



**Bio:**

Sheryl Landrum, District Manager, Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (RCDGSDC) and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Fire Safe Council of San Diego County (FSCSDC)

**Related Experience:**

As the District Manager of the RCDGSDC, our programs provide San Diego communities with educational and technical assistance in conservation and resource management. These programs include: watershed management and protection, community and school gardens, nutritional education, pollinator and natural habitat protection and restoration, and our largest program which is fire safety, prevention, and education.

The RCDGSDC manages the programs and the funds of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County. The FSCSDC/RCDGSDC provides: defensible space training, fire agency support services, community and private chipping, community and private defensible space clearing and brush management, support for local fire safe councils, assisting communities to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), Defensible Space Assistance Program (DSAP) for physically/financially challenged property owners, and other services as needed within the community to keep San Diego fire safe.

As an Executive Director and the CEO of the FSCSDC, I interact with local, state, federal, and tribal agency partners to generate support and assistance for our educational fire programs and projects. Our fire prevention work sponsored by the San Diego County Fire Authority this year was so exemplary that we have been offered more funding and a partnership agreement between our agencies. I am proactive in soliciting grant funds for our work and testified last May before the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees in support of the release of 10 million dollars in SRA fees. I have also collaborated with the State Board of Forestry, Cal Fire, and the USFS Grant Clearinghouse on how our successful fire programs are managed and have been asked to present on same at grant workshops and national conferences. I am also proactive with the California Association of Conservation Districts and I am working with them on educating other RCD District Managers in developing fire programs within their districts and assisting CARCD with their reforestation project in conjunction with Cal Fire.

The RCDGSDC has also entered into a MOU with the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians to develop a tree nursery to help replenish trees destroyed by fire and pests. With assistance from the Natural Resource Conservation Services and fiscal sponsorship by SDG&E, we hope to replenish the forestry replanting efforts needed by our county, but lost with the closing of the Cal Fire nurseries.

This month I will also be meeting with Supervisor Dianne Jacob with my FSC President, and Executive Directors representing the RCD, San Diego Fire Authority, and BLM to discuss support for the work we provide in the county as well as ask for support for new development in rural areas to have a mandatory CWPP in place.

**Memberships and Affiliations:**

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) member  
California Special Districts Association (CSDA) member

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) member  
Special District Risk Management Association (SDRMA) member  
Forest Area Safety Taskforce (FAST) member  
Regional Area Safety Taskforce (RAST) member  
Xerces Society member  
So Cal Baja Region of RCDs member

**Education:**

B.A. English, Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton, CA  
A.A. Business, Lassen Junior College, Susanville, CA