Significant Events In California's GIS History

- **1993 Governor's Geographic Information Task Force Report Completed** – Recommendations included forming a California Geographic Information Coordinating Council and creating a statewide Geographic Data Catalog. This report lost support of the administration.

- **1994 California Geographic Information Association (CGIA) formed** by participants who worked on the Task Force Report. The governing board consists of two representatives from each sector, as recommended by the Task Force Report.

- **1995 CGIA received a grant from Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)** and partnered with the California Resources Agency to create the California Environmental Resources (CERES) catalog. The catalog has grown to more than 4000 metadata entries of state, federal and local governments.

- **1998 Governor Vetoed AB1293 – Strategic Geographic Information Investment Act (sponsored by CGIA)**.

- **2000 Statewide GIS Council initiative launched** under the Davis Administration.

- **11/2001 – Statewide GIS Council Charter approved.** Council comprised of nearly equal representation from State, Federal and Local Government Agencies.

- **4/2002 – CGIA declared the recommendations of the '93 Task Force Report substantially complete**.

- **6/2002 – California GIS Council held its most recent meeting.**

- **7/2002 – State GIO title vacant** - The Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Resources Agency was administering the GIS Council until his departure.

- **7/2002 – CGIA letter to Statewide GIS Council offered support for the Council,** for creation of a permanent GIO position, and for formation of the RGCs.

- **11/2002 – California released the Draft GIS Strategic Plan,** which proposed the creation of a Geographic Information Entity answerable to all state departments and responsible for administration of the Statewide GIS Council.

- **12/2002 – The top GIS positions for the California Office of Emergency Services and the USGS Liaison to the State of California are vacated**.

- **3/2003 – CIO position for the California Resources Agency filled** by John Ellison from Fish & Game.

- **3/2003 – Seven members of the Governor's Cabinet met with the Statewide GIS Council Steering Committee** and Key State Agency Advisors for a Visioning Session, demonstrating a high level of awareness of State's commitment and

interest in coordinating its GIS efforts. Support for forming Regional GIS Councils (RGCs) agreed to be a top priority.

- **4/2003 – CGIA Letter to Statewide GIS Council offered continued support for the formation of Regional GIS Councils**.

- **Current – The GIS Council Steering Committee and Key Advisors set next full Council Meeting.** A proposal is put forth to re-invigorate the Council by creating a smaller Council with about 7 federal, 7 state, 2 association and 9 local representatives. The 9 local representatives would rotate by regions from among the Regional GIS Councils.