

**1. Please provide the following information.**

1. Please Select Your Jurisdiction.

California

2. Please enter your name as indicated below.

Last Name - Ellison

First Name - John

Middle Initial - P

3. Please select the answer that most closely describes your role in statewide GIS coordination.

Generally Recognized Volunteer State Government Only GIS Coordinator

4. What is your job title?

Other (please specify) - Agency Technology Officer

5. Enter the name of your agency/organization.

California Resources Agency

6. Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.

Department of Natural Resources or Environmental Protection

7. Please provide your address information.

Address Line 1: - Empty

Address Line 2: - Empty

Mail Stop or Other Code: - Empty

Street Number and Name: - 1416 9th Street, Ste 1311

City: - Sacramento  
State: - CA  
Zip Code: - 95814

8. Enter your complete telephone number with area code. (Please use this format 410-544-2005)

916-653-2238

9. Enter your complete FAX number with area code. (Please use this format 410-544-4064)

916-653-7738

10. Enter your complete E-mail address.

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11. Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)

Accomplishment 1. - Collaborative procurement of NAIP imagery  
Accomplishment 2. - Kept GIS council alive for another year  
Accomplishment 3. - Obtained recognition of GIS in state's strategic IT plan

12. Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)

Goal 1. - Develop state GIS data plan  
Goal 2. - Develop GIS council strategic plan  
Goal 3. - Expand GIS council activities

13. Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)

Challenge 1. - Obtaining state executive sponsorship  
Challenge 2. - Establish state GIO w/adequate funding and staff  
Challenge 3. - Expand and coordinate role of regional GIS cooperatives or councils

14. Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)

- Cooperative Effort 1. - Collaborated with USGS, USDA and a number of state agencies on NAIP imagery procurement
- Cooperative Effort 2. - Strong collaboration among key state agencies in support of GIS council
- Cooperative Effort 3. - Continued close collaboration with USGS on National Map, metadata cataloging and related GIS efforts
- Cooperative Effort 4. - Continued strong regional GIS collaborations over most of state
- Cooperative Effort 5. - Continued close working relationship between de facto "GIO" and state CIO
- Cooperative Effort 6. - Strong partnership between several state agencies resulted in enterprise GIS software & hardware contracts

15. Describe any significant data development activities, innovative applications, cost saving measures, contracts, etc. that are on-going or that you have begun over the past year. (200 character limit per line)

- Activity 1. - Established state contract for GIS products and services
- Activity 2. - Continue to actively pursue state steward for NHD
- Activity 3. - Emergency response/homeland security needs offering new opportunities (e.g., critical infrastructure)
- Activity 4. - Health Services Agency elected as GIS council chair bring new life and different perspective to council activities
- Activity 5. - State developing enterprise architecture for GIS
- Activity 6. - Empty

16. Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.

Empty

17. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.

No State GIS Coordination Office

18. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.

URL: - <http://gis.ca.gov/council/>

19. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.

URL: - <http://gis.ca.gov/catalog/>

20. Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?  
Yes

21. Please provide the URL link to a list of GIS data stewards for your state.  
No List Available

22. Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.  
URL: - <http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/spbpayrd.htm>

23. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.  
URL: - <http://gis.ca.gov/>

24. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.  
No Data Standards

**2. Score Card for Fifty States Initiative**

25. Which of the following NSGIC Coordination Criteria are in effect in your state? Please rate your implementation on the following 1-5 scale.  
5 = Implemented at this time 4 = Progress has been made and we reasonably expect this to be fully implemented within the next 12 months 3 = We currently are planning to implement this within the next 12 to 18 months 2 = No plans at this time for implementing this criteria 1 = We previously had this function and lost it over the past year

	5	4	3	2	1
1. A full-time, paid	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty

coordinator position is designated and has the authority to implement the state's business and strategic plans.					
2. A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
3. The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
4. A champion (politician or executive decision-maker) is aware and involved in the process of coordination.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
5. Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
6. The ability exists to work and coordinate with local governments, academia, and the private sector.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
7. Sustainable funding sources exist to meet projected needs.	Empty	Empty	Empty	2	Empty

8. Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty

26. Please identify the stakeholder groups that participate on your GIS Coordination Council and their level of participation.			
	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Cities and Towns	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Statewide City Organization	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Counties and Parishes	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Statewide County Organization	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Regional Government Organizations	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
State Agencies	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Tribal Governments	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Federal Agencies	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Utilities	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Empty	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Education (K-12)	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty

General Business Community	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Surveying Community	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Non-Profit Organizations	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
General Public	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Local URISA Chapter	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Local ASPRS Chapter	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty

27. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.

URL: - [http://gio.ca.gov/docs/State\\_GIS\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_v2a.pdf](http://gio.ca.gov/docs/State_GIS_Strategic_Plan_v2a.pdf)

28. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.

No Business Plan Available

29. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Marketing Plan for GIS.

No Marketing Plan Available

30. Please provide the URL link to the Law or Executive Order that established your GIS Coordination Office and/or Council.

Not Applicable - No Executive Order or Law Available

31. Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.

URL: - <http://www.dof.ca.gov/OTROS/StatewideIT/StatewideIT.asp>

32. Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.

URL: - <http://www.dof.ca.gov/OTROS/StatewideIT/StatewideIT.asp>

33. Does your GIS Coordination Council have adequate funding to support its operation? (This refers only to the activities of the Council and not to your Coordination Office or projects like data development.)

Not Funded

34. What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)

Not Applicable

35. Does your GIS Council officially endorse the use of appropriate OGC, FGDC, ANSI or ISO standards as appropriate?

Other (please specify) - Not yet

36. Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?

Yes - All Users

37. Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?

Yes for all applications

38. Does your GIS Council or State Coordination Office actively participate in The National Map?

Yes

**3. Hot Topics**

39. Does your state have a shared Orthoimagery Program that involves local and state agencies?

No

40. Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Orthoimagery Program?

No

41. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable

42. Does your state have a shared Road Centerline file project that involves local and state agencies?

Yes

43. Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Road Centerline File program?

No

44. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable

**4. Understanding the Role of GIS Coordinators**

45. Please choose the mechanism that created your position.

Agency Administrative Decision

46. Please provide the URL link for the document(s) that created your position (Legislation, Executive Order or Other Action).

No Statutory Authority, Executive Order, or Other Action

47. Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?

State Department/Agency Division Director

48. What choice best describes how closely you are aligned with the State CIO?

Very Close

49. Please select the number of staff that you supervise.

3 to 5

50. Does your GIS Coordination Office have adequate funding to support its operation? (This refers only to the activities of your office and not to the Coordination Council, or projects like data development.)

Partially Funded

51. What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)

State Special Funds

52. When an administration change occurs following a statewide election is your position?

Not Likely to be Affected

53. Please rank the importance of these characteristics/skills to the effective performance of your job.

- GIS Evangelist/Cheerleader - 1
- GIS Architect - 2
- Political Savvy - 1
- Technological Savvy - 2
- General Management Skills - 1
- Procurement/Contracting Skills - 1
- People Skills - 1
- Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers - 1