

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@tularecountyrcd.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.





TECHNICHAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service **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.

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: <u>rvfire@ocsnet.net</u> 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

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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

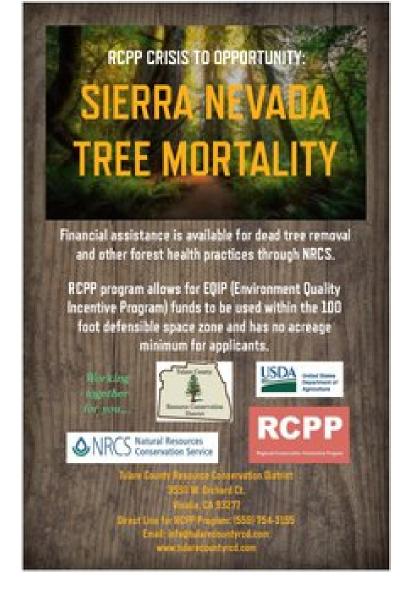
Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality

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



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.