

Gina Castro-Krantz is a biologist for the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department (ESD) where her duties include sensitive biological resource monitoring, non-native plant control and native habitat restoration, including coastal sage scrub (CSS) and riparian scrub/woodland restoration. ESD native habitat restoration projects are supplied with CSS community plants and local willow cuttings from the Department's native plant nursery. Gina is in charge of managing, implementing and monitoring several revegetation/restoration City projects typically for at least five years per project. In addition to her biological work, Gina is experienced in funding source research and grant writing. Recently, ESD was awarded the *Riparian and Riverine Habitat Grant* from the California State Parks for a riparian restoration project in San Diego County. Prior to her work with the City, she worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division where she conducted herpetofaunal surveys, including protocol surveys for the endangered Arroyo toad, analyzed data and assisted in writing biological reports. She attended University of California, San Diego where she earned her B.S. in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution.