

## **What Did Participants Hope to Get Out of the RWBC EXPO 2003?**

*Below is a partial (representative) list of “goals” participants generated when they registered for the May 29, 2003 roll out of the Regional Workbench Consortium (RWBC).*

- The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is designing a coordinated plan of exhibits and programs for a new Discovery Center. This expo will be very beneficial to observe, interact and discuss the creation of solid terrain models in conjunction with computer and data models for our needs.
- Discuss with others how to make cutting edge 3D-interactive tools directly available to academic, community, industry, and governmental organizations via the Web.
- I hope to see a lot of great technology and meet new and interesting people.
- Learn more about the Consortium and the tools available to researchers and educators, find out how to get involved.
- Gain perspective on how to plan, develop, monitor, and improve city-region quality of life so that our communities may accommodate human needs while preserving and restoring wildlife and natural resources.
- Gather information about other group’s efforts to bring some focus to San Diego's watershed planning activities; gain a better understanding of current watershed projects, partners and regulatory/funding mechanisms driving watershed planning in SD County.
- Research tools and opportunities; potential for new partnerships; Learn about developing technologies and see how applies to real problems; Meet individuals involved in promoting such cooperation, and to share/get feedback on some of my ideas.
- Networking / Idea Exchange / Creative Interaction.
- An understanding of how the RWBC can assist the region, in a concrete manner, as it strives to address habitat and species conservation.
- Ideas and partners for research, promotion, and, advocacy of joint binational governance of the Tijuana River Watershed (with watershed protection planning as the main objective)
- Greater consciousness to drive the region's collaborative efforts for sustainability; Understanding of the RWBC's role, choice of partners, and approach.
- New approaches to understanding complexity.
- I hope to find out how the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies can contribute more to this very worthy initiative.

- A better understanding of the efforts towards region-wide data integration and information sharing in the realms of GIS and 3D Visualization; I would like to gain familiarity with your on-line GIS tools so that I can use them in a geography course about San Diego County.
- A sense of how to develop student projects.
- Ideas about collaborations with the workbench; how Sixth College as a unit and its students can contribute to the workbench and take advantage of it .
- Looking to meet new people in the field and learn more about the consortium's efforts; How we may be able to integrate our work with the workbench.
- Information on how to improve public policy to protect and restore water quality; Introduction to current and potential uses of GIS/3D in sustainability planning efforts.
- Resources to assist in the development of a comprehensive education outreach program targeting local planning groups and municipal and jurisdictional planning staff.
- Learn how the UCSD programs fit into the actual Planning Process for the city and county of San Diego. Also, how to utilize the 3Es to effectively influence this politically driven process.
- Networking with colleagues and sharing technology and ideas; participate in a innovative effort for planning regionally, across border and sustainably.
- Anything to benefit the programs that I am involved in as the Director of Information Technology at the Port of San Diego.
- Deeper understanding of the collaboration already in place with the RWBC through developments by Jeff Sale for the 3D Regional Canvas for the Californias.
- Greater understanding of new technologies designed to facilitate planning solutions; Insight into the use of GIS as a tool for measuring and displaying health and demographic data; Increased understanding of modeling tools.
- Perspectives on enabling international collaboration.
- Better understanding of how to apply/link science to policy and planning.
- An understanding of how local and national agencies are working together with local Universities in San Diego area to share Geographic information.