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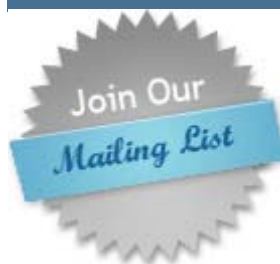
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## Featured Article

### Who is GIS?

## Welcome to *The (new) Source*

The SanGIS monthly newsletter has a new look and feel. But that's not all. Much is going on at SanGIS and we are pleased to share with you some of the details. Read on and be sure to let us know what you think, whether it's about the newsletter, our operations, or services. But stay tuned, because more is on the way!

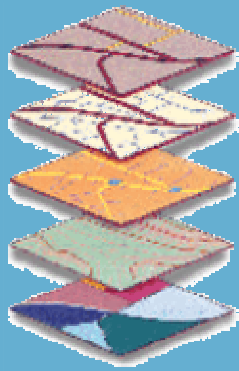
## SanGIS Fact Sheet

Take a look at this new, colorful, two-sided [SanGIS Fact Sheet](#). It provides a quick overview of SanGIS, highlighting facts, mission, business operations and goals. You will also see an informative process flow map of our data warehousing and business processes. The Fact Sheet is a handy, press-ready, overview of what SanGIS does to support City and County, and regional GIS.

## Business Process Documentation

SanGIS recently completed the preparation of twelve separate documents detailing all aspects of our business processes. These documents - containing text, diagrams, figures and charts - total 10MB in size and represent an important new asset not only to SanGIS, but also to the City, County and region. Their scope covers SanGIS's business definition, data and software modeling, information technology architecture, financial analysis, and staff profiles. Kudos to SanGIS's Bin-Bin Shang, Drew Dowling, Frederick Latham and all of SanGIS staff for helping prepare these documents.

Related to the documents is the forthcoming SanGIS Business Process Reengineering (BPR) event, where we will be conducting a stakeholder and peer review of SanGIS's internal and external processes, to improve information flows between SanGIS and the City and County. The BPR will also focus on delivering upon and expanding SanGIS's mission and partnerships in regional GIS. The business process documents will serve as an important



## You are GIS!

SanGIS wants to know, everyone wants to know, how YOU use GIS. We all have an idea how our agencies use GIS in general, but we may not know YOUR enterprise role in GIS. Now it's your turn to tell us, to teach us, to inspire us.

(It will also let others know about the excellent work you are doing!)

Here's what you do:

Write a few short paragraphs explaining how you use GIS and email it to me, along with a picture of yourself and/or a sample of your work, and I'll take it from there.

What will I do with this?

I will publish it in the subsequent newsletter, *The*

foundation to the BPR effort.

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## 2006 Orthos Almost Ready

We are currently reviewing the latest, countywide orthophotography. These aerials have a spatial resolution of 1.5 feet and were flown in November of 2006. Our initial review indicates they have better color than last year's product. When the orthos pass final review we will publish them to SDE to accompany the other raster products that we offer. MrSID DVDs with GEN2 and GEN3 compression formats will also be available. The 2006 orthos are expected to be available in 2-4 weeks, but we'll keep you posted.

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## Landbase and Warehouse Report

SanGIS continues to ensure your access to the most spatially, topologically, attribute-accurate, and timely landbase (parcels, lots and roads) on SanGIS SDE. During the previous month of February, SanGIS performed the following on the landbase:

- Subdivision Maps Processed: 27
- Lots Added: 131
- Parcels Added: 911
- Parcels Split: 46
- Roads Added: 62
- Landbase Corrections: 33

On the Data Warehouse side for last month, no new layers were submitted but we performed 150 updates to some of the [existing layers](#).

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## Reminders

### Report Data Errors

Contact Frank Jessie or any SanGIS staff if you find an error in the landbase. His email is [fjessie@sangis.org](mailto:fjessie@sangis.org) or phone 858-874-7010. *Or use the SanGIS Online Forum.*

### SDE/Oracle Accounts

To get a new SDE/Oracle account please contact Drew Dowling at [adowling@sangis.org](mailto:adowling@sangis.org) or phone 858-874-7007. He can also change your password or delete accounts.

### Online Forum

The SanGIS [Online Forum](#) is a resource for announcements, data lists, newsletter, reporting data errors, and other information. We encourage you to post your questions or requests using the forum.

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I hope this edition of *The Source* was informative. By the way, if it's been awhile since you last received *The Source*, it was likely due to email filtering, particularly on the City/SDDPC side. This should be fixed now. If you would like to receive any previous newsletters that you might have missed let me

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Need a little extra  
motivation?

## Free Lamination!

The first four people  
who submit an  
article brief from the  
City (2) and the  
County (2) will  
receive a free  
lamination of a  
map/plot of their  
choice up to 'ANSI  
E' in size!

*(2 free  
laminations per  
agency, for a total  
of 4)*

Contact me if you  
have any questions  
or would like  
suggestions or  
guidelines.

Now you have some work to do: write that brief article on how you use GIS and send it to me! *Wouldn't that free laminated map or photo look great?!*

Sincerely,

Andrew Abouna  
SanGIS

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