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2003 CAP Metadata Outreach Project:
Ventura County, CA
Interim Project Report

I would like to briefly update you on our progress with the metadata grant that we received from USGS last year. We have completed the project, although additional metadata collection work will be continuing in the foreseeable future. Therefore, I am submitting my final financial status report shortly (I have a few questions on the form and have asked Karen to call me to assist). This report will be submitted within 90 days of the project due date, so no additional extension will be needed.

I am happy to report that our regional consortium (CIRGIS - the Channel Islands Regional GIS Collaborative, www.cirgis.org) has contacted more than 50 organizations in our area to work with them on developing their metadata. For all interested organizations (more than 20), we provided metadata training and we collected metadata and posted it on the State of California CERES website. Our regional catalog now boasts 483 metadata records and we hope to increase this number to more than 600 in the near future! We are the largest catalog on the State of California node!

As you can tell, we are extremely proud of our project results and we are actively working with other organizations to publicize the value of the metadata and to request their input. To further this cause, we will be applying for a Category III grant of \$15,000 for next year. Please note that we will be applying under CIRGIS, rather than directly under the name 'Ventura County' to further emphasize the regional nature of this project.

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