

Ballot: Top 3 Improvements or Solutions to GIS Resources

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Name: David Harris

Priority	Improvement or Solution
1	Analyze the & Catalogue Missions, Tasks & supporting <u>information flows</u> for flood management & design associated & resulting products - This is the flood. mgt. information architecture
2	Use the information architecture above to design the necessary infrastructure & the build it
3	GIS SOP's defined.

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We are on the verge of a potential transformation in flood information management.

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Name: *Jaime Matteoli*

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1	Centralized geo spatial incident data base
2	Training / drills
3	SOPs

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Name: Anthony James McDonald

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1	Everybody have Thomas Guide atlases as a default. Use firefighting methods as a model. Use same cartographic standards as Thomas Guide. Include north arrow, scale bar, scale ratio, map grid in degrees-minutes-seconds.
2	Check published maps for accuracy—especially the scale ratio. Include redundancies for flexibility and to reduce error. Include qualitative descriptions as a redundancy. Export to low-resolution, single-layer PDF.
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Jane Schafer-Kramer

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1	in field - be prepared for Low Tech solutions when hi tech ones fail, esp. GPS; road maps for Ops
2	lets figure out what data is crucial and have a GO folder or GDB prepared ahead of time
3	develop workflow for GIS specialist to do flood inundation analysis.

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Name: *Melody Baldwin*

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1	GIS Standards - + Standard Data + Standard Cartography
2	GIS Training - Managers to know services GIS Tech to know what is available
3	Use Map Books - Thomas Guides - O&M Map Book

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Name: *Zoltan*

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1	have all materials available on portable hard drive.
2	have standardized GIS tools, with grids and additional info to quickly locate + share critical info
3	have lg. displays at ICTs, 30" or larger.

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Name: TODD BERNARDY

Priority	Improvement or Solution
1	GPS UNITS + TRAINING = BETTER ICT INPUT
2	STATIC MAPS w/ ROADS, INUNDATION, HIGH GROUND, ? RD INFORMATION BE PREPARED FOR LOW TECH.
3	BE PREPARED FIND A WAY TO GET ! BROADCAST SPACIAL INFORMATION IN REAL-TIME (START SIMPLE AND GIVE PEOPLE A WINDOW TO SEE IT)

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Name: Jeff Gale

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1	Bigger hard drives for the laptops.
2	Hard-copy maps with ^{detailed} street data.
3	Connection to DWR servers.

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Name: DANIA FERNANDEZ

Priority	Improvement or Solution
1	Centralized GIS Database with versioning would go along way toward improving communication & information sharing during an event.
2	Standardized processes & cartography.
3	Low-tech Backups to Item 1, developed and maintained in preparation for events.

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Ke Zhou

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1	minimum numbers of GIS and GPS equipments for each ICT.
2	broad band all weather communicate devices.
3	power supplies and enough sockets.

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Equipments drive up efficiency and speed of response.

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1	Standard mapping template
2	IT help for all ICT's and FOC
3	Distribution of map products to all emergency responders

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1	Drills for GIS and Data Comm
2	Training for GIS / emergency response
3	Standardized symbols.

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Name: Jason Harbaugh

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2	Please see survey monkey comments they are the same.
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Name: Joel Dudas

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1	Workflow for logging incident data must be better defined between ICTs, FOC, and CalEMA. Suggest we develop a formalized process, and clearly assign responsibilities and expectations.
2	Communication between FOC and ICT was extremely poor. There were at least 3 reasons why during GG. One (which I am not concerned about) was partly a function of exercising 3 ICTs in the same place, while only 1 ICT brought equipment. Second, it doesn't seem like the FOC had our satphone numbers handy. Three, a LAN admin-type should have been deployed with the ICT to handle initial machine setup.
3	No mechanism exists for tracking resource allocation and reserves in a systematic way within the GIS deployment between the ICTs and the FOC. This could be handled by CA NOW, provided we open up the information to CalEMA. We should develop a solution for this, and again clearly assign workflows.

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Name: Christina Boggs

Priority	Improvement or Solution
1	Training – Development of a standard operating procedure for GIS Specialists and subsequent training on such. Training for Managers/Section leaders on the things they should ask for and can ask for (and what not to ask for – Cartography)
2	Communication – We need to have better communication between ICTs, FOC and SOC. Solutions can include but should not be limited to – contact lists, use of existing tools like California Now, creation of some sort of incident database (or modification of the existing FOCIS to be more useful), creation of a workflow that includes backing up data to other locations, copying other agencies on our data (situational awareness) while maintaining security and keeping unverified and unreliable data shown as unverified and unreliable.
3	Expectations and awareness – we should improve overall awareness of the existing resources we have, for example Melody knew what maps we had already available but I don't know if everyone else knew exactly what resources we had (even though we had all been briefed on them). With respect to expectations, map requestors need to know that to produce tactical GIS – cartographic requests need to be minimized. With that in mind, we should have a template prepared to allow for accommodation of anticipated cartographic requests already within the template (if 90% of our audience wants counties on the maps, they should be in the template and symbolized in a manner valuable to viewers)

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Great job by everyone, especially the EGIS Emergency Response subcommittee in taking the lead on bringing folks up to speed.