

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

MORE THAN A MAP: HOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE COLLABORATING ON
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

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Abstract:	<p>With the passage of Proposition 84 in 2006, Californian's supported the investment of \$5.4 billion to help improve the environment and conserve natural resources. Following this show of strong public support for the environment, Governor Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-02-07 directing agencies involved with the administration of bond act dollars to provide easy public access to information on how these bond act dollars are being spent. The California Resources Agency responded by leveraging web enabled database application already in use by the Department of Parks and Recreation to manage grants related information. However, this database application lacked the ability to adequately handle geospatial information. The CERES program was tasked to rectify this shortcoming. CERES did this by making use of the latest in server based tools. These same techniques can be applied to other situations where conventional database applications are without mapping capabilities.</p>