



Monthly Newsletter

August 2020

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 building:

**3530 W Orchard Ct
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 622-0378**

[Tulare County RCD Website](#)

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Due to COVID-19 our meeting for the month of August was hosted on Zoom. The meeting was on August 12th at 12 o'clock noon to 2:00pm. Email teri@tularecountyrcd.com to get a copy of the meeting minutes and agenda.

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RCPP CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY

Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality



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).

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.

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION PROJECTS

Sequoia Crest Fuel Reduction Project - 75 Acres

**Cal-Fire California Climate
Investment/Fire Prevention Program**



Sequoia Crest is a community of over 100 homes located approximately 12 air miles east of Springville at an elevation of 7,000'. The majority of the 140-acre development is divided into lots approximately 1/3 acre in size and was originally part of the 640-acre parcel owned by the Rouch family.



The community is surrounded by the giant Sequoia National Monument. Approximately 75 acres around the community have received fuel treatments in the last two years. This project proposes to expand upon that work and treat another 75 acres through a combination of hand crews, chipping and mastication.



PROJECTS FROM THE PAST: 2005

Farm Bill Assistance

Natural Resource Conservation District

TCRCD employees worked on over 150 2005 EQIP contracts as well as other Farm Bill related Programs including WRP compatible use agreements, annual status reviews and 1006 Farmland Conversion Impact Ratings forms.



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Employees assisted the Visalia Field Office by meeting with clients doing contract evaluations, providing technical support, assisting in practice requirement sheet write-up, and developing contract documents for the client and NRCS case files.