



Monthly Newsletter

March 2021

The Tulare County RCD Board Meetings are open to the public and typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conference Room inside the USDA Service Center:

3530 W Orchard Ct

Visalia, CA 93277

(559) 622-0378

[Tulare County RCD Website](#)

[Tulare County RCD Email](#)

Our meeting for the month of March was canceled. For the month of April our meeting will be held on the 14th at noon and you can join by getting the Zoom link from Teri. A link to send her a request by email is has been placed below.

teri@tularecountyr cd.com

CURRENT PROJECTS

Strategic Water Supply Program

The Tulare County RCD, CAL FIRE, with funding from the California Firefighters Foundation, have constructed several 5,000

gallon water tanks across the County for use in wildland fire emergencies.



The tanks have been strategically located in more remote areas where water sources are limited or non-existent. Working with landowners, the water tanks also provide drinking water for livestock as well as wildlife. The TCRCD's "Strategic Water Supply" program makes us safer and benefits all.



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:

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 for SQF Complex Fire

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

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

CURRENTLY HAPPENING

Tulare County RCD



Tulare County RCD currently is operating with common Covid precautions in effect. Monthly meetings open to the public are held online. We can be reached by phone and/or email:

(559) 622-0378

[Tulare County RCD Email](mailto:rvfire@ocsnet.net)

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

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](#)

**RCPP CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY:
SIERRA NEVADA
TREE MORTALITY**

Financial assistance is available for dead tree removal and other forest health practices through NRCS.

RCPP program allows for EQIP (Environment Quality Incentive Program) funds to be used within the 100 foot defensible space zone and has no acreage minimum for applicants.

Working Together for you...
Sierra Nevada National Monument
USDA United States Department of Agriculture
NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service
RCPP

Yuba County Resource Conservation District
3550 W. Orchard Ct.
Yuba, CA 93271
Direct Line for RCPP Program: (530) 754-3155
Email: rd@yubacountyrcd.com
www.yubacountyrcd.com

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

The RCPP Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality program requires a minimum of one dead or dying conifer tree within your 100 foot defensible space caused by the bark beetle or drought.
