

Project Reports May 2026

Amador Wildlife Structures:

- Phase 3 started April 2026
- Completed three pre-assessments
- Continuing outreach, site visits will begin June 2026

DOC/NWL:

DOC Hub:

- Continuing planning Perennial crop and forestry series

DOC CCRCD:

- Working on creating template for site visits
- PBA Advisory Committee met 21 April at Murphys Fire Training room.
 - Minutes included in Board Packet
- Next Meeting 16 June 2026

NW Calaveras:

- Completed Unit M1
- Working on Unit M6
- Moving to Unit M2 on 6 May 2026

NRCS:

- Conducting surveys
- Reports have been underway

San Andreas East FB:

- Arche and wildlife surveys are being conducted
- Fuels reduction RFP is being drafted
- Pre-bid tour is planned for contractors
- Landowner ROE's continue to be secured

PG&E Hunter Connectivity 2026

- Landowner ROE's are being secured

- Fuels reduction pre-bid tour has taken place



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Calaveras County Watershed Committee Minutes Wednesday April 15th, 2026, 4:00pm

Location:

RCD Building-Top Floor 423 E. Saint Charles St., San Andreas, CA 95249

Teams Meeting option available.

Please email Erin at elivernois@calaverasrcd.org for more information

- **Call to Order**---Call to order at 4:00pm
 - **CCRCD Board Members and Staff Present:** Erin Livernois, Watershed Program Coordinator.; Trina Walley, Executive Director; Trevor Wittke, CCRCD Board Member; Bob Dean, CCRCD Board Member; Walter Tryon, CCRCD Resource Tech
 - **Partner Members Present:** Ben Cook, Trout Unlimited; Theresa Hitchcock, Calaveras County; Kelly Gerkenmeyer, CCWD

- **Public Comment**

None received

- **Staff Report**

- Staff had nothing to report

- **Business**

- **Develop Committee goals/objectives for following year**
 - Goals/Objectives Identified
 - Continued using integrated approach: education and outreach, project implementation, water monitoring
 - Focus on coordinating and collaborating with others operating in the watersheds.
 - Committee agreed to moving meetings to quarterly basis to be determined and sent out to committee by CCRCD Staff
 - Committee Structure
 - Discussed having one representative and one alternate per organization represented.
 - Identified need to invite Amador RCD, Tuolumne RCD, Tribe and CUSD
- **Discuss project ideas**
 - Project ideas brought up by committee to consider in the future
 - Integrated Weed Management



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- Wilson Reservoir
 - White Pines
 - Forest Health projects to benefit the Mokelumne River
 - Cosgrove Creek—identified county priority with active studies taking place.
 - Wildlife Surveys along tributaries
- **Update on monitoring program**
 - Equipment obtained from TCRCO in late March. Erin cleaned and tested equipment, determined 4 kits are operational but three of them need to be fully calibrated as they have not been used in years.
 - Equipment and data collection completed by CCRCO staff on April 3rd.
 - **Discuss potential funding sources**
 - Discussed WCB using priorities set by CDFW when considering funding and identified a need to develop grants with those priorities in mind
 - **Identify follow-up tasks by staff/committee members.**
 - Create new schedule of committee meetings and send to committee
 - Create monthly reports to send to the committee
 - Order solution to calibrate monitoring equipment
 - Create data collection sheets and database for monitoring
 - Investigate CDFW priorities for planning future grant opportunities
 - **Action**
 - **Approval of meeting minutes from 11.19.25, 1.21.26, 2.18.26 and 3.18.26**
 - Approved all meeting minutes

Next meeting to be held at 4:00 pm, June 17th, 2026



CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday 21 April 2026, 11:00 AM

LOCATION

Murphys Fire Dept. Training Room: 58 Jones St, Murphys, CA 95247

This is an in person meeting only

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact the District Secretary at 743-8799 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 11:05 a.m.

- **Roll Call:** Committee Members present: Claire Rappaport, Dennis Burns, Adam Lewis. Staff: Trina Walley, Walter Tryon (coordinator).
- Unable to Attend: Bob Mergl, Bob Dean (Committee Chair), Bill Fullerton (Foothills Fire Safe Council), Wendy Harrison (alternate), Baljit Singh (OES Representative).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board of Directors is limited by State law to providing a brief response, asking questions for clarification, or referring a matter to staff when responding to items not listed on the agenda.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of 10 February 2026 Minutes – Tryon – **Action** – Minutes approved
2. Logo creation for PBAC – Tryon – **Action** - Committee agreed to look into/designing a logo for outreach materials.
3. Liability waivers (online version?) – Tryon – **Action** - (Direction) Committee is content with creation of Liability waivers. Discussion of online version but committee prefers hard copy.
4. Landowner Role and Expectations sheet – Tryon - **Action** - (Direction) Committee is content with creation of LRE sheet. Plan is to have a basic class (educational) that landowners are required to attend in order for a burn to occur on their property.
5. Prescribed Fire Plan Sheet – Tryon – **Action** - (Direction) Committee is content with creation of PFPS. Covers all necessary requirements for Cal Fire LE-7 burn permit.
6. Update on Volunteer List with Qualifications for Individuals – Tryon – Information - Committee recommends using summer outreach period to encourage sign ups for PBAC volunteer list. Committee recommends creating a Volunteer Expectations sheet for volunteers.
 - Committee also recommended having a medical sheet listing nearby closest medical facilities for burns/trauma, etc.
 - Committee discussed chain of command for Rx burns.
7. Burn Locations – All Committee - Information

- Adam Lewis – Adam – Update on Lewis burn – Tryon/Lewis - Information – Lewis/Tryon gave update on the pile Rx located on Lewis' property. Burn went well, helped with understanding roles/expectations of PBAC with Rx.
 - Applegate – Claire
 - Rock Creek Water District – Trina
 - Tryon Ranch - Walter - Possible burn in early fall. Would require LE-7 burn permit and smoke management plan.
8. Update on possible May/June burn locations – All Committee - Information
9. Committee Mission and Vision
- Technical Assistance for Prescribed Burns
 - Assist with Vegetation Management Plans
 - Maintenance of Fuel Breaks
 - Defensible Space Education & Assistance
 - Walter Tryon/Kaylee Tanner certified for Defensible Space Assessments
10. Next Meeting: June 16th at 11:00am ? Or break for summer?

ADJOURNMENT: 12:15

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

April 9, 2026

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by – J. Osbourn @ 6:00 pm.

Board Members & Staff Present: B. Dean; S. Hodson; K. Lambert; J. Osbourn-V.P; Trevor Wittke; T. Walley, Executive Director; C. Shaw-Fiscal Manager; Kaylee Dillashaw-Program Coordinator

Board Members & Staff Absent: J. Marsili-President; M. Cole-Admin; D. Liechty, Project Manager; Erin Livernois, Resource Tech; S. Theofanopoulos-Archaeologist; Walter Tryon, Resource Tech

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

3. Cal Fire – Tuolumne Calaveras Unit – No Report
4. Calaveras County Ag Commissioner – Jesse Fowler – Announced Kids Fishing Day on May 2nd, Cattle Weight Truck is available again depending on weather, Successful Ag Day and potential for collaboration to administer the CSPAW funding for weed management work.
5. Natural Resources Conservation Service – No Report.
6. Executive Director Report – Walley –
7. Reports:
 - a. Projects – Report attached – highlighted start of NW Calaveras units
 - b. Grants – Report attached
 - c. Watershed Committee – Minutes attached
 - d. Prescribed Burn Advisory Committee – Report attached – highlighted first burn
8. Staff Reports – Two town halls being held March 25-San Andreas & March 26-NW Calaveras.

Consent Agenda Items:

- 9/10. **Motion to approve the minutes and financials as submitted by T. Wittke and second by S. Hodson. Passed on a 4/0/2(absent) vote.**

Old Business:

11. None.

New Business:

12. Approve CCRCDC Policy & Procedure Manual
 - a. Updated Table of Contents – Walley – **Action**

- b. Financial Policies Sections 4.1 through 4.8 – Walley – **Action**
- c. Personnel Policies Sections 3.6 through 3.9 – Shaw – **Action**

Motion to approve Updated Table of Contents, Financial Policies Section 4.1 through 4.8, and Personnel Policies Section 3.6 through 3.9 as submitted by S. Hodson and second by T. Wittke. Passed on a 4/0/2(absent) vote.

- 13. Create Selection Committees for Hunter by 2026 PG&E, NW Calaveras and San Andreas – Walley – **No Action Taken. Board President will appoint as scheduled dates are available.**
- 14. Approve Contract with Healthy Forest Alliance for Trainings – Walley – **Action**
Motion to approve contract with Healthy Forest Alliance as submitted by T. Wittke and second by S. Hodson. Passed on a 4/0/2(absent) vote.
- 15. Approve Fundraising Packet for Firewise Calaveras 2026 – Walley – **Action**
Motion to approve the Firewise Calaveras 2026 Fundraising Packet as submitted by K. Lambert and second by S. Hodson. Passed on a 4/0/2(absent) vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Board Announcements – None.
- 2. Staff Announcements –

Adjournment of meeting – Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Attest:

President, John Osbourn, VP _____

Date _____

Secretary, Mary Cole _____

Date _____

CCRCO 2026-27 DRAFT 05_04_26					
	Approved 2025-2026 Budget	Proposed Annual Revenue	Building	Other	Indirect
Rental Income	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,507.48	\$ 14,507.48		
NW Calaveras (CF 5GA22228)	\$ 392,000.00	\$ 1,820,282.60			\$ 195,030.28
San Andreas East (CF 5GG23221)	\$ 57,168.43	\$ 575,777.00			\$ 61,690.39
Hwy 108/Fricot City (CF 5GA21203)	\$ 242,076.76	\$ -			
Moke Hill (CF 5GG2112)	\$ 225,500.00	\$ -			
Bummerville (SNC 1369)	\$ 158,254.56	\$ 259,589.75			\$ 23,599.07
RFFCP (SNC 1715)	\$ 167,790.24	\$ 70,084.12			\$ 6,371.28
BLM Forest & Woodlands (L24AC00507)	\$ 53,900.00	\$ 194,076.85			\$ 8,292.08
USDA/NRCS (FED 1335)	\$ 67,581.23	\$ 86,645.56			\$ 7,611.93
Natural Wildlands (DOC ARCD 3023-5000)	\$ 92,919.53	\$ 64,915.43			\$ 5,901.40
Wildlife Structures (Amador RCD)	\$ 15,399.12	\$ 14,688.85			\$ 1,335.35
CUSD (CF5GG22159)	\$ 2,905.98	\$ 3,196.58		2905.98	\$ 290.60
Catalyst -Sierra Jobs First	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 58,856.63			\$ 5,350.60
TCRCD Outreach	\$ 3,670.04	\$ 4,037.04		\$ 3,670.04	\$ 367.00
RCPP	\$ 3,658.16	\$ 4,023.98		\$ 3,658.16	\$ 365.82
PG&E 2026: Hunter	\$ 0	\$ 98,083.87		\$ 89,167.15	\$ 8,916.72
PG&E 2025 - Wyldebridge	\$ 93,409.69	\$ -			
Archaeology Surveys	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -			
Firewise 2026-27	\$ 12,405.17	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 1,678,638.90	\$ 3,278,765.74	\$ 14,507.48	\$ 2,905.98	\$ 316,205.81
Direct Grant & Operating Costs:		Proposed Annual Expenses			
Executive Director/Liaison (1 FTE)	\$ 132,348.79	\$ 105,792.00		\$ 105,792.00	
Fiscal/Operations Manager (.5 FTE)	\$ 57,118.30	\$ 41,952.00		\$ 41,952.00	
Administrator/Liaison (.5 FTE)	\$ 37,505.70	\$ 31,008.00		\$ 31,008.00	
Project Coordinator (.75 FTE)	\$ 44,618.68	\$ 64,440.00		\$ 64,440.00	
Project Manager (.25 FTE)	\$ 50,733.70	\$ 29,340.00		\$ 29,340.00	
Archaeologist (.5 FTE)	\$ 74,950.86	\$ 41,040.00		\$ 41,040.00	
Resource Tech/Project Lead (1 FTE)	\$ 78,651.46	\$ 60,192.00		\$ 60,192.00	
Resource Tech (1 FTE)	\$ 75,706.80	\$ 43,792.00		\$ 43,792.00	
Employee Benefits	included above	\$ 100,217.31		\$ 100,217.31	
Retirement	included above	\$ 14,266.20		\$ 14,266.20	
Health Ins/Stipends	included above	\$ 25,848.00		\$ 25,848.00	
Worker's Comp Insurance	4,314.00	\$ 9,035.26		\$ 9,035.26	
Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,552.00			\$ 2,552.00
D&O Insurance	\$ 5,146.00	\$ 7,692.00			\$ 7,692.00
Property Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Professional Fees (Audit, Legal, Engineer)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00
Property Taxes (Solid Waste Fee)	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00		
Building Maint, Repairs & Supplies	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 11,675.00	\$ 11,675.00		
Proposed AC unit replacement	0	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00		
Utilities	\$ 10,070.00	\$ 2,193.20	\$ 2,193.20		
Telephone & Telecommunications	included above	\$ 3,800.00			\$ 3,800.00
Website	\$ 360.00	\$ 960.00			\$ 960.00
Software	\$ 11,699.95	\$ 9,823.28			\$ 9,823.28
Office Equipment	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,000.00			
Postage		\$ 200.00			\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 2,633.79	\$ 1,590.00			\$ 1,200.00
Printing & Copying	included above	\$ 780.00			\$ 780.00
Field Supplies	\$ 1,518.00	\$ 500.00			\$ 200.00
Dues, Fees, and Memberships	\$ 2,270.77	\$ 2,771.00			\$ 2,771.00
Outreach: Hospitality for Events	\$ 7,229.05	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Outreach: Signage and Printing					
Outreach: Adversiting					
Outreach: Promo Items					
Outreach: Supplies and Postage	\$ 687.00				
Outreach: Venue/Booth Fees					
Firewise 2026-27	\$ 12,405.17	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	
Meetings and Conferences	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Staff Development & Training	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			
Travel: Mileage	\$ 11,235.54	\$ 3,289.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 2,000.00
Travel: Lodging					\$ 500.00
Travel: Per Diem/Parking					\$ 500.00
Contractor Services	\$ 1,015,802.90	\$ 2,343,836.04		\$ 73,600.00	
Operations Reserves	\$ 6,002.44				\$ -
Asset Management Reserves		\$ -			\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 1,678,638.90	\$ 3,005,079.03	\$ 29,398.20	\$ 650,647.77	\$ 49,878.28
Projected Gain/Loss	\$ 0.00	\$ 273,686.71	\$ (14,890.73)	\$ (647,741.79)	\$ 266,327.53

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HSP and SWEEP Block Grants

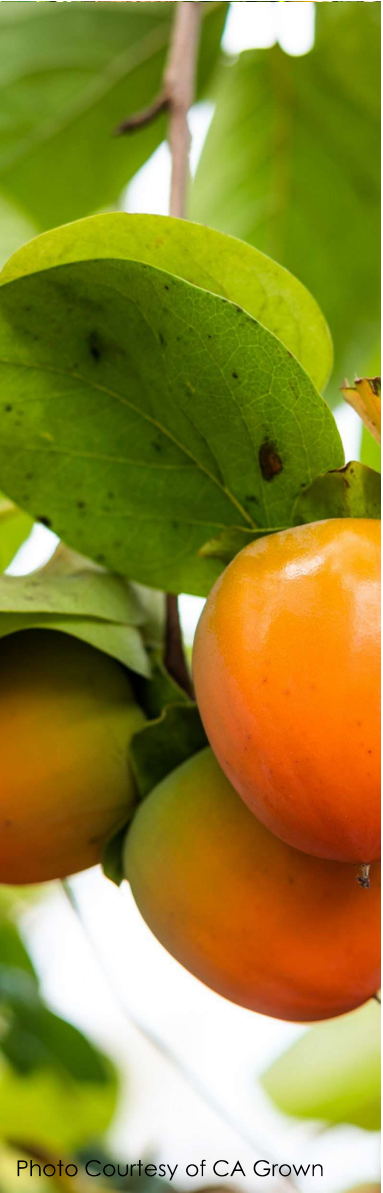
Application Guidelines and Award Procedures

Scott Weeks and Michael Wolff, Office of Agricultural Resilience and
Sustainability

April 13, and April 20, 2026



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE



Climate Bond Funding



- Proposition 4, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (the [Climate Bond](#)), was passed by voters in November 2024.
 - \$65M for soil health practices (HSP)
 - \$40 M for SWEEP has been appropriated
- California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) has oversight over bond

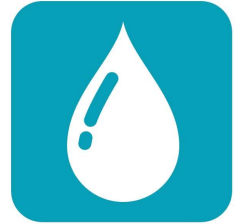


What is the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program?

- SWEEP supports California's efforts to **combat climate change and improve water management by promoting more sustainable on-farm agricultural practices**. SWEEP helps farmers reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve water through the adoption of advanced, climate-smart irrigation technologies.
- **Direct to Producer (10 rounds of funding)**
 - CDFA has directly funded over 1100 on farm projects
- **2023 Block Grant Pilot**
 - CDFA has funded 9 Block Grants to date, funding over 240 on-farm projects
- SWEEP provides financial assistance to implement **on-farm irrigation improvements** that reduce water use and greenhouse gas emissions. Funding can be used to install or upgrade equipment and systems that improve irrigation efficiency and reduce energy consumption.



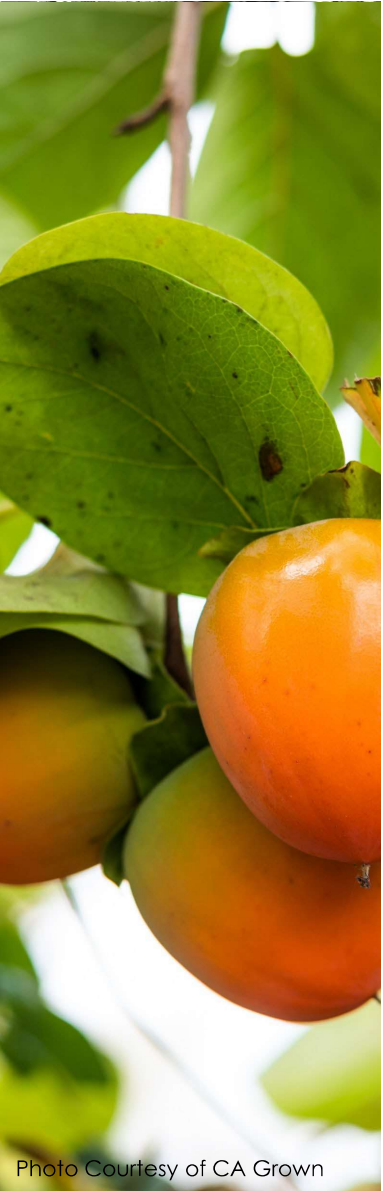
How to Participate in SWEEP



SWEEP has an online resource for producers, called [How to Participate in SWEEP](#), describing SWEEP specific strategies and requirements.

Requirements:

- On-farm project funding cap of \$200,000
- Irrigation water management or renewable energy must be less than 40% of the grant request.
- Pump tests required
- Use of the SWEEP Project Assessment Tool



What is the Healthy Soils Program?

- HSP supports California's efforts to improve agricultural resilience. It incentivizes California farmers and ranchers to implement management practices that improve soil health and reduce GHG emissions.
- At the beginning of the program, HSP practice standards were based on NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and their Payment Scenarios, with important exceptions (Compost and WOR).
 - However, moving forward, HSP will be using its own, new HSP Practice Guidelines document.
- Until now, HSP has only supported flat-rate payments per acre.
 - However, starting with this block grant solicitation, bulk purchase or direct invoicing are now either available or required for certain soil carbon amendments (compost, biochar, woodchip mulch, natural materials mulch).
- HSP covers 4 main areas of practices:
 - Soil carbon amendments
 - Annual plantings (cover crops)
 - Permanent plantings
 - Reduced Tillage

History:

- Direct to producer (6 rounds of funding)
 - CDFA has directly funded over 1700 on-farm projects
- 2023 Block Grant Pilot
 - CDFA has funded 14 HSP Block Grants, with the Pilot ending around late 2027, supporting ~640 on-farm projects.



"How to Participate in HSP"

Similar to SWEEP's "How To," available on HSP webpage, oriented to potential on-farm project applicants

- \$75,000 practice cap
- \$150,000 project cap
- Overall Project Requirements
- RePlan Tool Introduction and tips for planning projects
- How to find a local BGR
- Services provided by TAPs/BGRs
- Documentation requirements for practice reimbursement / payment

4/17/2026

Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability

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"HSP Practice Guidelines"

Also posted on HSP webpage.

29 Practices

New practices:

- Re-Saturation of Delta soils for rice cultivation
- Biochar

Discontinued Practice:

- Nutrient management (15% nitrogen reduction).

Split Practice:

- Now *Cropland Conservation Cover* and *Orchard Conservation Cover*

All implementation guidelines are collected in this resource. It will contain:

- Documentation and Procedures to Verify Complete Practices
- Non-overlapping practice guide (to be added)
- NRCS-Recommended species lists by Practice (to be added)

4/17/2026

Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability

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California needs more people doing and leading prescribed fire.

You can be one of them.

The Healthy Forest Alliance Foundation is expanding the Good Fire Training Network — a structured pathway to fire careers through training, qualifications, and hands-on experience, primarily serving non-agency practitioners and private landowners. The program provides training and partnerships into 2030. No prior fire experience required. No agency employment needed. Multiple entry points — whether you've never picked up a tool or you've been working on the land for years.



WHO THIS PROGRAM IS FOR

Anyone interested in a career in fire, forestry, or wildfire resilience — whether or not you ever thought fire was for you:

- Looking for an entry point— with or without prior experience
- Already working on the land — timber, trails, defensible space
- Looking for a second career in meaningful outdoor work
- A tribal community member pursuing land stewardship
- Living in a community shaped by wildfire
- Told you needed to join an agency first

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

14+

COURSES PER YEAR

NWCG-aligned training at all qualification levels —from first red card through Firing Boss, Engine Boss, and State-Certified Burn Boss. Join at whatever level fits your background.

\$350-500

STARTING WAGES, PER DAY

Partner wildfire contractors hire qualified graduates from year one. Your first credential opens real paid fire work, and the qualification ladder keeps going from there.

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INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Advancing participants can choose to become field evaluators and eventually qualify to teach courses — a career path for both new practitioners and returning experienced fire professionals.

How the Program Works

Three tracks, designed to meet you where you are

CROSS-SECTOR ENTRY

Chainsaw & Fuels

S-112 chainsaw operations and the NWCG Faller qualification sequence. Your existing outdoor skills are the foundation — we build the fire career on top. A natural on-ramp for anyone already working on the land.

Faller Type 3 → Faller Type 2

NWCG QUALIFICATIONS

Fire Operations

The full NWCG line qualification ladder. Earn a Firefighter Type 2 red card in year one, with immediate paid employment through partner contractors. Advance through FFT1, Firing Boss, and Engine Boss on your timeline.

FFT2 → FFT1 →

Firing Boss, Engine Boss

PRESCRIBED FIRE LEADERSHIP

Burn Boss (CARX)

Prerequisite courses, the CARX course, and — critically — the mentorship and taskbook support that turns coursework into certification. That final step is what almost no non-agency program provides.

California State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss

ABOUT HEALTHY FOREST ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

HFA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based out of Truckee, CA working toward increasing the pace and scale of prescribed fire in California through capacity building and implementation.

- 2 CARX Burn Bosses on staff for technical advice and implementation support
- Authorized NWCG certificate issuer
- Equipment support
- Specializing in private land and non-agency prescribed fire

How to Participate

Individuals, organizations, and employers are all welcome

INDIVIDUALS

Contact Lynda, Program Director, for more information about upcoming courses and how to join the program. No gatekeeping application — if you're interested, reach out.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Conservation corps, tribal programs, workforce boards, community colleges, land trusts, re-entry programs — bring your members as a cohort or refer individuals. We provide the training infrastructure.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

By 5/11

Letters of Participation and Support are critical to our grant applications. If your organization would benefit from more qualified prescribed fire practitioners, contact us.

PROGRAM IN ACTION



CONTACT

Lynda Cull

Program Director & Co-Founder • Healthy Forest Alliance Foundation

Lynda.Cull@healthyforestalliance.org

530-214-6728 (text preferred)

good-fire-training.org

[Organization letterhead]

[Date]

Chief John McCarthy

Wood Products Program Manager

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

RE: Letter of Support — Building California's Private Lands Burn Boss Workforce
CAL FIRE Business & Workforce Development Grant Application
Applicant: Healthy Forest Alliance Foundation

Dear Chief McCarthy,

The Calaveras Resource Conservation District (Calaveras RCD) is pleased to offer our support for the Building California's Private Lands Burn Boss Workforce program, a prescribed fire workforce development program proposed by **Healthy Forest Alliance Foundation (HFA)** as part of their Good Fire Training Network. As an RCD serving Calaveras County, our mission centers on sustainable land stewardship across the private and working lands that make up the majority of our region's landscape. Expanding access to prescribed fire — and to the qualified practitioners needed to conduct it safely — is among the most pressing needs we hear from landowners and land managers throughout our service area.

The shortage of qualified non-agency prescribed fire practitioners is a real and practical barrier for the landowners we work with. Private landowners who want to use fire as a land management tool frequently cannot find qualified burn bosses, and many lack the trained staff to participate meaningfully in burn operations themselves. A program that builds that workforce from the ground up — and makes advanced credentials accessible outside of agency employment — directly supports the kind of landscape-scale stewardship our region needs.

The Calaveras RCD intends to actively refer this program to our staff, partners, and landowner network when opportunities arise. We work regularly with conservation practitioners, restoration crews, and private landowners who have an interest in prescribed fire and the motivation to pursue formal qualifications — and we will direct them toward HFA's program as an accessible, credible pathway. We are also willing to assist in outreach to identify prospective participants from underserved and rural communities within our service area.

We encourage CAL FIRE to fund this program and are glad to see a non-agency organization building the kind of sustained training infrastructure the private lands community has long needed.

Respectfully,

[Name]

[Title]

Calaveras Resource Conservation District

[Phone] | [Email]

— *OPTIONAL UPGRADE TO LETTER OF PARTICIPATION* —

This letter can be upgraded to a Letter of Participation if Calaveras RCD is willing to make any of the following commitments. A Letter of Participation scores higher under CAL FIRE's Collaboration criteria. Consider upgrading if one or more of the following applies:

- Commit to a specific number of staff or network referrals per year (e.g., 'we will refer a minimum of [X] participants annually')*
- Offer a specific parcel of land or project site as a potential training burn location*
- Commit to co-hosting a cohort or providing logistical support (equipment, facilities, crew coordination) for a training event*
- Provide a cash or documented in-kind match contribution toward program delivery*
- Formally commit to prioritizing HFA graduates for RCD conservation crew or contractor positions when openings arise*

If upgrading, replace 'Letter of Support' in the RE line with 'Letter of Participation,' add a bullet-point commitments section before the closing paragraph (see LOP template for format)

Payment Schedule

Project Name: Job Training Pilot Project

Grant Agreement: Sierra Jobs First

	Budget
Project Coordination Staff Time	\$18,000.00
Red Card Trainee Staff Time	\$11,400.00
Training Costs	\$16,500.00
Travel (mileage and lodging)	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment (PPE, Chainsaws,	\$10,155.70
.Office (computers, software, supplies)	\$ 1,344.30
Native Use Garden (plants, soil, containers)	\$ 1,600.00
TOTAL COSTS NOT TO EXCEED	\$60,000

CCRCD will pay CONTRACTOR upon submitted invoices according to the following payment schedule:

- a) All compensation payments shall require an invoice due by 10th of each month.
- b) If requested by the CCRCD, the Contractor shall provide any further documentation it has or can reasonably generate to verify the compensation and reimbursement sought by the Contractor.
- c) Contractor and the CCRCD Contract Manager shall work in good faith to resolve any invoicing discrepancies within 10 business days after notification that the discrepancy exists. Should a discrepancy result in a partial rejection of any item(s) invoiced, the Contractor shall submit a revised invoice for payment.
- d) Total compensation for all services shall not exceed **\$60,000**
- e) Payment of said invoices shall not be past due until thirty (30) days after CCRCD has received the funds from GRANTOR.
- f) If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the GRANTOR budget for purposes of this project as described in Section 6 of the Agreement the CCRCD shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement or to offer an Agreement amendment to CONTRACTOR to reflect the reduced amount.
- g) CONTRACTOR will submit invoices to:
Calaveras County Resource Conservation District
Attn: Catherine Shaw
PO Box 1041, San Andreas, CA 95249
Email: Project Manager Email **and** cshaw@calaverasrcd.org

Become a Citizen
Scientist with the

WATERSHED WATCH of CALAVERAS



What will you do?

- Become a Citizen Scientist!
- Collect quarterly water quality data from key sites within the Calaveras River Watershed

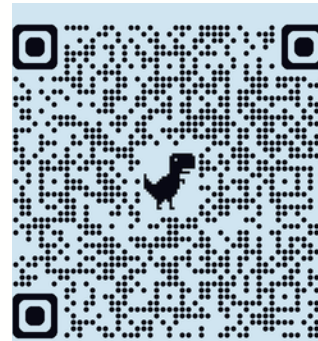
Why is monitoring needed?

- Data collected will aid water resource managers in planning restoration projects to protect our water quality

What's the time commitment?

- You should expect to dedicate no more than 4 hours, once every three months to complete monitoring

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Monitoring Dates 2026

June 26th, 27th, or 28th

Sept. 25th, 26th, or 27th

Questions?

Email Erin Livernois at elivernois@calaverasrcd.org
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Forest Health Stewardship Series

Sierra Nevada forest health field days: project site tours, in-field activities and demonstrations.

"Forest stewardship is based on conservation principles that ensure protection of all forest resources including wildlife, timber, soil, water, recreational opportunities and natural beauty."

- UCCE Central Sierra

Long Term Forest Health & Wildfire Resilience

June 13th, 2026
8am-3pm

Campstool Ranch
RailRoad Flat, CA



Treatment Site Tour &
Discussions of
Forest Management Practices
FREE LUNCH!

- For forestland owners and stewards
- Learn and observe forest health indicators, management strategies, and treatments
- Learn about forest health technical assistance
- Participate in knowledge sharing and community learning with fellow forestland stewards

More in the Series:

Trialing Forest Health Treatments Field Day
Amador, May 9th 2026

Forest Health Treatments Selection & Planning
Alpine, Summer 2026

Fuels Reduction & Forest Health
Tuolumne, Fall 2026

Field Day Facilitators:

Tim Lane, Campstool Ranch
Chris Conrad, California Reforestation
Tanner Logging

Registration is FREE

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