

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

BE FIRE WISE!

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE
FUEL BREAKS
PUBLIC EDUCATION
DISASTER PLANNING
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**



WHAT DO FIRE SAFE COUNCILS DO?

*Learning to live
with wild fire*

*means protecting
our community
assets from
potential wildfire
damage.*



HOW DO WE DO IT?

MOBILIZE

People in the community who stand to lose something of value to fire.

CREATE

A powerful group initiative.

SAVE

Lives, property and money from wild fire.

Partnerships



Fire Safe Councils-- Who Are We?

-  A Fire Safe Council is coalition of public and private sector organizations that share a common, vested interest in wildfire prevention and loss mitigation.
-  Local councils are dedicated to saving lives and reducing fire losses by making their communities fire safe.
-  Neighborhoods, towns, regional areas and counties all have formed Fire Safe Councils.

California Fire Safe Councils

Over 160 councils in California have made their communities safer, better places in which to live, by:

-  Developing an emergency preparedness plan for the community before a wildfire occurs.
-  Providing an opportunity for community residents and organizations to voice concerns about public safety issues.
-  Increasing the chances that homes in the community will continue to be insured. Insurance companies assess the potential liability of a community's ability to survive a wildfire.
-  FSCSDC affiliate member of CAFSC

The San Diego County Fire Safe Council



➤ **Chipping/Fuel Reduction & Community Fire Safe Council programs managed by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County**

- \$2.2 million in funding implemented throughout San Diego County since 1995
- 61 CFSCs formed in SD County to date and growing – 4 FSCs, 11 subchapters in City of San Diego. GOAL: 100 by 2007!
- Chipping programs offered free to target area residents
- Working with Forest Area Safety Taskforce (F.A.S.T.) and NRCS to implement \$30M for dead/dying tree removal throughout forested areas of SD County

SD County Fire Safe Councils

- **FSC's Formed to Date: (including FSCSDC)** **33**
- **Community FSC Chapters Formed to Date:** **28**
- **TOTAL FSC's Formed:** **61**
- **Currently Active FSC's:** **48**

Associate Membership Program

- Memorandum of Agreement
- Between FSCSDC and community FSCs
- Mutual goals and objectives as per California and National Fire Plans
- Provides resources, support tools and assistance to FSCs
- Helps emerging councils define and identify their needs, goals, projects

FSCSDC Program Funding 1995 thru Jan. 2007

\$1,551,387

- **Community Fire Safe Council Program:**

- 61 Community Fire Safe Councils formed
- Goal: 100 by 2007

- **Chipping Program:**

- # sites chipped
1,770
- CuFt chipped
341,693,868
- Tons chipped
228,267

Fuel Reduction / Chipping Program 1997-2006

Year	Agency	Sites	CF	Tons	Acres Protected	Property Valued
1997-1999	FEMA -- Descanso	279	55,512,072	37,107	1,395	\$41,850,000.00
2001	BLM -- SD Co.	648	182,209,408	122,202	3,345	\$226,800,000.00
2003	BLM -- Julian	234	673,955	451		\$105,300,000.00
2003	USFS -- Palomar Mtn.	222	5,464,228	3,653		\$99,900,000.00
2004	USFS -- I-8 corridor & Julian	387	97,834,205	64,854	2,193	\$226,395,000.00
TOTAL		1,770	341,693,868	228,266	6,933	\$700,245,000

RCD/SDCFSC Funding 1995-2007

FUNDED	MATCHING	PROGRAM
\$15,000	N/A	1995 CDF funding to write a vegetation management plan for the community of Descanso
\$110,000	N/A	1997 FEMA funding for veg management (chipping) and formation of the first Descanso Fire Safe Council
\$313,837	\$465,840	2001 BLM dollars for fuel reduction in SD Co. rural high risk areas
\$163,140	\$323,902	2001 BLM dollars to form/support SD Co. FSCs
\$101,760	\$168,480	2003 BLM funds for fuel reduction in SD Co.
\$168,900	\$162,483	2003 BLM funds for continued support of SD Co. FSCs
\$100,000	\$159,840	2003 USFS funding for fuel reduction in SD Co.
\$278,750	\$357,459	2004 USFS funding for fuel reduction in SD Co.
\$100,000	\$219,722	2004 USFS funding for ongoing support of SD Co. FSCs
\$200,000	\$171,358	2006 BLM funding for ongoing support of SD Co. FSCs
\$100,000	\$42,720	2007 BLM funding for ongoing support of SD Co. FSCs
\$150,000	\$132,870	2007 BLM funding for fuel reduction in SD Co.
\$99,000	\$24,750	2007 USF&WS funding for ongoing support of SD Co. FSCs
\$300,000	\$201,834	2007 USFS funding for fuel reduction in SD Co.
\$2,200,387	\$2,431,258	110% MATCH TOTAL ALL FUNDING

Sherilton Valley FSC

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Cedar Fire Success Story...

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Carveacre FSC - Alpine, CA

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Carveacre FSC In Action



Carveacre FSC purchased a chipper with USFS funds. Result-- ongoing community chipping days!



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Resident trimming & clearing brush for San Diego County Chipping Program - Sherilton Valley FSC

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1st Annual Volunteer Recognition

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Christine Meyers,
FSC
Coordinator &
Jerry Mitchell,
Scripps Ranch
FSC

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City of San Diego FSCs Recognized



Talmadge
FSC,

Scripps
Ranch FSC,

And

Tierrasanta
FSC

Receiving
awards from
San Diego
Fire &
Rescue and
FSCSDC

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Scripps Ranch Fire Alliance Charter Signing



Now with 11 sub-chapter
FSCs



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San Miguel FD Safety Fair

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Community Outreach

*Descanso Fair & Parade--Carveacre &
Sherilton Valley FSC members*



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RCD/SDCFSC Chipping Program



Chipping in Jamul

*Brush piles to be chipped
in Julian*



Oak Tree Mortality - Fire



Survived fire but not drought



Cedar Fire damage

Ongoing Oak Mortality

These trees survived fire only to die slowly over next 3 years from drought and stress



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Watershed Recovery Program Dead/Dying Tree Removal



1909



1938



1958



1979

Tree Removal

Oak trees
dying one
branch at a
time



Forest Area Safety Taskforce

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Saw Mill, Santa Ysabel Dead Tree Removal Projects

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Community Wildfire Protection Plans

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2004 Funding Awarded to SD County FSCs for Fire Safe Programs

- **\$2.2 million in federal funding throughout SO CAL-- \$1.17 M in SD County alone!**

ORGANIZATION	AMT. FUNDED	MATCH \$
PALOMAR MTN. FSC	\$57,009	\$1,500
RESOURCE CONS. DIST. OF GREATER SD COUNTY/ SD COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	\$278,750	\$321,383
PALOMAR MTN. FSC	\$158,200	\$19,400
CARVEACRE RANCH ESTATES HOA	\$38,146	\$38,146
RCDGSDC/SDCFSC	\$100,000	\$214,392
MT. LAGUNA FSC	\$90,000	\$90,000
PEOPLE FOR TREES	\$225,075	\$7,062
CHIMNEY CANYON FSC	\$149,127	\$142,918
CHIMNEY CANYON FSC	\$73,543	\$70,483
TOTAL FUNDED	\$1,169,850	\$905,284

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