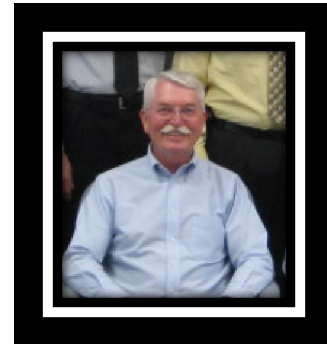




Don Falvey

Chair of Panoramaland RC&D Council
Representing Piute County



Don first learned of the RC&D program in 2004 from Linda Lind who was assigned by the NRCS as the coordinator of the Panoramaland RC&D Council. She invited him to apply for board membership and provided him with some background information on the RC&D program. He learned the Council is a federally recognized 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to help rural communities protect and develop their economic, natural and social resources.

He recognized the value of supporting local communities as he had recently retired from the National Park Service where he served as the superintendent of Zion National Park. While at the park, he led the formation of a variety of partnerships leading to implementation of the park's transportation system. He saw first-hand the value of working to support local communities and the benefits that can be realized by such partnership efforts.

The Panoramaland RC&D Council allows these kinds of partnerships to be formed within the Six County area where he lives. Don says that "through the Council's efforts, we can make a difference in the quality of life for everyone in our rural areas". Programs such as the Utah Prairie Dog Habitat Credits Exchange Program and our efforts to establish a recycling program are just two examples.

While the federal government's budgeting dilemma eliminated the coordinator position supplied by the NRCS, the RC&D continues to serve as a volunteer board, striving to make things happen for our communities. "I'm proud to be a member of this organization, serving with such a dedicated group."
