

National Geospatial Advisory Committee April 2018 Meeting Summary

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of December 2017 NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the December 11, 2017 NGAC meeting.

Landsat Advisory Group

DECISION: The NGAC adopted two papers developed by the Landsat Advisory Group in response to the 2017 FGDC guidance to the NGAC:

- NGAC Landsat Future Missions Recommendations
- NGAC Landsat Data Cube Feasibility for Forecasting

ACTION: The Landsat Advisory Group will develop a paper in response to Task 3 in the 2017 Guidance, addressing possible fee recovery options for Landsat data. The LAG will provide a status report at the June 2018 NGAC meeting, and plans to complete the draft paper prior to the September 2018 NGAC meeting.

GeoPlatform

ACTION: FGDC will hold webinar(s) to demonstrate capabilities of the GeoPlatform and capture feedback from NGAC members. NGAC members are encouraged to register for accounts on the Geospatial Platform (www.geoplatform.gov) prior to webinar.

Data as a Service Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee is developing a paper, including use cases, describing current and future needs for data as services. A draft version of the paper will be presented at the June 2018 NGAC meeting.

Cultural/Historical Resources Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee will conduct a series of interviews that will inform a report making recommendations on policies and procedures to protect geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance. The subcommittee is finalizing a timeline for its activities, and will provide an update at the June 2018 NGAC meeting.

Infrastructure Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee is developing a set of brief use cases demonstrating the uses of geospatial technology to support infrastructure initiatives. Draft uses cases will be completed in May, and final versions will be presented at the June 2018 NGAC meeting.

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Infrastructure Subcommittee, cont'd

ACTION: The subcommittee is planning to develop an infographic demonstrating the uses of geospatial technology to support infrastructure initiatives. The infographic is still in the conceptual phase. The subcommittee will provide an update at the June 2018 NGAC meeting.

ACTION: The subcommittee is developing a white paper on best practices related to utilization of geospatial technology to support infrastructure projects. The subcommittee will provide an update at the June 2018 NGAC meeting.

National Address Database

DECISION: The NGAC approved the following resolution:

“The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) is encouraged by the progress the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) community is making in developing the National Address Database (NAD). The NGAC commends the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Transportation for their leadership of this important initiative. The NGAC has expressed its support for the development of the NAD for many years, through an initial paper, [“The Need for a National Address Database”](#) (2012), through a previous [NGAC resolution](#) (2013), and through development of a set of [use cases](#) (2014). The NGAC believes that the NAD is consistent with the Data, Accountability, and Transparency component of the President’s Management Agenda; that it reflects a productive partnership of Tribal, Federal, State, and local governments; and that it will be a model use of the FGDC’s Geospatial Platform. The NGAC strongly encourages FGDC agencies to devote appropriate support and resources to create a National Address Database Program that will ensure the long-term institutionalization of the NAD as a National Geospatial Data Asset.”

ACTION: NGAC members are encouraged to communicate within their professional organizations and networks to encourage additional participation in the National Address Database initiative.

Next Meeting

The next NGAC meeting is scheduled for June 26-27, 2018 at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.