

**AMADOR**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Mailing Address: 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson CA 95642

**DIRECTORS**  
Steve Cannon, Carole Marz, Dan Port, Emily Taylor, Dr. Kelsi Williams  
*Associate Directors*

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** July 21, 2022 **TIME:** 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

*Due to concerns about health & the need to maintain social distance, this meeting will allow for telephone attendance via conference call. If interested, please call (612)470-1917 & use PIN 294-465-236#. If you choose to attend via video conference, go to [meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn](https://meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn)*

**ROLL CALL**  
**AGENDA**

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Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board of Directors Pursuant to Para 5495.2 of the government code.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA CONSIDERATION OF "EMERGENCY OR "SUBSEQUENT NEED" ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA Cal. Gov't Code 54954.2(b)(2)

Item #	Time Allotted	Topic
1	3:05 – 3:10	Approval of itemized warrants.
2	3:10 – 3:15	Approval of minutes of past meetings
3	3:15 – 3:30	NRCS Report – Allison Tokunaga
4	3:30 – 3:45	Treasurer Report – regular report
5	3:45 – 4:15	Executive Director Report – Amanda Watson
6	4:15 – 4:30	Notice of Exemption for Running Gold and Surrey Junction ingress/egress project - ACTION
7	4:30 – 4:40	Community Garden Water MOU – ACTION
8	4:40 – 4:45	SAWQA – report
9	4:45 – 5:00	El Dorado/Amador PBA – discussion of RCD involvement and possible action on funding the website
10	5:00 – 5:05	RCD Scholarship – review of amended criteria. ACTION
11	5:05	Adjourn

July 2022 - ARCD Board Meeting						
Starting Warrant 22-057						
Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes	Approved by	Status
22-057	\$1,615.00	<a href="#">Jill Damskey</a>	SAWQA	Quarter 1 2022	AW 6/17/22	delivered to County 6/17/22
22-058	\$150.00	<a href="#">Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club</a>	ARCD - Jackson Creek	Cleaning Deposit for JC/UCCE Workshop	AW 6/17/22	delivered to County 6/17/22
22-059	\$1,998.36	<a href="#">Amanda Watson</a>	ARCD - Admin/Chipping	1st and 2nd Qtr Supplies	DP	delivered to County by DP
22-060	\$697.55	<a href="#">UC Davis</a>	ARCD - SARE	Scott Oneto's time April/May 2022	AW	
22-061	\$64.96	<a href="#">City of Jackson</a>	ARCD - Garden	Water Bill 05/20/22 - 06/20-22	AW 7/11/22	delivered to County by AW
22-062	\$1,635.37	<a href="#">ACES</a>	ARCD - Chipping	Green Waste Bins Inv 618796	AW 7/11/22	delivered to County by AW
220-63	\$2,635.44	<a href="#">SDRMA</a>	ARCD - Admin	Workers Comp Insurance 2022-23	AW 7/11/22	delivered to County by AW
22-064	\$810.00	<a href="#">Molly Taylor</a>	ARCD - HSP/JC/Admin	Inv 6.30.22	AW 7/11/22	delivered to County by AW
22-065	\$299.33	<a href="#">Balancing the Books</a>	ARCD - Admin	June Payroll		

**ARCD Income**

Check Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes	Status
6/30/2022	\$22,073.48	AFSC	AFSC Grants	Staff Time from Feb 2022 - May 2022	delivered to County by DS 7/11/22
6/22/2022	\$56,000.00	CalFire	Jackson Creek	1st Advance	delivered to County by DS 6/22/22
6/15/2022	\$25,000.00	NACD	NACD Round 4	4th Quarter Payment	delivered to County by DS 6/15/22
6/15/2022	\$3,987.76	CARCD	RCPP	1st Quarter 2022	delivered to County by DS 6/15/22



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## Minutes for Regular Meeting of 16 June 2022

Called to order at 3:00 p.m on 16 June 2022 at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA and electronically via google meets.

Present were: Directors Cannon, Marz, Port, Taylor. Absent: Director Williams  
Executive Director Amanda Watson, Dana Simpson, Molly Taylor and Megan Watts,  
D.C. Allison Tokunaga.

Motion to approve the agenda by Director Port, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Taylor. 4 ayes, 1 absent.  
Motion passed

No oral communications: None

Motion to approve warrants 22-47 through 22-56 made by Director Port, seconded by  
Director Taylor. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of 19 May 2022: Amended Warrants section to read "Timber Ridge",  
not "Timberland". Motion to approve the minutes by Director Marz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Taylor.  
4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

NRCS Report: D.C. Tokunaga reported that Garrett McFall, NRCS Forester, will report for  
work on 27 June 2022. Director Cannon will give him a tour of some of the area he will be  
covering. Director Cannon expressed a hope that the NRCS will support the LPO by  
providing adequate training for Forester McFall. The District Conservationist position  
advertisement will close on 20 June 2022.

Treasurer Report: (attached) Dana Simpson reviewed the report and presented a  
2022/2023 ARCD budget proposal. Director Port moved to approve, Director Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4  
ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report: (attached). Molly Taylor gave a presentation on the Health Soils  
project (attached). A number of new people have been awarded grants under the  
program. Presentation was thorough and very informational.

E.D. Watson reported that there will be a Forest Stewardship workshop sponsored by  
UCCE in September. There was discussion regarding the Organizational Development  
Training proposal by Tracey Carlton. Director Port moved to approve the proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Director Taylor. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed. Director Cannon suggested a Special  
Meeting at the site of the 3 Meadows project. E.D. Watson will coordinate with USFS  
biologist Chuck Loffland.

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ARCD CEQA Lead Agency Compliance: An addendum (#4) to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Amador Fire Safe Council was proposed to the board. This would allow the ARCD to take on "Lead Agency" status under CEQA for projects developed by the AFSC. Complicated environmental documents would not be involved. After review of the proposed addendum, Director Taylor moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Marz. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Community Garden MOU: Tabled to July meeting.

SAWQA: As of now, we have 558 members. All are up to date on the required reporting. More outreach needs to be done to pick up irrigators that are not members. We may need to re-visit the membership and acreage fees later this year.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Steve Q. Cannon

Grant Progress Tracking 6/30/2022

ARCD	Grant Period	Amount Awarded	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	Remaining		Amount remaining
					Advance	Invoiced	
Three Meadows (NFWF)		\$ 440,439.12	\$ 411,455.00	\$ 28,984.12	\$ -	\$ 377,027.58	\$ 63,411.54
Three Meadows (PGE)		\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,000.00		\$ -	\$ 63,000.00	\$ -
Jackson Creek Watershed	11/15/2021 -	\$ 3,603,152.00	\$ 3,217,100.00	\$ 386,052.00	\$ 45,028.14	\$ 10,971.86	\$ 3,547,152.00
Chipping - Round 1	extended to	\$ 190,340.00	\$ 184,400.00	\$ 5,940.00		\$ 95,285.31	\$ 16,390.31
Chipping 2021 - Round 2	11/2021 -	\$ 718,292.00	\$ 652,993.00	\$ 65,299.00			\$ 718,292.00
NACD 2021 - Round 4	5/28/2021 -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,646.67	\$ 44,353.33	\$ -
Mitchell Mine Fuel Break	6/10/2021 -	\$ 327,700.00	\$ 294,930.00	\$ 32,770.00			\$ 327,700.00
RCPD	5/15/2019 -	\$ 312,362.00	\$ 312,362.00	n/a		\$ 141,565.67	\$ 107,827.44
Healthy Soils - Round 1	1/13/2020 -	\$ 59,996.28	\$ 49,996.90	\$ 9,999.38		\$ 24,899.53	\$ 35,096.75
Healthy Soils - Round 2	10/1/2021 -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 9,575.01	\$ 1,313.35
AFSC Staff Time							\$ 8,361.49
SAWQA Staff Time							\$ 3,622.74
		\$ 5,875,281.40	\$ 5,336,236.90	\$ 539,044.50	\$ 100,674.81	\$ 766,678.29	\$ 137,515.33
							\$ 4,882,397.20

SAWQA

	Amount Billed	Amount Received	Amount Due
Member Fees	\$ 306,545.00	\$301,508.58	\$ 5,036.42

Notes:

NACD Grant: - This grant doesn't allow for indirect costs, so we use a loaded rate. It also allows for 75% of the grant time to be used on NRCS projects and the other 25% to be used on RCD projects. This is how we show match funds for the chipping grant.

Mitchel Mine: - We can invoice on a regular ARCD invoice. This is a reimbursable grant, so no advances allowed.  
 - Additional CEQA was required for the herbicide portion of the grant. AFSC paid a forester to do this work, so we may owe AFSC for this work

## Amador Resource Conservation District

07/15/22

## Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of June 30, 2022

	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101768 · Sac/Ama Water Quality Alliance	407,334.61
101769 · Amador RCD	201,426.22
Total Checking/Savings	608,760.83
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	159,588.81
Total Accounts Receivable	159,588.81
Total Current Assets	768,349.64
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>768,349.64</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	810.00
Total Accounts Payable	810.00
Other Current Liabilities	
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	2,720.11
24500 · Accrued Time Off	2,318.77
25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue	100,674.81
Total Other Current Liabilities	105,713.69
Total Current Liabilities	106,523.69
Total Liabilities	106,523.69
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	714,685.99
32000 · Retained Earnings	-26,321.31
Net Income	-26,538.73
Total Equity	661,825.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>768,349.64</u></b>

**Amador Resource Conservation District**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**July 2021 through June 2022**

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	677.21	2,500.00	(1,822.79)	27.1%
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	677.21	2,500.00	(1,822.79)	27.1%
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46420 · Partnership Contracts	52,766.66	90,000.00	(37,233.34)	58.6%
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue		500.00	(500.00)	
46440 · PACE Program	416.36	1,500.00	(1,083.64)	27.8%
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	54,054.92	92,000.00	(37,945.08)	58.8%
47890 · Program Income				
47891 · Grant Income	624,806.60	968,000.00	(343,193.40)	64.5%
<b>Total 47890 · Program Income</b>	664,561.83	968,000.00	(303,438.17)	68.7%
<b>Total Income</b>	719,293.96	1,062,500.00	(343,206.04)	67.7%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	719,293.96	1,062,500.00	(343,206.04)	67.7%
<b>Expense</b>				
52000 · Memberships and Dues	2,467.14	3,000.00	(532.86)	82.2%
52200 · Office Expenses	10,023.62	10,000.00	23.62	100.2%
52300 · Professional Services				
52309 · Grant Development	420.00	1,500.00	(1,080.00)	28.0%
52321 · Auditor's Services		2,500.00	(2,500.00)	
52383 · Bookkeeping	3,767.97	2,500.00	1,267.97	150.7%
52300 · Professional Services - Other		10,000.00	(10,000.00)	
<b>Total 52300 · Professional Services</b>	50,073.08	16,500.00	33,573.08	303.5%
52800 · Special Departmental Expenses				
52810 · Community Garden	996.39	5,000.00	(4,003.61)	19.9%
52822 · Mini Grants	3,000.00	5,000.00	(2,000.00)	60.0%
52893 · Special Projects	561.00	600.00	(39.00)	93.5%
<b>Total 52800 · Special Departmental Expenses</b>	5,480.39	10,600.00	(5,119.61)	51.7%
52900 · Travel and Meetings				
52905 · Travel	396.78		396.78	100.0%
52910 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	775.00	2,000.00	(1,225.00)	38.8%
52930 · Mileage	2,576.72	2,000.00	576.72	128.8%
<b>Total 52900 · Travel and Meetings</b>	3,748.50	4,000.00	(251.50)	93.7%
54138 · Contractor Services	432,722.92	520,000.00	(87,277.08)	83.2%
54200 · Partner Payments		16,200.00	(16,200.00)	
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	5,429.53	9,000.00	(3,570.47)	60.3%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	5,429.53	9,000.00	(3,570.47)	60.3%
66000 · Payroll Expenses				
66200 · Payroll Expense	117,565.63	360,000.00	(242,434.37)	32.7%
66300 · Payroll Tax Expense		15,000.00	(15,000.00)	
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	123,064.40	375,000.00	(251,935.60)	32.8%
<b>Total Expense</b>	633,009.58	964,300.00	(331,290.42)	65.6%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	86,284.38	98,200.00	(11,915.62)	87.9%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>86,284.38</b>	<b>98,200.00</b>	<b>(11,915.62)</b>	<b>87.9%</b>

## Amador Resource Conservation District

## SAWQA Profit &amp; Loss

July 2021 through June 2022

	<u>Jul '21 - Jun 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1,793.71
Total 45000 · Investments	1,793.71
47890 · Program Income	
47895 · SAWQA Member Fees	301,508.58
Total 47890 · Program Income	301,508.58
Total Income	303,302.29
Gross Profit	303,302.29
Expense	
52200 · Office Expenses	
52201 · Postage, Mailing Service	666.84
52202 · Printing and Copying	633.08
52204 · Telephone, Telecommunications	7.20
52205 · Software	1,799.00
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	3,106.12
52300 · Professional Services	
52303 · Project Administration	6,195.27
52383-1 · Monitoring and Reporting	248,193.92
52383 · Bookkeeping	20,963.76
52384 · State Board Oversight	131,283.33
Total 52300 · Professional Services	406,636.28
54138 · Contractor Services	1,615.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,145.91
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,145.91
66000 · Payroll Expenses	
66200 · Payroll Expense	2,633.63
66300 · Payroll Tax Expense	0.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	2,633.63
Total Expense	416,136.94
Net Ordinary Income	-112,834.65
Net Income	<u><u>-112,834.65</u></u>



Amador RCD  
District Manager Report  
Prepared for: July 21<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board Meeting

**General Updates:** Will be readvertising the SAWQA and Natural Resource Technical Assistance position.

Megan has started County Fair planning; emphasis will be on Fire Preparedness and Forest Health. ARCD projects spotlighted will be Chipping Program and Jackson Creek Project. Megan is working on an extendable banner to be used at the fair.

Fire Adapted Landscapes & Wildlife Preparation Workshop co-hosted by UCCE/ARCD: August 8th 2-5pm Pine Grove Town Hall (rescheduled due to the fire). Will feature the Jackson Creek Forest Health Project.

**Current Projects Updates:**

Three Meadows, NFWF Grant: There will not be a grant extension or further work on this project. Working on Final Reporting and scheduling a site visit for August.

Amador Rangeland Soil Health Research and Education Project, WesternSARE –Project is complete, final report will be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Community Chipping Program: Megan has continued administering this project with community chipping days and roadside chipping.

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Funding- Molly continue to provide support to landowners who received funding. We are working to contract for more specific resource TA such as riparian Forest buffer planning and range management.

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance/Demonstration: working on CEQA documentation and need start the contracting process with UCCE for the demonstration project.

NACD 2021: Funding for another year of TA assistance will be awarded, awaiting instructions from NACD to move forward. Will be requesting an extension for this grant.

RCP: Last batching period is in early 2023 and there is \$750,000 in implementation fund remaining. Working with NRCS to get staff support and considering hiring to fill ARCD Forest Health program staff.

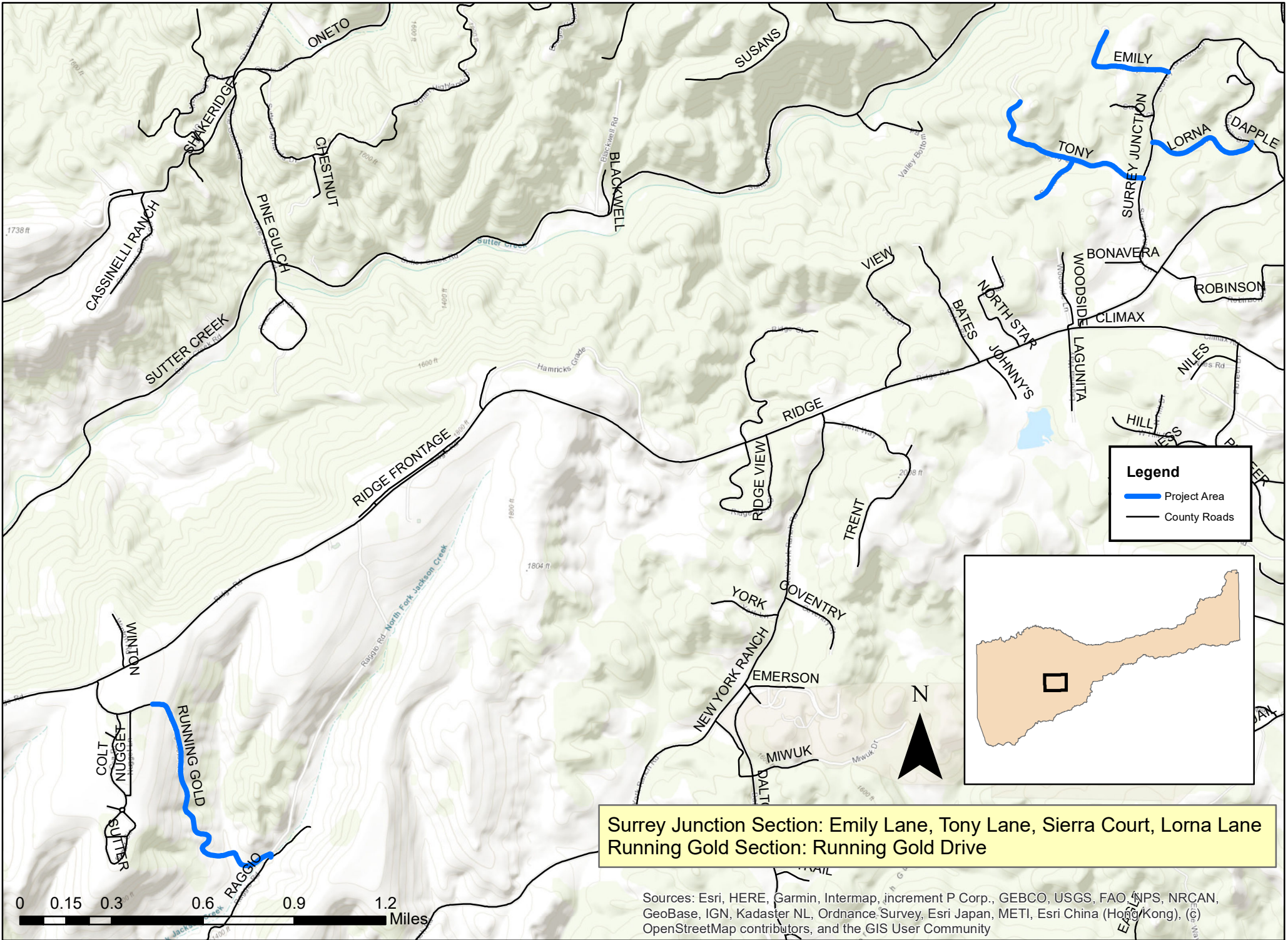
Grazing for Fuels Prevention and Forest Health: RPF has started initial site visits. Second round of ROEs send out. UCCE and ARCD staff are working to plan a Fire Adapted Amador workshop, rescheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> focusing on the fuel reductions practices and Jackson Creek Update.

**Upcoming Funding/Projects:**

Carbon Hub (Natural & Working Lands Hub) Funding: Regional Climate Collaboratives Program (Concept Proposal Due: July 15th)

\$500k-1.75 million. Molly has been coordinating the development of the pre-proposal, outreaching to ACT RCDs and other protentional partners. This new capacity-building grant program funds community-rooted and cross-sectoral partners to develop the processes, plans, and projects that will drive and sustain climate action.

[https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/docs/20220511-Fact\\_Sheet-RCC-Program-R1.pdf](https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/docs/20220511-Fact_Sheet-RCC-Program-R1.pdf)



AFSC, ARCD Private Road Clearing Project, June 2022  
 Running Gold, Surrey Junction  
 Road List, Miles, Acres

EdStruff  
 18-Jun-22

<u>Roads Included in Project:</u>	<u>#Feet</u>	<u># Miles</u>	<u># acres at 40 ft total</u>
Running Gold Road (private portion)	4511	0.85	4.14
Emly Way	1923	0.36	1.77
Lorna Lane	2041	0.39	1.87
Tony Lane	3222	0.61	2.96
TOTAL: Private Roads	11697	2.22	10.74

<u>County Roads in Project, already covered in County Exemption</u>	<u>Total Length # Miles</u>	<u>Treated Length</u>
Surrey Place	0.15	
Surrey Junction Lane, Segment A (old section)	1.35	
Surrey Junction Lane, Segment B (new section)	0.49	
Surrey Court	0.04	
Dapple Drive	0.80	
Dapple Court	0.15	
TOTAL: County Roads	2.98	

Locations:

Running Gold, Amador City USGS 7.5 min Quad, Sec 9,16. T7N R11E

Surrey Roads: Pine Grove USGS 7.5 min Quad, Sec 36, T7N R11E, Sec 31 T7N R12E



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Amador Resource Conservation District: Ingress/Egress and Education Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Running Gold and Surrey Junction subdivisions	<b>COUNTY</b>	Amador
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Amador Resource Conservation District (RCD)		
<b>CONTACT</b>	Steve Q. Cannon, President, Amador RCD		
<b>ADDRESS</b>	12200 B Airport Road Jackson, CA 95642	<b>PHONE</b>	(209) 223-3581

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project involves the clearance of roadside vegetation (fuels) on private roads within unincorporated regions in Amador County, California. There are a total of four roads to be treated under this project with a total of 2.22 miles covering 10.7 acres total area. All roadside vegetation up to 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) shall be removed within 20 feet of road edge on either side. This distance may be reduced in locations where fences exist within this 20-foot zone. The vegetation to be treated includes ground fuels, brush, and small-diameter trees. Private contractors will be used to hand cut and chip vegetation or masticate vegetation on-site by means of a mechanical masticator. This mastication will be “reach-in” mastication only, with the mastication equipment sitting on the actual road prism. In addition, all trees greater than 10 inches dbh within the proposed project area shall be limbed up to a minimum height of 10 feet. All equipment and vehicles shall remain on the existing road prism.

This roadside vegetation clearance project will include the maintenance of some or all of the treated areas by a variety of methods, including re-cutting and chipping, additional mechanical mastication (as described above), or by the use of additional methods such as the selective use of herbicides or other treatment methods.

The intent is for this Notice of Exemption to cover ongoing roadside clearance in perpetuity.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: 14CCR§15301(c) Maintenance of Existing Public or Private Facilities
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

This project fits under the description for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Amador RCD staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Amador RCD has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Amador RCD staff is kept on file at the Amador RCD office in Jackson, CA.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING**

Steve Q. Cannon, President	Date
Amador Resource Conservation District	



# California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project

**Note:** This report form is intended for use by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) staff to document a limited environmental impact analysis supporting the filing of a Notice of Exemption (NOE) document for a proposed CAL FIRE project. Although the project appears to fit within the descriptions for allowable Categorical Exemptions, this report presents CAL FIRE's review for possible "Exceptions" that would preclude finding the project to be categorically exempt as discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This report will be filed with the CEQA administrative record for this project to document the environmental impact analysis conducted by the Department.

Author:	Ed Struffenegger, RPF #2200
Title:	Amador RCD, Contract Forester
Address:	140 Creek View Court, Sutter Creek, CA 95685
Phone:	209-304-2045
Email:	edstruff@volcano.net

Project Name:	Amador County Ingress, Egress and Education Plan		
Project Number:	Grant #8GG19102		
Program Type:	CalFire CCI Fire Prevention Grant		
CAL FIRE Unit:	Amador – El Dorado Unit (AEU)		
County:	Amador		
Acres:	10.7		
Legal Location:	T7N, R11E: Sections 9, 16, 36    T7N, R12E: Section 31 MDBM		
Name of USGS 7.5' Quad Map(s):	Amador City, Pine Grove,		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Vicinity Map Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Location Map Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos Attached			

<b>Other Public Agency Review/Permit Required:</b>		
Would the project result in:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
alterations to a watercourse (DFG - Lake and Stream Alteration Agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
conversion of timberland (CAL FIRE - Conversion Permit or Exemption)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
demolition (Local Air District - Demolition Permit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
soil disturbance over 1 acre (RWQCB - SWPPP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fill of possible wetlands (404 Permit - USACE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Discuss any above-listed topic item checked Yes and consultation with agencies:</b>		

<b>Project Description and Environmental Setting (Describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting):</b>
<p><b><u>Project Description</u></b></p> <p>This project involves the clearance of roadside vegetation (fuels) on private roads within unincorporated regions in Amador County, California. There are a total of four roads to be treated under this project with a total of 2.22 miles covering 10.7 acres total area. All roadside vegetation up to 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) shall be removed within 20 feet of road edge on either side. This distance may be reduced in locations where fences exist within this 20-foot zone. The vegetation to be treated includes ground fuels, brush, and small-diameter trees. Private contractors will be used to hand cut and chip vegetation or masticate vegetation on-site by means of a mechanical masticator. This mastication will be "reach-in" mastication only, with the mastication equipment sitting on the actual road prism, and the actual mastication to be accomplished by reaching-in to the work site via mastication arms or booms. In addition, all tress greater than 10 inches d.b.h within the proposed project area shall be limbed up to a minimum height of 10 feet, with the limbs treated by chipping or mastication. All other equipment, including crew buses, utility vehicles and tow-behind chipper shall remain on the existing road prism.</p> <p>This roadside vegetation clearance project will include the maintenance of some or all of the treated areas by a variety of methods, including re-cutting and chipping, additional mechanical mastication (as described above), or by the use of additional methods such as the selective use of herbicides or other treatment methods.</p> <p>The intent is for this ERRF to cover ongoing roadside clearance in perpetuity.</p> <p><b><u>Project Location and Surroundings</u></b></p> <p>The project area covers the following Amador County private roads:</p>

**Running Gold Subdivision Roads**

Running Gold Road: (from end of County Road to the end): 0.85 miles

**Surrey Junction Subdivision Roads**

Emily Way: 0.36 miles

Lorna Lane: 0.39 miles

Tony Lane: 0.61 miles

The elevation range of this project is approximately 1,200 to 1,900 feet. The project location can be found on the following USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle maps: Amador City, Pine Grove

**Environmental Setting**

The Running Gold Road portion of the project, which is the western-most portion of this project, includes oak-woodland mixed with grassland. The predominant species are interior live oak and blue oaks, with scattered gray pines in locations. A heavy understory of brush occurs in portions of this project area.

The remaining portions of this project include Emily Way, Lorna Lane, and Tony Lane, all within the Surrey Junction subdivision. This represents the eastern portion of the project area and includes a mixture of hardwood/conifer species with a heavy understory brush component, primarily manzanita and toyon. The conifer species include Ponderosa pine, gray pine, and sugar pine. The hardwood species include canyon live oak, interior live oak, black oak, and madrone.

In general, the roadside vegetation in most areas of this project area is dense-to-very dense, and often extend to—and often into—the road prism. Often this vegetation is dead or dying, posing an extraordinary fire threat and a potentially significantly affecting the potential ingress/egress of these roads in the event of a catastrophic wildfire.

## Environmental Impact Analysis

**Aesthetics**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The fuels reduction project will result in a visual change to roadside vegetation. The project is being implemented for both fuels reduction adjacent to the roadway and for ingress and egress safety purposes. Increased visual lines of sight for traffic flow will be a benefit to community members and responding initial attack resources if necessary. Potential adverse impacts are not likely, as project activities should result in an overall benefit to residences in the area.

There are no direct lines-of-sight from any proposed project roads and any current designated scenic highway, or any highway eligible for designation as a scenic highway.

**Agriculture and Forest Resources**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No Would any trees be felled? If yes, discuss protection of nesting birds and compliance with FPRs.  
 Yes  No Would the project convert any prime or unique farmland?  
 Yes  No Would the project result in the conversion of forest land/timberland to non-forest use?  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project involves the clearance of roadside vegetation (fuels) on four private roads within unincorporated regions in Amador County, California. All roadside vegetation up to 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) shall be removed within 20 feet of road edge on either side. Given the small trees proximity to the roadway and the constant vehicular traffic, it is unlikely bird species would choose this location to nest. The entire area was reviewed for nesting birds prior to the preparation of this ERRF. No nesting birds were located. The area will be reviewed again for the presence of nesting birds prior to operations. If an active nest is located during the survey, no fuels reduction activities shall take place within 50 feet of the nest until after the young have fledged. If a listed species is detected, the area around that detection will be excluded from the project.

#### Air Quality

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No The local Air Quality Management District guidelines for dust abatement and other air quality concerns were reviewed for this project.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The Amador Air District Rulebook was reviewed for this project. Specifically, Rule #218 “Fugitive Dust Emissions” was reviewed for applicable provisions that could apply to this project. For this project as proposed, no appreciable fugitive dust would be generated that would require notification to the Amador Air District. No burning will be conducted under this project. Additionally, no special provisions listed in this section would apply to this project. For this project as proposed no significant adverse impact is anticipated.

The Amador Air District Rules can be found at: <https://www.amadorgov.org/services/amador-air-district/air-district-rules>

#### Biological Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No Will the project potentially effect biological resources?  
 Yes  No Was a current NDDDB review completed? Results discussed below:  
 Yes  No Was a biological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

A California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) query was run on 1/27/2021. The results of this query and the locations of these occurrences are as follows:

No occurrences were listed on the CNDDDB in any portion of—or surrounding—the project area. .

A walk-through review of the project area was completed on June 20, 2022. No listed or sensitive species were identified in or near the project area. No CNPS-listed plant species were identified in or near the project area.

#### Cultural Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No Was a current archaeological records check completed? Results discussed below:  
 Yes  No Was a CAL FIRE Staff or Contract Archaeologist consulted? Results discussed below:  
 Yes  No Was an archaeological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:  
 Yes  No Will the project effect any historic buildings or archaeological site?  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

An archaeological Record Check Request was submitted to the North Central Information Center (NCIC) on 2/16/2018. The results of this request were received by the Amador Fire Safe Council on that same day. (A copy of the cover letter from NCIC for Record Search NCIC File No: AMA-18-6 is attached to this ERRF). The results of the Records Check indicated that there are no indigenous-era or historic-period cultural resources on or near the project area. An intensive pedestrian survey of the entire project area was completed on June 20, 2022. No cultural resources were found in or near the project area.

Under CALFIRE rules, this project qualifies as an archaeologically Exempt Practice. For this to qualify as an Exempt Practice, the following conditions must be met:

1. Any tracked/rubber tired piece of equipment would need to stay on the paved/dirt road prism.
2. A statement must be made by the AFSC that no ground disturbance is anticipated from the equipment for the roadside fuels reduction.
3. No burning of treated vegetation shall occur in the project area.
4. ARCD would need to do a Records Check of the project area to ensure no historical or pre-historical sites were within the project area.

The ARCD will meet—or will have met—all four of these conditions. No tracked or rubber-tired equipment will be allowed off the road prism, no ground disturbance is anticipated from the equipment, no burning will be employed in any capacity over the project area, and a NCIC Records Check was requested and the results of the NCIC Records Check have been incorporated into the project design outlined in this ERRF.

If any additional archaeological sites or features are discovered during the course of operations, the area will be excluded from the project. The CALFIRE Archaeologist will then be contacted for additional instructions.

### Energy

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

A minimal amount of energy in the form of gasoline and diesel will be consumed by the vehicles and equipment used in this project. This includes crew vehicles, chippers, and chainsaws. There is no anticipated use of the chips (biomass) produced by this project for energy production (cogeneration).

No significant adverse impact related to Energy is anticipated.

### Geology and Soils

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No ground disturbance or soil disturbance is anticipated as part of this project. No significant adverse impact related to geology and soils is anticipated.

### Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No Would the project generate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?  
 Yes  No Would these GHG emissions result in a significant impact on the environment? Discuss below:  
 Yes  No Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? Discuss below:

The project will reduce fuels along four private roads in Amador County, but there will be no significant impacts to larger vegetation or the general overstory forest canopy. No alterations of general forest stand-types are anticipated. No significant changes in Greenhouse Gas Emissions are anticipated as a result of the minor vegetation-related activities proposed in this project.

The project will utilize hand-crews with chainsaws and chippers to reduce road-side vegetation. The amount of direct emissions from this type of operation will be minimal. Additional minor emissions will occur as a result of crew transportation vehicles and other support vehicles, such as mechanic's vehicles and service vehicles. The overall impacts from equipment and vehicles on Greenhouse Gases will be minimal.

A Greenhouse Gas emissions analysis was conducted for the entire project area. The input variables included the following:

Round Trip Miles for crew = 20

Number of chainsaws utilized by the crew = 3

Number of chippers utilized by the crew = 1

Estimated biomass Tons Per Acre Removed = 2



Utilizing a sequestration rate of 2 Tons/Ac/Year (which is at the low-end of the 2-6 Tons/Ac/Yr range for stocked “Sierra mixed conifer”), the results show that the “Years Required for Complete Sequestration” is 0.9. This indicates that the relatively low carbon emissions due to this project will be rapidly offset by increased growth of a future Sierra mixed conifer stand.

The detailed Greenhouse Gas Analysis conducted for this project is attached to the back of this ERRF.

#### **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Selective herbicide use may be utilized on various portions of the project area after vegetation clearing operations are complete. The use of these herbicides is intended to reduce the rapid re-sprouting or re-seeding of the treated vegetation. All herbicide application prescriptions will be developed by a licensed Pest Control Advisor (PCA). The application of any herbicides will be in accordance with all laws and regulations established by the California Department of Pesticide Regulations and any local jurisdictions.

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts from Hazardous Materials.

#### **Hydrology and Water Quality**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 Yes  No Will the project potentially affect any watercourse or body of water?  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No equipment will operate off of roads. There will be no significant ground disturbance throughout the project area. There are four ephemeral watercourses that cross the roads in this project area, and one perennial stream (North Fork of Jackson Creek) that crosses Running Gold Road. These ephemeral and perennial stream locations will be center-line flagged prior to operations to alert the contractor of their presence. Vegetation may be treated in these watercourse crossing areas. No chips will be allowed to enter any of these watercourses. Accidental deposits of vegetation into any watercourse will be immediately removed up to the high-water mark.

#### **Land Use and Planning**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Land Use and Planning.

#### **Mineral Resources**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Mineral Resources.

#### **Noise**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.  
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Proposed project activities will result in some noise; specifically, from the running of chainsaws, the tow-behind chipper, and potentially, mechanical mastication equipment. The equipment shall only be operated during normal daylight hours, and no equipment use will be allowed on Sundays or holidays. The equipment use in any given area will be short-lived, as the nature of this project will result in rapid treatment of fuels in any given area within the project area. The equipment will also be located on the actual road prism, which is generally away from homes and other residences. In addition, the noise of the equipment may be only slightly above the ambient noise level from normal traffic on the road.

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Noise.

**Population and Housing**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Population and Housing.

**Public Services**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Public Services.

**Recreation**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Recreation.

**Transportation/Traffic**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project will require a partial lane closure for the tow-behind chipper or for mastication equipment. All fuels reduction projects of this type will comply with traffic control standards established by Amador County and the State of California. This includes the use of warning signs on each side of the active project area where lane closures are necessary, flaggers on each side of the active project area as needed, and the placement of safety cones to warn of downed vegetation, parked vehicles and equipment, or other potential obstacles.

Full road closures will be allowed when necessary, and the duration of full road closures will be limited to 20 minutes.

No permits will be necessary for these traffic control measures, as all work will be conducted on private roads.

The project is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on Transportation/Traffic.

**Utilities and Service Systems**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Project activities will not disrupt utility service or service systems. No significant adverse impact is expected.

**Wildfire**

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project will remove roadside vegetation along four private roads, a portion of the larger Amador County private road system, thereby reducing the fuels along those roads. This in turn will result in a lower chance of fires rapidly spreading when fires ignite next to the road and will increase the opportunities to fight wildfires as they approach these roads. Thus, this roadside clearing could reduce the number, size, and intensity of large, damaging wildfires.

Additionally, the clearing of vegetation along roads will facilitate the ingress of fire-fighting crews and vehicles in the event of a fire and will facilitate the egress of local residents in the event of a fire-related evacuation order. The overall effect of this project will increase public safety in the event of a wildfire.

**Changes Made to Avoid Environmental Impacts:**

No changes made to avoid adverse impacts.

**Mandatory Findings of Significance:**

	YES	NO
(a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Justification for Use of a Categorical Exemption (discuss why the project is exempt, cite exemption number(s), and describe how the project fits the class):**

The project meets the Categorical Exemption as described under 14CCR§15301(c) Maintenance of Existing Public Facilities, Highways and Streets. No significant adverse environmental impact is anticipated from implementation of this project.

The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, energy, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at AEU Unit Headquarters in Camino.

**Conclusion:**

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, CAL FIRE has determined that the project fits within one or more of the exemption classes and no

exceptions exist at the project site which would preclude the use of this exemption. The Department considered the possibility of (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource. A Notice of Exemption will be filed at the State Clearinghouse.

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, CAL FIRE has determined that the project does not fit within the description for the various exemption classes or has found that exceptions exist at the project site which precludes the use of a Categorical Exemption for this project. Additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate CEQA document used may be a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

*Before and after photos of similar Ingress/Egress Projects completed by the Amador Fire Safe Council in 2020*

**Red Hill Mine Road, Pine Grove:**

Before



After



**Red Hill Mine Road, Pine Grove**

Before



After



**Tanyard Hill Road, Pine Grove**

Before



After



Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis:

General Information			
Project Name	Running Gold, Surrey Junction Ingress/Egress		Blue = Variable Inputs
Project Acres		10.7	Black = Equation Produced Data
Total Project Days		15	Red = Constants
Exhaust CO2 Emissions			
Total Round Trip Miles		20	
# of Chainsaws		3	
# of Chippers		1	
Diesel Kilograms/Gal		10.15	
Gas Kilograms/Gal		8.91	
Pounds of CO2/Kilogram		2.20462	
One Chipper Gas Gal/day		10	
Crew Bus MPG		8	
Chainsaw Gas Gal/Day/Saw		1.5	
Conversion Factor Pounds to Tons		2000	
Conversion Factor Tons of Biomass to Tons CO2		1.65	
Crew Bus Total Miles		300	Chainsaws Total Gal Gas Needed 67.5
Total Gal of Diesel Needed		38	Chipper Total Gal Gas Needed 150
Total Kilograms of Diesel Produced		381	Total Kilograms of Gas Produced 751
Diesel Total Pounds of CO2 Produced		839	Gas Total Pounds of CO2 Produced 1,657
Diesel Total Tons CO2		0	Gas Total Tons of CO2 Produced 1
Smoke or Decay CO2 Emissions			
Est. Biomass Tons Per Acre Removed (Fuel Model)		2	
Biomass Total Tons Removed		21.4	
Total Tons of CO2		35	
Final Outputs			
Total Tons of CO2 for Project		37	
Sequestration Rate 2 - 6 Tons/Ac/Yr (stocked Sierra mixed conifer)		1	
Total Sequestration Rate/Yr		39.269	
Years Required for Complete Sequestration		0.9	



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**By and between**

**AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**And**

**MOTHER LODE LAND TRUST**

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into on the date below and is intended to facilitate cooperation between the AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (“ARCD”), a special district of the County of Amador; and the MOTHER LODE LAND TRUST (“MLLT”) a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, to promote the shared vision on MLLT land (por. of APN 020-020-016) for the creation of a Community Farm who’s main purpose will be to engage the public and supply fresh produce to those who need it.

## **II. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND**

ARCD was organized by the Amador County Board of Supervisors in 1950, under Division IX of the California Public Resources Code. The district covers all of Amador County and portions of Alpine and Calaveras Counties. The mission of the ARCD is to “conserve and improve our natural resources, integrating the demand for environmental quality with the needs of agricultural and urban users”.

RCD’s are grassroots government organizations that work to get individual and community goals accomplished. RCD’s are non-regulatory and must meet their goals for the natural resources in their community through voluntary approaches – neighbor asking neighbor to cooperate. The ARCD is guided by a five-member board of directors who are appointed by the Amador County Board of Supervisors to serve voluntarily and represent a broad spectrum of experience including farming, ranching, financial and non-profit land conservancy management. Depending upon available grant funds, the ARCD employs staff members with diverse technical backgrounds to support implementation of the ARCD mission. As a local government entity, the ARCD can work with any local, state or federal agency through simple cooperative agreements. ARCD works to strike a balance between the economic self-interests of individuals and the community’s need for a healthy environment through both education and assistance.

The Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT), formerly the Amador Land Trust was established in 1990 by a coalition of ranchers, conservationists and other concerned citizens to preserve the foothill landscape of the Central Sierra Nevada. As a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, MLLT accepts conservation easements, owns and manages lands with strong agricultural and historic values, provides technical assistance to landowners on preservation techniques and promotes public awareness of the importance of preserving our lands.

MLLT is the owner of the Cuneo/Chichizola property, an ownership opportunity made possible through a bequest from the late Marian Francis Chichizola Cuneo. This property, located in the Jackson CA area consists of 187 acres of rangeland and a suite of historic buildings, including the well-known pink Chichizola Store. The MLLT plans to work with the community to determine how this property can be utilized as both a living history exhibit and as a true working ranch. Volunteers are always welcome to join in on our visioning for this property, as we move forward in the development of a plan to provide services to the school children in our area and the community as a whole.

### **III. PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU")**

The MLLT has designated the use of approximately 2 acres of APN# 020-020-016 for farming practices; the use of the pasture between the barns for access and parking; and the use of the horse barn for storage of small farm equipment and supplies. This area is depicted in the schematic attached as Exhibit 1. The purpose of this area is for the development of a space for the community focused on gardening, farming, and the natural environment. This space shall be called the Amador Community Farm.

The mission of the Amador Community Farm is "to provide fresh, healthy, local produce to low-income families in others in need, through local food distribution systems; and to provide a nutritionally based learning environment where the focus is self-sustainability through the development of small backyard and community gardens". Through this, the Amador Community Farm envisions "providing a nurturing environment where one can develop a better understanding of self and the environment, and acquire the tools necessary to make healthy food choices".

The Amador Community Farm could be, with time, up to a 2-acre farm that will demonstrate sound agriculture practices while supplying people in the community with fresh, local produce. Included with the day-to-day operation of the Farm will be fruit and vegetable production, volunteer and community service programs, food and nutrition workshops, and seminars for adults and children.

While the Amador Community Farm will grow to be a large producer of fresh produce, it has no intention of competing with the local independent growers or Farmers Markets in order to make a profit. The food will be grown for the purpose of providing to those who

put in time working at the Garden, donating produce to those in need, and for educating people about nature and gardening/farming.

#### **IV. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES/IMPLEMENTATION**

The MLLT will assume all responsibilities associated with the development and operation of the Farm, including but not limited to liability insurance, acquiring necessary permits, infrastructure development, community programs, and funding. MLLT will hire a Farm Manager whose job it will be to manage the day-to-day operations and coordinate with the Parties for meetings and any development/programs that are in addition to the current activities.

The ARCD will pay the water bill for the Farm. ARCD will contribute up to \$500/year towards the payment of this water, and MLLT will cover the difference. ARCD will invoice MLLT on a quarterly basis for reimbursement of water costs. Additionally, the ARCD is invited to participate in the Farm Committee where the Stakeholders will share Farm activities and/or plans/ideas they may have for the site, and discuss roles and expectations as these things come to fruition. The MLLT welcomes any additional assistance offered by ARCD, but will not require, nor depend on such assistance.

If the Amador Community Farm ceases to exist, or either party decides not to permit a renewal of the MOU, any infrastructure beyond easily moveable structures that could be used in another location will become property of the MLLT.

#### **V. FEES**

The ARCD will cover up to \$40 per month towards the cost of the water for the Farm. ARCD will bill MLLT on a quarterly basis for reimbursement of any costs above and beyond the \$40/month.

There are no other fees associated with is MOU. All costs associated with the operation of the Farm will come from the MLLT Farm Manager Fund and in the form of grants, special programs, and donations.

#### **VI. TERM AND RENEWAL**

This MOU shall commence immediately following the signing by both organizations and shall continue in effect until December 31 of the following year. The MOU will automatically renew for an additional term of one year on January 1 of each succeeding year unless either Participating Organization gives written notice of its intent not to renew this MOU no later than November 1 in advance of the January 1 of such succeeding year. Either organization may withdraw from this MOU for any reason upon a 60-day advance written notice, excepting a termination during the growing and harvesting seasons to prevent a loss of production of crops.

**VII. PUBLIC AFFAIRS/RELATIONS**

Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted to imply that either organization endorses any products, services, or policies of the other. Neither organization may use the name of the other for advertising or other commercial purposes outside of advertising for Farm events, without prior written permission. Each organization shall obtain prior approval of all press releases, published advertisements, or other statements intended for the public that refer to this agreement or the relationships hereunder.

**VIII. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION CONTACTS**

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**IX. APPROVAL**

Approved and accepted by:

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a special district within the County of Amador; and

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Q. Cannon, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER LODER LAND TRUST, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ellie Routt, Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Amador Resource Conservation District Scholarship***

sponsored by

Amador Resource Conservation District

## Objective:

To provide a \$500 - \$1000 grant to a graduating senior from Amador County for the purpose of assisting that student in his/her studies in the area of natural resource management/ conservation, including: forestry, wildlife management, soil science, range management, conservation biology, watershed management, agriculture, animal husbandry.

## Criteria for Award:

1. The applicant must be a student in Amador County. The student shall in good standing.
2. The student shall have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.
3. The student should have completed first year of study in related field and prove second year enrollment via class schedule.

## Application Process:

- A. Fill out the attached application form.
- B. Provide a one-page, single spaced personal statement relating to the student's interest in natural resources. The personal statement should address the following areas:
  1. What has caused you to have an interest in Resource Conservation/Management?
  2. In your opinion, what is the single most important resource management or conservation issue confronting Amador County today? Why and what do you think should be done about it?
  3. After your graduation from college, how do you plan to incorporate your interest in Resource Conservation/Management into your life?

High School Scholarship Committees will please send all application materials to:

Amador Resource Conservation District  
Amador Resource Conservation District Scholarship  
12200-B Airport Road  
Jackson, CA 95642

Attn: Amanda Watson

**\*Note: Relatives of sitting board members of the Amador Resource Conservation District are not eligible for this scholarship.**

***Amador Resource Conservation District***  
**Amador Resource Conservation District Scholarship**

Student's Name:

Address:  
(student must be a resident of Amador County)

Phone:

Email:

Parent's Name(s):

Parent Address:

If the student does not reside with the parent, who is the legal guardian of the student?

Legal Guardian address (if applicable):

School Attended:

Years of attendance:

Cumulative Grade Point Average:

List of courses studied and grades achieved:  
(an attachment from the school is acceptable)

Extracurricular activities participated in:

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Student signature

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Parent signature



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Council*

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California*

*USFS Region 5*



# Save the Date!

## Register now for a California Forest Stewardship Workshop

Online beginning August 24, 2022 – October 19, 2022 and in-person Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Amador or Calaveras County (exact location TBD)

**Join the workshop to understand and protect your forests by developing a Forest Management Plan. Topics include:**

- Forest management objectives and planning
- Forest health, insects and disease
- Forest and fire ecology, wildlife, watersheds
- Fuels reduction and forest resource marketing
- Mapping, inventory and silviculture
- Project development & permitting
- Getting professional help and cost-share opportunities

Participants will utilize online resources on their own time to complete learning modules and short activities. Zoom meetings with all participants and presenters will take place once a week on Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm. The in-person field day will cover silviculture, forest inventory and mapping activities. Participants who complete the workshop will be **eligible for a free site visit** with a California Registered Professional Forester.

**Registration** for the workshop is \$60. Sign up now at:

<http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshops/>

For questions, contact Kim Ingram, [kcingram@ucanr.edu](mailto:kcingram@ucanr.edu).



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# Fire Adapted Landscapes and Wildfire Preparation

**Due to the Electra Fire, the workshop has been rescheduled to August**

Monday

August 8, 2022

PINE GROVE TOWN HALL

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

19889 Highway 88,  
Pine Grove, CA 95665

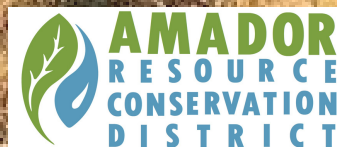
## Topics

- Electra Fire
- Building Fire Resilient Homes
- Retrofitting Homes to Make them Fire Safe
- Creating Defensible Space
- Overview of Community Fuel Breaks
- Using Livestock to Reduce Fuel Loads
- Funding Opportunities for Landowners
- Prescribed Burn Associations

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