

Notes from SAF Fall Meeting at ESRI/Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens

Friday, October 22, 2004 – ESRI – approximately 25 attending

0915 – Doug Piirto and J. Lopez welcomed the audience and started the meeting

0925 – Kevin Daugherty and Ross Johnson gave an overview of GIS and explained how Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) products can be used to benefit the management of natural resources

1100 – Sean Redar of the USFS explained how the USFS uses ESRI products to manage the resources of the San Bernardino National Forest. The fact that substantial baseline data had been collected prior to the die off of trees has greatly assisted in tracking and managing the problem.

1135 – Richard (Dick) Lewis of RLA Geosystems explained how GPS equipment can interface with mapping software

1200 – Lunch

1300 – Tour of ESRI facilities, MAST Center, War Room, with Kevin Daugherty and Ross Johnson

1435 – Jim Hoffman and Pete Coulter of Space Instruments, Inc. explained the use of two products; FireMapper 2.0 and ForestMapper

1535 – Joe Cronn and Bill Carr of Laser Technology, Inc. shared both their existing products and the prototype of the new impulse laser they are developing

1620 – Dr. Chris Dicus focused on connecting GIS to various fire behavior software programs

1840 – Dinner at the Pomona Valley Mining Company – 12 attended

Saturday, October 23, 2004 – Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens – 14 attended

0845 – Met Lorrae Fuentes, Director of Education at the Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Lorrae welcomed the group and provided an overview of the Garden. We also met Susan Jett, the Nursery Manager, who gave us a short tour and a brief overview of nursery operations. The staff of the Botanic Gardens was getting ready to welcome another large group so they released us to tour the gardens where we were led by LA Co. Forester and former RSABG volunteer, Tim Knorr.

1145 – Meeting adjourned