CA State GIS Day

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Agenda of Topics

This agenda is for planning and travel authorization purposes and is subject to change. We will add further details and expect to add additional speakers and sessions. Please arrive by 8:30 am to be able to get seated by 9 am. Hosted at CNRA HQ.

Session Topic	Speaker	Organization
Check In: 8:30am - 9am	—	—
AI and data, where does GIS fit in?	Vidhu Shekhar	Caltrans
Partnerships make it WERK - Wildfire, Ecosystem Resilience, & Risk Assessment Initiative	Loretta Moreno (CRNA), Taejin Park (NASA), Matthias Falk (CARB)	CA Natural Resources Agency, NASA, CA Air Resources Board
All Hazards Dashboard - multi-departmental emergency response and public health logistics	Kattya Trinh	CA Health and Human Services Agency
Break: 10:30am - 10:45am	—	—
Harnessing AlertCA to Model Plant Phenology	Jessica Solis	CAL FIRE
Panel: What are the Main Considerations in Adopting AI and GIS?	Vidhu Shekhar, Caltrans; Carl Boettiger, UC Berkeley; John Ohanian, ODI;	Moderated by Nathaniel Roth, DOC
Introductions	CGIA and GPN	
Lunch: 12pm - 1:15pm	—	—
From Overload to Overhaul: The Story of CAL FIRE's GIS Transformation	Greg Mattis	CAL FIRE

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Enterprise Data & Geospatial Governance How to Get Started	Caleb McCallister	Caltrans
Open Source GIS	Cam Denney	Coastal Conservancy
Break: 2:30-2:45pm	—	—
Poppy - Generative AI access inside State Government	Jason Fanner	CA Department of Technology (CDT)
Creating AI-Ready GIS and a Collective Geospatial Intelligence: *Item Details Assistant and MCP for ArcGIS*	Mae Salinas	Esri
End: 4:30pm	—	—

