



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



### **Mona Freels**

Emergency Operations Services Manager  
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Mona currently works for SDG&E as the Emergency Operations Services Manager. Her primary areas of responsibility include Emergency Operations Center oversight, Emergency preparedness, planning, recovery activities, regulatory & legislative compliance, and outreach & engagement with public safety partners. Prior to joining SDG&E, Mona was a Sr. Homeland Security Program Advisor with the City of San Diego. Her responsibilities included development of emergency plans and special assignments in the Mayor's office as the Operations Coordinator for the Hepatitis A and Migrant Caravan responses.

Previous to working the government sector, Mona's experience also includes non-profit organizations. She worked for 211 San Diego as the Chief Operating Officer as well as the American Red Cross where she held several key management positions, including Director of Disaster Response and Preparedness.

Mona has been involved in disaster preparedness training, planning, response and recovery efforts for over 25 years. She was involved in major disaster responses, both locally and out of area, most notably the Northridge earthquake, Hurricanes Katrina, Gustav and Ike, the 2004 Tsunami in Thailand and the 2003 and 2007 San Diego wildfires.

Mona Freels has a dual bachelor's degree in Homeland Security & Emergency Management from National University.

