

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

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

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Abstract:	<p>Good management of scientific data is a critical issue for the Department of Fish and Game. The Biogeographic Data Branch (BDB) was established to perform a leadership, policy and standards setting role for biological and geographic data management activities for the Department and partner organizations. These data development activities include vegetation mapping, rare species tracking, species range mapping, aggregation of existing data sources and decision support systems.</p> <p>BIOS is a free web-based GIS system that serves as a central clearinghouse for these data and contains a rich collection of data from a variety of Federal, state, local and NGO partner organizations. See www.bios.dfg.ca.gov for more info.</p>