



April 2017 Chapter News

Early bird registration ends April 23 for **CalGIS 2017 LocationCon**, which happens **May 22-24 in Oakland!**

Why should you attend this premier gathering of GIS professionals?

CalGIS LocationCon 2017 attendees will include a diverse mix of geospatial professionals, developers, decision-makers, researchers, vendors, students and other geo-focused professionals.

CalGIS is going on its 23rd year as the California GIS conference **created by and for** geospatial professionals in the state. From its inception, CalGIS has represented the best in California GIS user stories, technology trends and geospatial innovation. CalGIS conference content over the years has been morphing from a focus on commercial software solutions to content that includes **open source** tools and technologies. CalGIS is hosted by the four chapters of the Urban & Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) in California (BayGeo, Northern CA URISA, Central CA URISA and Southern CA URISA) and the GIS Education Center (GISEC) at City College of San Francisco.

LocationCon reflects the LocationTech partnership with CalGIS as a new event for the Eclipse Foundation community. It offers a unique opportunity to build bridges and make connections between a diverse community of geo-focused open source developers and decision-makers with a diverse group of local/state government geospatial professionals, geospatial vendors/consultants and the educational/non-profit geospatial community.

The CalGIS LocationCon 2017 conference registration link:
<https://calgis2017.locationcon.org/registration>



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The room block at the Marriott is filling up. **Reserve your room today** at the discounted conference rate. Any rooms not booked in the room block by April 23 will be released back to the Marriott. Reserve your room before April 23: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/49044166/owner/17821/home>

NorCal URISA is offering a free all-inclusive registration pass to the CalGIS conference for one full or part-time GIS student. To apply for this pass, please write a letter briefly describing your educational goals and why you would like to attend the conference and e-mail to board@norcalurisa.org. The winning student will be required to prove current status as a student (example: unofficial transcripts) and present a map poster or project description (in poster format) at the conference.

Here is a message from NorCal URISA member and educator Lauren Ledesma: Lauren is inviting **GIS professionals whose native language is not English** to visit with a group of English learners in high school who come from Iraq, Russia, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Iran, and other countries. She hopes to get these students interested in GIS as they pursue their higher-education goals. Please contact jane.schafer-kramer@norcalurisa.org and she will put you in touch with Lauren.

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What else has NorCal URISA been up to?

Our chapter co-sponsored the Central Valley GeoSummit at UC Merced on April 6. This annual event brought together GIS professionals and the academic community, and our current chapter president Carrie Carsell participated.

Board member Tyler Friesen has been helping to coordinate our chapter's participation in the [MyCalifornia GIS Mapping Competition](#), an event for middle school students led by the California Geographic Alliance. Click here to see a map of the 29 schools that have registered.

Save the date for POSTER PALOOZA at Sac State

Once again this year our chapter is proud to co-sponsor the **Poster Palooza at Sacramento State University**. This event is a poster reception for the graduating seniors of the Sac State Geography Department. GIS Professionals are encouraged to attend and meet informally with students who may become part of your professional network! The event is on May 16, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sac State Alumni Center. Watch for an invitation in future emails to RSVP and get free parking.

Can you help organize a NorCal URISA Event in your neighborhood?

The Board is interested in holding events outside of the Sacramento area. The NorCal URISA chapter area extends north to Oregon, east to Nevada, and west to the coast (north of the Bay Area) and we'd love to meet you in person! If you can help coordinate an event in your neck of the woods, please contact Carrie at president@norcalurisa.org.

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### **Are you a current member of NorCal URISA? If not, what are you waiting for?**

<http://norcalurisa.org/membership.html>

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Wishing you all the best,

Jane Schafer-Kramer, NorCal URISA Chapter Past President

Contact the current President, Carrie Carsell, at president@norcalurisa.org

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