

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL  
DATA COMMITTEE – NATURAL RESOURCES WORK GROUP**

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A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened October 8, 2020 at 10:04 AM on Webex. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the AGIC Data Committee-Natural Resources Work Group:

**Table 1: Work Group Voting Members**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Agency/Company</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Glen Buettner, Co-chair	AZ Dept of Water Resources	Yes, phone
Jeremy Johnson, Co-chair	Matrix New World	Yes, phone
Robert Davis	Quiet Creek	Yes, phone
Ben Hickson	PAG	Yes, phone
Keith Larson	USDA/NRCS	Yes, phone
Jenna Leveille	AZ State Land Department	No, with notice
Elisabeth Van Der Leeuw	Pima County	Yes, phone

**Table 2: Public At-Large**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Company</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Gerardo Armendariz	USDA/ARS	Yes
Cheryl Begay-Mizell	EASi	Yes
Jay Corum	BOR	Yes
Susan Craig	ASU	Yes
Drew Decker	USGS	Yes
Kasey Green	AZ State Land Department	Yes
Wolfgang Grunberg	DFFM	Yes
Arnold Kedia		Yes
Cody Maynard	ADEQ	Yes
Doug McCarty	ADEQ	Yes
Tayna Owens	Westland Resources	Yes
Julia Sittig	Altar Valley Conservation	Yes

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am; Introductions were made by the committee; around the table and on the phone, ensuring attendance list was managed and quorum established.
- II. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** August meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Members were provided an opportunity to

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make corrections. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Jeremy Johnson, seconded by Robert Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. **NHD Pilot Project Status Report:** Jeremy provided an update on the NHD Pilot Project. Ben and Cody are working through the datasets for the San Pedro and Santa Cruz Rivers. Glen is working on finding an intern.
- IV. **AGIC Symposium:** Glen reviewed the agenda for the 2020 AGIC Symposium – Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> is reserved for the Natural Resource group presentation.
- V. **Fall Outreach Event:** Glen briefly discussed the work group’s first outreach event that was held in May of this year. Elizabeth is coordinating with Jatta and Jenna to plan a second outreach event before the end of 2020. Along with other speakers, UA will present their “Drought View” possibly on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> or later that week. They plan is for a half-day event that would either be a few hours in the morning or the afternoon. Elizabeth will confirm availability with the presenters and possibly distribute a poll to this group for confirmation. The goal is to have a workshop date confirmed by late October. If it can be determined quickly, the event can be promoted at the upcoming AGIC Symposium.
- VI. **AZGeo WG Landing Page Updates:** Kasey Green was invited to discuss the updates for the AZGeo Workgroup landing pages. The pages are not live yet, but there are instructions for requesting a working group page, which will require a picture and a description. There was discussion about what content the group might want to include on the page, and ideas included reference to the Work Group’s ongoing projects, references or information about natural resource datasets available on AZGeo, and other projects of interest to the natural resources community. Roy Jemison explained that the US Forest Service has a large amount of Arizona data available on their Region 3 website, and that the group may be interested in making that known or accessible. There were questions about how the external data may be addressed using AZGeo. This may need to more in-depth future discussion.

Wolfgang and Gerardo agreed to coordinate development of the Natural Resources Work Group’s AZGeo group and begin to prepare for development of the landing page as soon as the functionality is available. Glen noted that Kara Jenson had also volunteered earlier to help with this work. With approval

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of the group, Glen agreed to send an email to Wolfgang and Gerardo with Kara's contact information and the approval to begin developing the AZGeo group and other materials. We will plan for an update at the next meeting in December. Robert Davis asked to also be included in this discussion so that he can share what he has learned in developing AZGeo functionality for the NHD group.

VII. **2020 Goal/Project Review**: Glen Buettner and Jeremy Johnson reported on the following topics:

- **Data Coordination**: Glen briefly mentioned that the data coordination goals are being met through the ongoing work with AZGeo and the NHD Work Group that have already been discussed.
- **Collaboration Forum**: Gerardo discussed the changes made to the Survey123 survey being developed by his team in conjunction with the X-Watershed Network. They continue to manage meeting notes through BaseCamp project. There is no firm date, but Gerardo is hopeful that an early dataset will be available before the end of the calendar year. Kasey agreed to help as needed to get any data or applications onto the AZGeo platform.

VIII. **2021 Work Plan Development**: Glen started the discussion about developing the 2021 work plan which will use the 2020 plan as a starting point. He suggested that Data and Collaboration Coordination should feature as major elements in the plan. Jeremy added that we could expand data coordination to include development of tools and datasets. He would also like to see the data coordination expanded beyond hydrography. Wolfgang asked whether there was interest in revisiting an interagency projects database that would share geospatial data about natural resource projects being conducted throughout the state. There was brief discussion. Glen will start a draft document work plan based on the 2020 plan and that this will be a major topic for the December meeting. All members need to think about what they would like to see included and bring their ideas for that discussion.

IX. **Information or Topics for Future Meetings**:  
Next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Suggestions for future meeting topics include the 2021 Work Plan and training workshops. Other suggested topics include more in-depth updates on the AZGeo work and the X-Watershed Network project. Susan Craig agreed she would be interested in providing a presentation on the Kyl Center's Water

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Blueprint project during one of the upcoming meetings. She asked for at least 25-30 minutes for an effective overview.

X. **Call to the Public:** None

XI. **Adjourn:** 11:40 am