



Monthly Newsletter **July** **2021**

The Tulare County RCD Board Meetings are open to the public and typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon.

[Tulare County RCD Website](#)

[Tulare County RCD Email](#)

July's meeting will be held on the 14th at noon and you can join by getting the Zoom link from Teri or you may attend at a socially-distanced meeting room located at:

Linda Loma Ranch
4912 S Santa Fe St
Visalia, CA 93292

teri@tularecountyrcd.com

Click below to review the agenda for the upcoming meeting:

[RCD July 14th 2021 Meeting Agenda](#)

DRIVER/OPERATOR WANTED

Tulare County RCD Water Tender Driver/ Operator



Job description:

- Drive and operate a water tender on active fires.
- Water tender to support fire agency suppression efforts.
- Work shifts “may” be up to 24 hours per shift.
- Must follow instructions and be a self-starter.
- Mechanical ability a must.
- Commitment time for work may be extended, i.e. days, weeks or up to a month.
- Driver must provide their personal gear, i.e. change of clothes and toiletries.
- Applicant must provide their own lugged sole- 8 inch high lace up boots.



Qualifications for a driver would include:

- CDL class “A” or “B” license with “tanker” endorsement.
- Current Cal Fire and USFS “8-hour Safety Training” certificate.
- Fire experience preferable.

To apply contact:

Bob Puls

Project Manager

email: rvfire@ocsnet.net

phone: (559) 783-4148

EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS

Earthquake Activity and Awareness

Earthquake awareness is necessary for those of us residing in California. Although last weeks earthquake wasn't strong enough to cause any substantial damage, it did give us all a good shaking!

The following resources will help us better prepare and/or recover from disasters we may face:





Launched in February 2003, Ready is a National public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. The goal of the campaign is to promote preparedness through public involvement.

[Ready Website](#)

To provide and apply relevant earthquake science information and knowledge for reducing deaths, injuries, and property damage from earthquakes through understanding of their characteristics and effects and by providing the information and knowledge needed to mitigate these losses.

[USGS Website](#)

CURRENTLY HAPPENING

Tulare County RCD



Tulare County RCD currently is operating with common Covid precautions in effect. Monthly meetings are now open to the public in person and will also be available to attend by ZOOM. To receive the ZOOM link contact the RCD, we can be reached by phone and/or email:

(559) 622-0378

[Tulare County RCD Email](#)

NRCS Visalia Service Center



Your local NRCS Service Center has conducted business (with safety precautions) throughout the entire pandemic.

Call the Visalia NRCS office to learn the latest protocol being used:

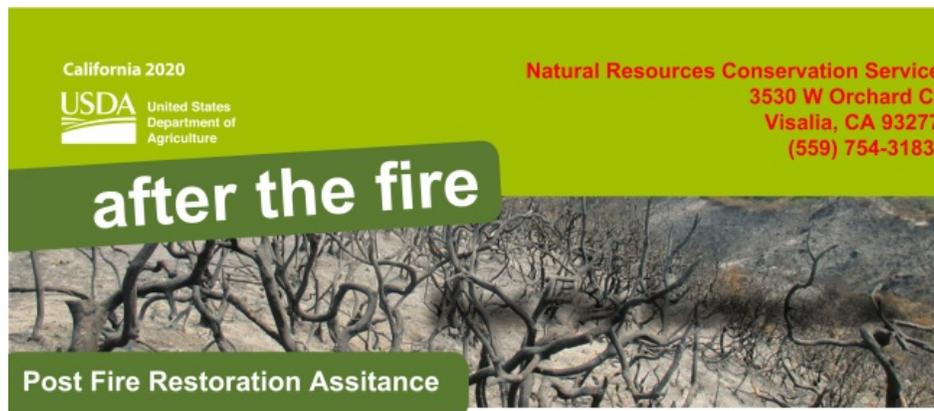
(559) 734-8732

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



STILL IN EFFECT: The local NRCS is providing free technical assistance to those affected by the SQF Complex Fire.

Contact the Visalia Service Center to learn more:



NRCS is providing
FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
to protect life and property on
privately owned land that was
damaged due to the wildfires.
(Examples: debris flows, hillside erosion.)

For assistance with post-fire recovery contact your local NRCS office:

NRCS Visalia Service Center
3530 W Orchard Ct
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 754-3183

Fact Sheets Available at:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/newsroom/features/

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NRCS Free Technical Assistance for SQF Complex Fire

Click the link above for any inquiries you'd like addressed via email.

Click the link below for a NRCS guidance of do's and don'ts following a wildfire on your property.

After the Fire: Do's and Don'ts

FIRE PREVENTION PROJECT

Cal-Fire California Climate Investment: Upper Grouse Fuel Reduction Project



Tulare County RCD was awarded 9 Cal-Fire projects (2018-2020) and the progress continues to date. An additional 175 acres was treated this summer along the Upper Grouse Road made possible by the Cal-Fire California Climate Investment grant. With approximately 5,000 homes in the area, the treatment along the Upper Grouse Road helps ensure a safe access/exit should a wildfire occur.



RCPP CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY

Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality

The RCD is providing technical assistance to private non-industrial forest landowners in the form of site visits, creation of forest management plans, and promoting participation in the NRCS EQIP funding through the RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program). This program is for land owners whom are looking to reduce the fuel load on their property.

Direct Line for your Tulare County RCPP assistance:

(559) 754-3155

[RCPP Email](#)



The RCPP Crisis to Opportunity: Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality program makes funding available for work within the 100-foot Defensible Space.