

Issue Paper

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Title: Mojave Desert Historic Resources GIS (MDHRGIS)/California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS).

Issue: The MDHRGIS project completion date is September 30, 2001. Concerns exist over how the system will be implemented and maintained long term. Many partner agencies continue to have concern over the utility/long term viability of the system.

Background/Status:

1. The California State Historic Preservation Office, under contract to the Army, has been developing the MDHRGIS since September 1996.
2. The MDHRGIS Project completion date is 30 September 2001.
3. The system is currently scheduled to come online 2 July 2001.
4. Training on the MDHRGIS system will occur during the last week of June 2001. Training will focus on making system users familiar with the ESRI ArcView software used by the system. Additional training will be made available in late August or September of 2001.
5. The MDHRGIS/CHRIS HUB is reviewing digital cultural resource data with partner agency cultural resource personnel to insure that it is accurate.
6. The MDHRGIS/CHRIS HUB is contacting partner agency points of contact to resolve Internet connectivity/security issues.
7. The MDHRGIS/CHRIS HUB provided partner agency personnel system requirements for installation/use of the system (attached).
8. The California SHPO has submitted a budget change proposal requesting funding for maintenance and upkeep of the system for the next two years.
9. Not all Native American communities embrace this online cultural resource management system. They contend the system is not secure.
10. Partner agencies have a large volume of data not yet entered into the CHRIS system. No viable plan currently exists to input this information into the system in a timely manner.
11. Concern exists over the ability/willingness of all Information Centers to accept and implement a digital cultural resource management system.

Proposed Action:

1. Cultural resource personnel attend system training.
2. Partner agencies purchase/make available the requisite hardware for access to the system.
3. Partner agencies coordinate with the CHRIS HUB (Doug Mende, 909-307-6643) to establish connectivity with the system.
4. Partner agencies conduct data reconciliation with the HUB (Doug Mende, 909-307-6643) and Information Centers to ensure accuracy of digital data.

5. Request the SHPO develop a plan, in cooperation with the DMG, for Information Centers to accept cultural resources information from partner agencies and input it into the system in a timely manner.

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