

California Chapter Report

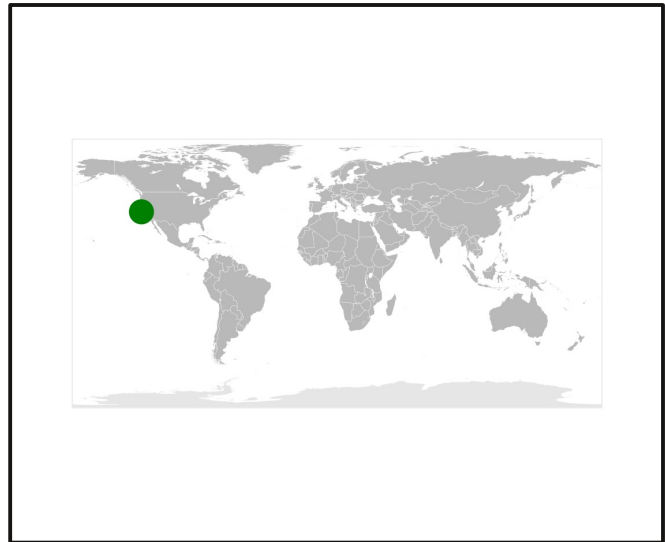
Chapter Events

On June 11, 2011 Chapter Member Brian Hamlin attended the 3 day [FLUXNET and Remote Sensing Open Workshop](#) held at the [David Brower Environmental Center](#) in Berkely, California. During the event Brian was able to distribute the OSGeo LiveDVD to many of the visiting scholars.

On July 11, 2011 Chapter Member Brian Hamlin attended the annual Meeting of the [California Invasive Plant Society](#) held at the David Brower Environmental Center in Berkely, California. During the event Brian was able to distribute the OSGeo LiveDVD and promote OSGeo to attendees.

During April 12 to April 18, 2011 chapter members managed an OSGeo booth at the [Association of American Geographers Annual Conference](#) in Seattle, Washington.

On October 22, 2011 the Chapter held its Annual Meeting in Davis, California. The morning session of the meeting included several talks. (See the box for more information.) A round table discussion on participation in open source projects was held during the lunch break. The afternoon session featured a cartography sprint, code sprint, and



2011 Annual Meeting Talks

- Quantum GIS & Inkscape:
 - Cartographic Tools for Attractive Maps (Michele Tobais)
 - A Brief Introduction To OpenJUMP (Landon Blake)
 - A Pragmatists Guide to PostGIS 2.0 (Brian Hamlin)
 - Using GRASS and R for Landscape
 - Regionalization Through PAM Cluster Analysis (Allan Hollander)
 - Analyzing Raster Data With R (Robert Hijmans)
 - Raster Formats Performance
 - Optimization/Comparison (Frank Wammerdam)
 - Python and PostGIS (Nate Roth)
 - QGIS Plugin Case Study - Geological Surveys (Bob Moskovitz)

attempted demonstration of kite photography.

On November 17, 2011 Chapter Member Landon Blake gave a talk entitled "Solving Three Problems Faced By Communities in the California Central Valley" at the [UC Berkeley GIS Day Event](#).

Member Activities

Chapter Member Ragi Burhum continued to coordinate the [San Francisco Geomeetup](#).

Chapter Member Landon Blake founded the [California Central Valley Geospatial Professionals Group](#). The group held [its first meeting on September 30, 2011](#). Guest speakers at the meeting included Annette Lockhart, GIS Committee Chairman of the California Land Surveyors Association, and Erin Mutch of Solstice GIS.

Michele Tobias gave a talk on QGIS and Inkscape at the [FOSS4G Conference](#) in September. She has also been collaborating with the [Public Laboratory for Open Technology and Science](#) on open source hardware and community science tool development.

Alex Mandel was appointed chair of the [Systems Administration Committee for OSGeo](#). He gave a guest lecture entitled "Introduction to Geospatial - the Open Source Method" in the Introduction to GIS course at UC Davis. He also taught a course on the introduction to climate

change analysis with QGIS at the [US Forest Service International Seminar on Climate Change and Natural Resources Management](#).

The course was taught with OSGeo Live, which was provided to all 25 of the participants.

Brian Hamlin provided the chapter update at FOSS4G in Denver. More than 50 Californians attended the conference.

Allan Hollander presented at FOSS4G, in the academic track.