send this survey out to the Assessors, and what purpose it would serve. The group decided that many of the questions that the survey was intended to answer are being collected by Luke and Ara as they contact counties and agencies for parcel data and that the survey could be filled out based on information being received. The survey will not be sent out but instead compiled by Luke & Ara as they contact counties.

Other topics

What other sources had spatial data for non-GIS counties. State statute says that the County Assessor controls the parcel data, but often times this data is outsourced to other County Departments, public works for example. Many counties outsource their CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) databases to third parties like TerraScan's TaxSifter, Sidwell Parcel Builder and others. TerraScan seems to be the most prevalent in Washington.

Future Agenda Items

County survey control of spatial data.

- POCA layer is an archaic layer that has been used for a counties data control.
- Cadastral data is updated and can be used for a control.

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be at the Washington State Department of Health, Bldg 3:
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September 19, 2007, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

October 17, 2007, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

November 14, 2007, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
December 12, 2007, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Action Items

Additional Information