



Amador Resource Conservation District

AUGUST 2024

RECENT EVENTS

HEALTHY SOILS FOR HEALTHY VINEYARDS



On June 26th, 23 attendees from Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and San Joaquin Counties joined the ARCD Working Lands Assistance Program, Calaveras County Resource Conservation District, and the Calaveras Winegrape Alliance at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, Calaveras County for a Healthy Soils Program - Healthy Soils for Healthy Vineyards educational event. Attendees heard presentations from conservation professionals, researchers, and industry experts from the Healthy Soils Program, USDA NRCS Lockeford Plant Materials Center, Kamprath Seed, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Community Alliance of Family Farmers, followed by a sustainability vineyard management discussion and tour with the President of Ironstone Vineyards, Stephen Kautz. Attendees were provided information on soil health, cover cropping, livestock integration, integrated pest management, and technical and financial assistance available to vineyard operations.

Healthy Soils Resources link [HERE!](#)

FREE CHIPPING PROGRAM

Members of the Kirkwood Firewise community, Kirkwood Meadows PUD, and members of the East Silver Lake community all took part in major vegetation clean-up efforts this summer, utilizing ARCD's Free Chipping Program. This project will end in February of 2025, so we strongly encourage those who wish to participate to take advantage of the program while it is still available.

ARCD Chipping Program link [HERE!](#)



AMADOR COUNTY FAIR

This year the ARCD, Amador Fire Safe Council, University of California Cooperative Extension, National Resource Conservation Service, El Dorado Amador Prescribed Burn Association, and the Firewise Communities of Amador County were all represented and able to successfully educate numerous fairgoers on many of the programs each organization has to offer the residents of Amador County.



JACKSON CREEK FOREST & WATERSHED PROJECT



On August 15th, the implementation of prescribed herbivory started on the Jackson Creek Forest & Watershed project. The ARCD has also received approval to provide 15 prescribed fire plans and subsequent one-day training for landowners within the scope of the project. This training will be provided by a state or federally qualified "Burn Boss", who will build a fire plan and educate awarded landowners.



RANGE SEEDING FIELD DAY

The **ARCD Working Lands Assistance Program** hosted 36 attendees from across 10 counties for a Healthy Soils Program - Grazing Lands for Healthy Soils: Range Seeding Field Day at PT Ranch in Lone on June 5th. Field day presentations highlighted Sierra Nevada foothill and mountain grazing lands seeding planning considerations, rancher experience and implementation strategies, weed management and soil health, and technical and financial assistance available to ranchers and grazing land managers and owners. Attendees heard presentations from ranchers and agricultural and natural resources conservation professionals of Rancher to Rancher, ARCD Healthy Soils Program, Kamprath Seed, UCCE Central Sierra, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Point Blue Conservation Science.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Healthy Soils: Restoring Water on Working Lands - Sept. 6th

FARMERS AND RANCHERS, Join the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District and conservation partners to learn about soil and water conservation on working lands in the Sierra Nevada foothills and mountains.

Water Conservation Topics:

- Understanding the Basics of Water Management
- Mastering Water Management in Annual and Perennial Crop Systems: Techniques for Effective Irrigation Scheduling
- Managing Soils for Water Conservation
- Riparian Habitat Restoration: Planning and Considerations
- Technical and Financial Assistance

Special Tour with Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Turnback Creek & Tuolumne Log Pond Rehabilitation Project

Learn how the tribe is protecting community water access, wildfire resiliency, cultural heritage, and watershed/ecosystem health through riparian restoration.

September 6th, 2024

9:30AM - 2:00PM

18411 Bay Ave, Tuolumne, CA 95379

Please bring a lunch
Water & coffee will be available

* Presentations will take place indoors and outdoors, please dress accordingly.



Register Here



Funding for this event provided by California Department of Food & Agriculture as part of the CDEA Climate Smart Agriculture Programs.



AFSC VEGETATION MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Register to join the Amador Fire Safe Council on Wednesday, October 16th from 5-7p and learn how to best maintain treatment on your land!



<https://forms.gle/iATKkoYXZMgCFFW78>

El Dorado-Amador Prescribed Burn Association Prescribed Burn Planning Workshop for Landowners

When: September 28, 10 AM to 1 PM

Where: El Dorado Hills Fire Station 85
1050 Wilson Blvd. El Dorado Hills

Purpose: To Assist Landowners in Preparing Prescribed Burn Plans

Cost: \$20 (Lunch Provided)

Register Here



(Space is limited)

<p>MAPS Mapping of your property and burn units</p>	<p>OBJECTIVES Preparation needs and fire effects objectives for your site</p>	<p>PERMITS & LIABILITY How to meet the legal requirements for your project</p>
<p>IGNITIONS AND HOLDING RESOURCES Burn day actions, resources and responsibilities for managing your burn</p>	<p>NOTIFICATIONS AND POST-BURN ACTIONS What notifications are required and how to patrol and monitor your burn project</p>	<p>HOW TO WORK WITH THE PBA How to partner with PBA volunteers for support before during and after your burn</p>

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