



## Monthly Newsletter

# May

# 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](#)

May's meeting will be held on the 12th at noon and you can join by getting the Zoom link from Teri or you may attend at a socially-distanced meeting room

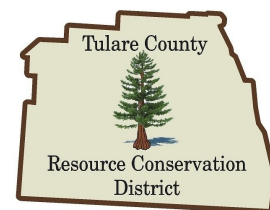
located at:

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

[teri@tularecountyrcd.com](mailto:teri@tularecountyrcd.com)

## 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

# NRCS Visalia Service Center



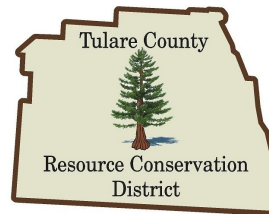
Your local NRCS Service Center has conducted business (with safety precautions) throughout the entire pandemic.

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

(559) 734-8732

## CAL FIRE FUEL REDUCTION

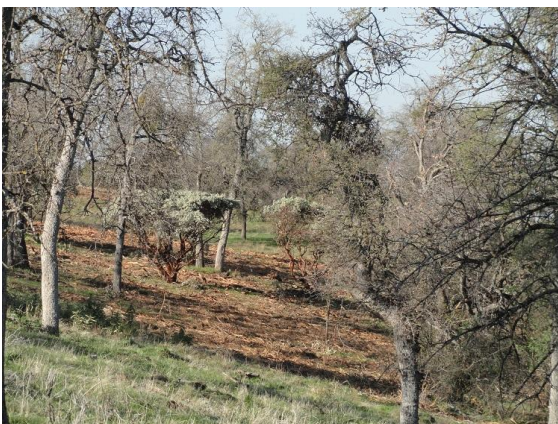
### Badger Fuel Reduction Project



The Badger Fuel Reduction Project has provided a much needed fuel breaks to the Badger, Sierra Glen & Hartland areas along with other various ranch houses located North & East of Visalia in a live oak chaparral vegetation type.



Tulare County RCD along with the contracted help of Shannon Brothers Dozers and Dump Trucks has cleared the Badger fire control road and a ridge line that ties into the road for approximately 100 acres.



This project has greatly reduced fuels, which could help stop a fire from spreading out of the community, or help fire fighters stop a fire from entering the community. It was identified by Cal Fire as a needed project.

## 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/](http://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.

## FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP



**University of California**  
Agriculture and Natural Resources | Cooperative Extension

## Weed Management for Small Acreages

Join UC Cooperative Extension for a *FREE* online workshop

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**  
**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

Topics Include:

- Poisonous Plants
- Yellow Starthistle Control
- Herbicide Resistant Weeds
- Weed ID 101

**Bonus Weed ID Session!**

Submit a picture of a weed and learn the name during the workshop!



Register at: <http://ucanr.edu/weed-webinar>



Tips for submitting photos:

- Include something that shows scale (ruler, pencil, coin)
- Make sure the photo is clear (not blurry)
- Include the flowering structure and a leaf (2 pictures)
- Include a short description of location and plant characteristics

For more information contact Julie at (661) 868-6219 or [jafinzel@ucanr.edu](mailto:jafinzel@ucanr.edu).

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Registration for Weed Management Workshop

## 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](mailto:rvfire@ocsnet.net)

phone: (559) 783-4148

## VIRTUAL RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE CAMP



**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Cooperative Extension



**Deadline for registration is June 1st.**

**Cost is \$25 for five days of daily ZOOM.**

Registration for Range Camp



## Do you enjoy nature? Join us for **RANGE CAMP!**

Range Camp is a 5 day virtual camp experience where high school students ages 15-18 can learn about:

- Grassland Ecosystems and Management
- Forestry and Fire Science
- Wildlife and Ornithology
- Livestock Nutrition and Management
- Climate Change
- College Majors and Career Opportunities

### **THE RANGE CAMP EXPERIENCE:**

Ever wonder the name of that beautiful flower along your hiking path or what kind of bird is serenading you on your walk? Maybe you want to learn more about active land management? Range Camp is here to help!

- YouTube Videos—Short and informative!
- Hands-on Activities—Let's go outside to learn!
- Daily Zoom—Get your questions answered!

Join us virtually June 21-25  
Daily Zoom: 2:30—3:30 PM

Learn more and register at:  
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/rangecamp/>

Deadline: June 1, 2021

Cost: \$25



All campers receive  
a free t-shirt!

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**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 2025

Tulare County Resource Conservation District

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

**RCPP**

Tulare County Resource Conservation District  
3333 W. Orchard Ct.  
Visalia, CA 93271  
Direct Line for RCPP Program: (559) 754-3155  
Email: [info@tularecountyrcd.com](mailto:info@tularecountyrcd.com)  
[www.tularecountyrcd.com](http://www.tularecountyrcd.com)

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



