

San Diego Regional GIS Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

WELCOME AND SDRGC NEWS

Yuko Oliver, SDRGC Chair, announced:

- Welcome to all SDRGC members
- Introduced new Board members.
 - Yuko Oliver (City of San Diego), Chair
 - Philip Mai (County of San Diego), Vice Chair
 - Crystal English, Secretary
 - Matthew McSpadden, Webmaster

GEONEWS

USGS UPDATE

Cynthia Ritmiller with USGS reported:

- Drew Decker retired September 2025. [Cynthia] is serving as the new USGS representative.
- USGS has a 3DEP Lidar collection over San Diego in-progress.
 - This project was collected Fall 2024.
 - USGS will host the data for download via a webservice once it has passed QA/QC.
 - Publication is anticipated later this calendar year or early 2027.
- 2026 release of USGS downloadable 3DHP products are now available [ScienceBase \(Browse Folder\) - ScienceBase-Catalog](#) also available as a webservice <https://3dhp.nationalmap.gov/>
- Feel free to contact me with any questions. Cynthia Ritmiller, USGS National Map Liaison (critmiller@usgs.gov 303-202-4550)

SANDAG UPDATE

Andy Gordon with SANDAG reported:

- The Regional Plan was adopted by SANDAG's Board of Directors in December, the plan document and a data viewer with networks and projects are available at: <https://www.sandag.org/regional-plan/2025-regional-plan>
- Updated SB 743 Vehicle Miles Traveled and Traffic Forecast Information Center mapping applications based on the adopted plan will be available soon
- The Transit Ridership Dashboard application is live: <https://geo.sandag.org/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=dab9cfb654004710b4c84fabda8f70f6>
- Updated dataset in the SanGIS/SANDAG Regional Data Warehouse: Landuse_Forecast_2050_SG with land use from the Series 15 Regional Growth Forecast from the Regional Plan
- Look for updated features in the [San Diego Regional Bike Map application](#) and a new printed version for Bike Month and Bike Anywhere Day in May

- The California State Census Data Center is coordinating California’s efforts for the [Census Bureau’s Block Boundary Suggestion Program](#).
 - This program offers cities and counties the opportunity to provide input on block boundaries that will be used in the 2030 Decennial Census.
 - Your jurisdiction may have already been contacted, but if not and you are interested in participating, please reach out to me. Andy Gordon (ago@sandag.org)

SANGIS UPDATE

Brenda Maldonado with SanGIS reported:

- Municipal Boundary Topology Review
 - SanGIS is currently running a full **topology validation** on the Municipal Boundaries layer.
 - This effort ensures boundary integrity, eliminates overlaps/gaps, and maintains alignment with jurisdictional limits.
 - Any discrepancies identified are being reviewed and corrected to maintain authoritative boundary data.
- City Annexations – Coordination with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
 - We are actively reviewing recent and pending annexations.
 - SanGIS is coordinating directly with LAFCO to confirm effective dates, boundary descriptions, and spatial accuracy.
 - The Municipal Boundary layer is being updated to reflect annexations that are officially recorded and effective.
- Clarification: Annexations vs. Assessor TRA Refresh
 - SanGIS maintains a **current annexations layer**, reflecting jurisdictional boundary changes.
 - This layer is **separate from the Assessor’s TRA (Tax Rate Area) refresh process**.
 - TRA updates are managed independently by the Assessor’s Office and may not immediately align with municipal boundary updates.
- Address Point & Parcel Attribute Data
 - SanGIS maintains the **authoritative regional Address Points layer**, primarily supporting:
 - Emergency response (Fire, Sheriff, Police) NG-911 system
 - Public safety dispatch systems
 - Address points undergo ongoing QA/QC including:
 - Duplicate detection
 - Spatial validation
 - Jurisdictional overlay checks
- Critical Data Source Clarification
 - Attribute data such as:
 - **Jurisdiction**
 - **APN (Assessor Parcel Number)**
 - **Situs Address**
 comes directly from the **Assessor’s Master Property Records (MPR)** system.
 - When discrepancies are observed between:
 - Parcel data, and
 - Address information displayed in the SanGIS Parcel Lookup Tool
 please note that the attribute information displayed is sourced directly from the **MPR data host (Assessor’s Office)**.
 - SanGIS does not modify Assessor-owned attribute records.
 - Any corrections to:
 - Situs address
 - APN assignment
 - TRA designation
 - Jurisdictional coding tied to property records
 must originate from the Assessor’s Office through the MPR update process.

Louise Wedley with SanGIS, on behalf of Tod Chee, reported:

- Nearmap
 - Nearmap billings have been sent out. Contact Tod if you have any questions or follow-up required.
 - There is a new account manager at Nearmap.
 - From looking at the Neamap MapBrowser, the imagery for the unincorporated county seems to have been updated as of late January 2026.
 - There is no date yet on when offline copies will be available for this year's countywide update. Tod will be in touch when this is available.
- SanGIS Technical Advisory Board (STAB)
 - STAB has been working on updating the Regional Metadata Standards developed in 2014.
 - Updated documentation was shared for comment and review by the group.
 - SanGIS asks that STAB work with their teams to see if any further modifications need to be made to the new standards.
 - Feedback is also requested on metadata for services and the need for an update to the Regional GIS Data Warehouse (RGDW) Publication Toolkit which only works with Pro versions 3.0 to 3.3.4.
 - Key recommendations were to remove the Topics and Keywords requirements as these are already covered under tags.
 - Only one date is required to avoid confusion. This date should be included under Resource Extents, which should best represent the date of the data and the description used to explain the date. A policy date can be included in the Overview Description.
 - For Point of Contact and Distributor, a person name is not required, but there must be at least two valid contact points (email, phone number, address).
 - The RGDW publication stylesheet only

GIS MANAGERS UPDATE

Abe Coughlin with City of Escondido reported:

- San Diego Regional Display at Esri User Conference (UC)
 - Esri is revisiting the San Diego Regional Display terms for this year's UC
 - Waiting on word from Esri
 - Display is planned to be in the Map Gallery
- Nearmap
 - Issues seem to be resolved from last year
 - AGOL Marketplace version is being retired later this year. APIs will need to be changed
 - Discussion of considering a new vendor at the close of the current contract
 - There are 2 captures per year, with IR channel
- Esri Contract Agreement Changes
- Discussed the impacts to agencies with the loss of the number of allotted licenses and certain apps. Awareness of new datum – [NAPGD22](#)
- Awareness of Accessibility Standards WCAG 2.1 – applies to GIS web apps too.

PRESENTATIONS

CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMPASSGIS

Presented by: Quentin Gregg, City of San Diego and Andrew Loerch, Quartic

- Web application, CompassGIS, allows thousands of City employees to view GIS data both in-office and offsite.
- Rebuilt the application with Experience Builder for more intuitive usability:
 - Deployed the revamped application in September 2025
 - Included a web-based data correction form using OpenText (the authoritative document management system for the City of San Diego)
 - Only available to internal City employees
- Demo of application
- There were regular trainings offered with the roll-out, and training is continually offered going forward

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Esri User Conference – General Announcements:
 - 2026 Esri UC: San Diego Region booth at Map Gallery is awaiting final approval from Esri
- Seeking Internships:
 - Suzanne Walther at University of San Diego requested that anyone with internships available for students, please post to the group. Students at USD are currently looking for summer internships.
 - Can contact Suzanne at swalther@sandiego.edu
- Discussion topic – [WCAG 2.1 Compliance \(page 9-22\)](#):
 - State and Local agencies must comply with WCAG 2.1 AA by April 24, 2026
 - Applies to all public facing websites and web applications including static and dynamic GIS maps/apps

SDRGC MEETING ATTENDEES FOR 2/26/2026

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Andy Gordon
Atsushi Nara
Aurora Moreno-Resendiz
Barbara Kent
Brenda Maldonado
Brett Vollrath
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Chelsey Lindo
Chen Chen
Chris Schuchardt
Connor Jennings
Crystal English
Cynthia Ritmiller
Dante Lee
David Blumberg
Debra Stein
Dennis Gerrits
Diana Henderson
Elizabeth Ridder
Emily Orsborn
Gavin Runyon
James Crandall
Jennifer Gordon
Jerry Klink
Jessica Gerski
Jessica Sanchez

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John Tessier
Jonathan Lotta
Julie Uhren
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Lorie Roberts
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Matthew McSpadden
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