



## Monthly Newsletter

# January

## 2022

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](#)

January's meeting will be held on the 12th at noon in a socially-distanced meeting room located at:

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

[January 2022 RCD Agenda](#)

Joining the meeting via ZOOM is also an option and a link can be provided by emailing Teri.

[teri@tularecountyr cd.com](mailto:teri@tularecountyr cd.com)

## TULARE COUNTY CWPP

# Tulare County Community Wildfire Protection Program

The Tulare County RCD has contracted the SWCA to develop the 2022 CWPP for Tulare County. The link below will take you to an informative video

explaining what is to be expected as an outcome of this collaboration that is not only between the RCD & SWCA, but also includes Tulare County Fire Department, Cal Fire and the County of Tulare.

SWCA's video for the Tulare County 2022 CWPP



**SWCA**  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS



In February, the public will be invited to provide feedback on the Draft Plan. Until then, all are invited to share your input with the planning team via the Community Survey located here:

[Community Survey](#)

## 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. The RCD will be assisting NRCS with these applications through early 2023.

**Direct Line for your Tulare County RCPP assistance:**

**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...

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

**RCPP**  
 Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Tulare County Resource Conservation District  
 2000 W. Orchard Ct.  
 Visalia, CA 93277  
 Direct Line for RCPP Program: (559) 754-3155  
 Email: [info@tularecountypcd.com](mailto:info@tularecountypcd.com)  
[www.tularecountypcd.com](http://www.tularecountypcd.com)

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



# Upcoming Workshop Dates Coming Soon



**THE FIRE'S OUT! NOW WHAT?**  
Post-fire workshop for communities affected by wildfire in Tulare County

Presented by  
University of California Cooperative Extension and  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



## Were you affected by the Windy Fire or the KNP Complex?

### JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Erosion control
- Expected tree mortality
- Fire-follower species
- Local fire history
- Fire fuel management options
- Fire severity and damage assessment report

**FREE!!!**  
No Cost to Attend

### MEET LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS!

### SHORT, INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS!

### GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!!

**DATES PENDING**

*Two locations will be offered; Three Rivers and California Hot Springs*

Interested in attending? Let us know!

Julie: [jafinzel@ucanr.edu](mailto:jafinzel@ucanr.edu) or Antonia: [Antonia.Perez@ca.nacdn.net](mailto:Antonia.Perez@ca.nacdn.net)

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources 

## Check Before



**San Joaquin Valley**  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

# You Burn

District Rule 4901 and the associated Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Program help reduce fine-particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) when winter air quality is forecast to deteriorate. Achieving additional emissions reductions from residential wood burning is necessary for the Valley to meet federal PM<sub>2.5</sub> health standards and improve public health.

Learn about the rule  
Incentive Program  
Curtailments  
Health Impacts  
Selling a Home  
Device Installation  
Fireplace Remodeling  
Device Registration  
Publications and Media  
Resources



Check Before You Burn

## 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



## FORESTLAND MANAGEMENT

# Cal Fire News Release



### California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

#### CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING ANNOUNCED

\$18 million in funding for the next 3 years

The purpose of the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) is to encourage private and public investment in, and improved management of, California forest lands and resources. This focus is to ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for the benefit of present and future generations.

The CFIP application periods end on the following dates:

1. **October 30, 2021**
2. **December 30, 2021**

[More on CFIP](#)

Forestry  
Assistance

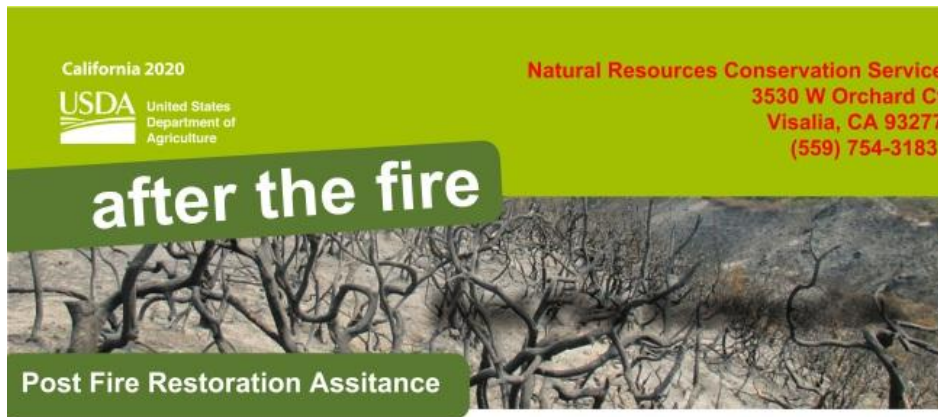
- 3. February 28, 2022
- 4. April 30, 2022
- 5. June 30, 2022

Advisor's (listed by county)

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



**IN EFFECT:** The local NRCS is providing free technical assistance to those affected by the SQF Complex Fire of 2020 and the KNP Complex Fire, Windy Fire and the Windy Fire of 2021. 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/](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



After the Fire: Do's and Don'ts

## 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

Tulare County RCD Email

### 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





United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

# Local Working Group

Local work groups (LWG) support the locally led conservation effort by coordinating USDA programs with other federal, state, tribal, and local conservation programs to provide an integrated solution to addressing natural resource concerns.

## The Results Are In:

Tied for 1st place of concerns in our area:

Air Quality & Irrigation/Water Management

2nd: Water Quality

3rd: Water Availability

4th: Agricultural Sustainability

5th: Agricultural Land Conversion

Attend the RCD meeting this week to hear more details on the survey results.

Thank you for participating in the  
2021 Local Working Group survey for our area.