

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
DATA COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 15, 2024; 10am–12pm (MST)**

A public meeting of the Data Committee of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened January 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM on Google Meets. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the AGIC Data Committee:

Table 1: Committee Voting Members

Member	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Jim Meyer, Co-Chair	AZ Dept of Transportation	Yes
Howard Ward, Co-Chair	Retired	Yes
Jack Avis	APLS	No
Kevin Blake	Yavapai County	Yes
Nicole Eiden	AZ Dept of Health Services	Yes
Bo Guo	Gistic Research	No
Boyd Larkin	AZ Dept of Revenue	Yes
Jason Nyberg	Quantum Spatial	No
Susan Smith	AZ Forestry & Fire Management	No
Jamie White	City of Phoenix	Yes
Steven Whitney	Pima County	No

Other Attendees:

- Cynthia Ritmiller, USGS
- Wolfgang Grunberg, DFFM
- Sarah Hess - Pinal County
- James Johansen - Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- Krystal Saverse - Arizona Commerce Authority
- Boyd Larkin, AZ Dept of Revenue
- Patty Kovacs, SRP
- Elizabeth Heller ADWR
- Caleb Keener - AZ Department of Administration - 9-1-1 Program
- Keith Larson - USDA-NRCS
- Eric Feldman
- Brooke Serpa - Arizona Dept of Administration
- Alexandra Permar
- Shea Lemar – Arizona Land Department

Call to Order and Introductions;

- Established there was a quorum at 10:10.

Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes (Jim Meyer, ADOT)

- Motion by Jamie White; second by Kevin Blake
- Approved unanimously.

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Announcements (Jim Meyer, ADOT)

- Upcoming Meetings:
 - [AGIC Council Meeting](#) | Thursday, February 6, 2025 - 10:00am to 12:00pm virtual and in person at MAG

Activity Reports

- Data Sharing (Steve Whitney) – Steve was not present. Shea noted she had spoken with Steve recently and he is about to call the Data Sharing Workgroup back together to finalize the white paper on Data Sharing Best Practices.
- Imagery Program (Kevin Blake, Patrick Whiteford) – Kevin noted that Patrick and Ryan are still working on the RFP and that it may be stuck in procurement.

Shea noted that the group is working with other agencies to purchase imagery and or high-resolution LIDAR on the off-years that NAIP is not flown. The 2024 off-year imagery was flown and can be purchased; waiting for ASLD agreement with other groups before purchase is made. Keith Larson noted that Arizona is very low in the USGS priority for 2025 NAIP and may be pushed back to 2026.

Jim Meyer queried the meeting about interest and received positive responses from Kevin Blake, Sara Hess and Krystal Saverse. Kevin thinks there will be a lot of interest from the rural Counties and so does Shea. Brooke noted that many counties get imagery through the efforts of their Assessors. Wolfgang reports no request from his agency (Forestry) for imagery. Shea asked him to determine interest as a larger pool of participants will help when making a request to State Administration

- **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Wolfgang: determine interest in State forestry agency for imagery.**
- **All discuss imagery options at next meeting and form a workgroup to focus on 2025 and 2025 imagery options.**
- Natural Resources (Elisabeth VanderLeeuw) – the NR workgroup was inadvertently left off the agenda. A report will be requested for the next Data Committee Meeting.
- SPCS2022 (Brian Fisher, Jack Avis) – neither Brian or Jack was present. Shea expressed interest in getting an update on the CORS project.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Shea will reach out to Brian Conway to do a CORS presentation.**

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Statewide/Regional Data Discussion

- 3DEP/3DHP Update (Cynthia Rittmiller, USGS) – Cynthia showed a status map and provided the following notes for inclusion in the minutes.

3DEP/Lidar Updates:

1. Final work unit for AZ_Mohave_D23 has passed validation and will be published shortly.
2. AZ_Eastern_D24 data has been acquired and is in work by the contractor.
3. Grand Canyon project is moving along with anticipated acquisition summer 2025.
4. Available data can be found various ways. My favorite is Lidar Explorer (<https://apps.nationalmap.gov/lidar-explorer/#/>)

3DHP Updates (<https://www.usgs.gov/3dhp/about>):

1. Differences between the EDH and 3DHP datasets has been added to the 3DHP DCA Appendix H or from the following website (<https://www.usgs.gov/3DHP/differences-between-edh-and-3dhp-data>).
2. **USGS Hydrography Community Call**

Starting January 2025, the USGS Hydrography Community Call will be scheduled quarterly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM EST. Subscribe to the calls and find links to recordings of the calls on the [Hydrography Community Call \(https://www.usgs.gov/3d-hydrography-program/hydrography-community-calls\)](https://www.usgs.gov/3d-hydrography-program/hydrography-community-calls) website.

Other Updates:

- Seasketch (website in partnership with NOAA to capture requested future 3DHP or 3DEP projects)- request by Jan 24. More info can be found in email sent via AGIC list serv Jan 15 Subject - Action by January 24: NOAA requesting feedback on U.S. Mapping Coordination Website (Seasketch)
- 2023 NAIP Update (Keith Larson)
 - Keith asked Shea to do the update. NAIP Will be available shortly for everyone. The NRCS changed access method and it has been cumbersome to get data. Ryan worked with different set of people at NRCS; he got it several times, each time with holes in the layer. The data set is now complete, processed and almost ready to share: it is in final review by council members now. Shea noted that there is a problem hosting the data on AZGeo due to the expiration of the State contract for Esri software including premium data store; she is waiting for the contract to be renewed. She is optimistic that future NAIP will be faster in preparation for sharing with AZ Community.

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- 911 Office Update (Brook Sherpa, ADOA 911 Office):
 - Only one system migration remains: the City of Phoenix Police and Fire Departments.
 - The 911 Office is hosting a GIS/PSAP meeting on March 12th; bring GIS and PSAP managers to talk GIS data updates.
 - Q2 submission is now closed; some 911 Systems are still pushing updates to the 911 office and then it will go to various 911 systems; Brook notes that the geocoder based on this local data is much improved.
 - The 911 office acquired the 1Spatial solution to do statewide parcel aggregation and Brooke is working with Shea now to get this working.
 - Brook introduces the new GIS Coordinator for the 911 Office, Caleb Keener also introduced himself.
- AZGeo – recent data/projects/activities (Shea Lemar):
 - Shea reports that Kasey Green has left the State for another position. ASLD is; working as rapidly as possible to replace him. When that job is filled, she would like to have a data spotlight focusing on new and/or important datasets. Shea will work with the various data stewards in the State on ways to improve data access. Reach out to Shea if you have ideas for improvement.
- General Group Discussion
 - How to Access Statewide Datasets – Howard noted this topic came up in the AGIC Chair meeting called by Shea last week. The main ideas are as follows:
 - It is hard to know what data is new and what is changing across the State. Also hard to know where expertise related to those data sets resides
 - Kasey’s Data Curator position may be better framed as an “Information Curator” and include information on data and local, regional or state expertise related to various AZGeo data sets.

Annual Workplan Review

- Howard displayed the [draft workplan](#) he and Jim have created and a discussion ensued. No major changes were suggested and no specific notes are captured here. Howard moved to approved the Workplan as edited, Boyd Larkin seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The latest draft of the workplan will be posted after Jim, Shea and Howard review the edits.

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Information or Topics for Future Meetings

- Jim asked for volunteers to present what their organizations are doing related to geospatial data. Nicole Eiden volunteered to present at the July meeting.

- Next Meeting: April 16 2025

Adjourn: 11:24 am