Ag Working Group
Ag Map Support Sub-group
3/14/03, 9:00 a.m., OP conference room

Tearsheet notes

Attending:
Jeff Melrose, Kathy Sokugawa, Steve Young, Earl Yamamoto, Jane Yamashiro, Ruby Edwards. OP Planning and GIS staff: Scott Derrickson, Joan Esposo, Dennis Kim, Craig Tasaka.

Agenda:

- What information would help the working group? What questions might it want answered? e.g.
  - Current ag activities
  - Land ownership
  - “Hot spots”
- Information we have & accessibility
- Information gaps & how to close them
- Basemap layers
- Sharing data and maps

Basic data:

1. Soils, USDA/NRCS (need update)
2. Infrastructure:
   - Ditches (extract from DLGs, 1983)
   - Major roads
3. Ag land use/activity today (to be mapped):
4. Preferred settlement patterns:
   - County general plan/community plan designations
   - County zoning
   County planning and zoning data layers not complete for all counties
   - Urban growth boundaries, rural community boundaries, proposed ag preservation zones
   Kathy noted that C&County’s Sustainable Communities Plans/Development Plans land use maps are not in GIS format, but are graphics files. This is so that they remain generalized and not parcel-specific. Caveat on how this info should be used.
   - State land use districts (update)
5. Land ownership:
   - County general plan/community plan designations
   - State
   - Private
   - Lands in transition (e.g., lands for sale, etc.)
• Leasehold activity (e.g., where lands being held, leasehold status (short vs. long-term, etc.))
6. Lots with ag tax dedication (from county finance/real property tax staff) or receiving ag water rates
7. Streams, aquifers, ditches
   Use of aquifers vs. watersheds
8. Land use files—attribute table for parcels might be useful to mapping ag activity
   Steve has more up-to-date land use activity tables for C&County that he can provide

Current ag activity—mapping exercise:
1. Convene group of individuals with knowledge of ag activities on each island to map current ag activities on base maps provided by Ag Mapping group; would be standalone activity to be conducted within next month
2. Purpose to visually display where ag activities are now as base reference to larger Working Group; can invite participants from Ag Working Group to add information to maps in subsequent meetings
3. Would like to digitize, convert ag activity information into GIS format so that can continue to be finetuned, and overlaid with other relevant GIS data (such as land use designations, land ownership, soils/rating systems, etc.)
4. Kathy offered the use of C&County Smart Boards to aid in capturing information from mapping exercise; offered to assist in finding C&County facility for mapping
5. Mapping exercise to take a half-day with different teams working concurrently on island maps
6. Base map layers to include:
   • Parcels
   • Hillshades?
   • Ditches
   • Roads

To do/tasks:
1. OP/Joan to determine extent of desired data layers both on statewide and island basis
2. OP/Ruby in conjunction with GIS staff to prepare base maps for mapping exercise
3. C&County to share land use activity attribute table (more up-to-date), Corel Draw files of Sustainable Communities/Development Plan land use maps, and proposed ag preservation zones