



Monthly Newsletter October 2019

The Tulare County RCD Board meetings are open to the public and typically held on second Wednesday of each month at noon in the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conference Room inside the USDA building: 3530 W Orchard Ct, Visalia, CA.

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RCPP Tree Mortality Crisis

Technical Assistance for Forest Health and EQIP Funding

The RCD is currently 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).

Call (559) 754-3155 for more information regarding this program.



Forest Health & Fire Prevention

Ponderosa Community Protection Project

The Tulare County RCD was awarded nine projects by Cal-Fire for various types of fuel management. "Ponderosa Community Protection Project" is one of those nine...



Ponderosa is a community of 130 homes located 27 air miles east of Porterville at an elevation of 7,200'. The majority of the 320-acre development is divided into lots of approximately 1/3 acre in size. There are several larger parcels located along the eastern and southern boundaries. The community is surrounded by the Giant Sequoia National Monument. There are two components to this project: 1) remove dead and dying trees that threaten homes, roads, trails, or infrastructure, 2) thin trees and treat ladder fuels in order to break up the horizontal and vertical continuity of fuels within the community. The entire 320 acres, excluding the meadows, is proposed for treatment, requiring "Right to Enter" access from landowners. Phase 2 will continue with two components: 1) remove dead and dying trees that threaten homes, roads, trails, or infrastructure, and 2) thin trees and thin ladder fuels.



Projects From the Past: 2002



Yellow Star-Thistle Program for Small Acreages California Department of Food and Agriculture

In 2002 the Tulare County RCD partnered with the Tulare County Weed Management Area (TCWMA), TCRD received state funding to develop and implement an integrated weed management plan. The first phase of this effort was to provide chemical control to small landowners that



did not have the ability or resources to do the chemical control themselves. Acreages up to 20 acres were eligible for treatment with a selective herbicide to control the growth of yellow star thistle, one of the most noxious weeds in Tulare County.

Community Garden

The People's Garden



A little history on "The People's Garden"...

Tulare County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCS) opened Tulare County's first People's Garden in 2012.

The garden is located at 932 N. Leslie Street in Visalia, CA.

When RCD and NRCS first stepped foot on the property it was covered in goat head thorns earning it's name "*Goat Head*". Now there are rows and rows of vegetables planted by members of the surrounding neighborhood.

