



Monthly Newsletter February 2022

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](#)

February's meeting will be held on the 16th at noon in a socially-distanced meeting room located at:

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

[February 2022 RCD Agenda](#)

Joining the meeting via ZOOM is also an option and a link can be provided by emailing Teri.

teri@tularecountyr cd.com

TULARE COUNTY CWPP

Tulare County Community Wildfire Protection Program

The Tulare County RCD has contracted the SWCA to develop the 2022 CWPP for Tulare County. The link below will take you to an informative video

explaining what is to be expected as an outcome of this collaboration that is not only between the RCD & SWCA, but also includes Tulare County Fire Department, Cal Fire and the County of Tulare.

SWCA's video for the Tulare County 2022 CWPP



SWCA
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS



In February, the public will be invited to provide feedback on the Draft Plan. Until then, all are invited to share your input with the planning team via the Community Survey located here:

[Community Survey](#)

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. The RCD will be assisting NRCS with these applications through early 2023.

Direct Line for your Tulare County RCPP assistance:

RCPP CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY SIERRA NEVADA TREE MORTALITY

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT & NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- **Financial assistance available for forest health practices on non-industrial private land**
- **Required: at least 1 dead or dying conifer tree due to bark beetle and/or drought**
- **RCPP program allows for incentive payments within the defensible space for forestland homes**
- **Contact the Tulare County RCD to get the application process started**



TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Direct Line for RCPP: (559) 754-3155

TULARECOUNTYRCD.COM



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

HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Upcoming Workshop Dates Listed Below

THE FIRE'S OUT! NOW WHAT?

Post-fire workshop for communities affected by wildfire in Tulare County



Presented by
University of California Cooperative Extension
Tulare County Resource Conservation District
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



Were you affected by the Windy Fire or the KNP Complex?

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Erosion control
- Expected tree mortality
- Fire-follower species
- Local fire history
- Fire fuel management options
- Fire severity and damage assessment report

FREE!!!
No Cost to Attend

SHORT, INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS!

GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!!

Learn more at: <http://ucanr.edu/Windy-KNP>

Join us Saturday, March 26, 2022
10 AM to 1 PM

Three Rivers Veterans Memorial Building
43490 Sierra Dr.
Three Rivers, CA 93271



Join us Wednesday, March 30, 2022
10 AM to 1 PM

California Hot Springs Community Center
41810 Hot Springs Rd
CA Hot Springs, CA 93207

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources 

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



FORESTLAND MANAGEMENT

Cal Fire News Release



California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING ANNOUNCED

\$18 million in funding for the next 3 years

The purpose of the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) is to encourage private and public investment in, and improved management of, California forest lands and resources. This focus is to ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for

the benefit of present and future generations.

The CFIP application periods end on the following dates:

1. October 30, 2021
2. December 30, 2021
3. February 28, 2022
4. April 30, 2022
5. June 30, 2022

[More on CFIP](#)

Forestry
Assistance
Advisor's (listed by
county)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

IN EFFECT: The local NRCS is providing free technical assistance to those affected by the SQF Complex Fire of 2020 and the KNP Complex Fire, Windy Fire and the Windy Fire of 2021.

Contact the Visalia Service Center to learn more:

California 2020



Natural Resources Conservation Service
3530 W Orchard Ct
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 754-3183

after the fire

Post Fire Restoration Assistance

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/

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

NRCS Free Technical Assistance



After the Fire: Do's and Don'ts

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
