

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Time: 4:15pm - 6:00pm **Location:** 12200-B Airport Rd, Jackson CA 95642

Virtual Attendance of Board Member from 501 Argonaut lane Jackson

Meeting Link: <https://shorturl.at/HUAOb> Meeting ID: 253 928 575 091 9 Passcode: Kf6XX9aA

ARCD Directors: Steve Cannon, Dan Port, Dr. Kelsi Williams, Amber Gardner

Associate Director: Kent Reeves

Executive Director: Amanda Watson

Approval of agenda for this date, and 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 #	Topic
1	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.
2	Consent Agenda*: The following items are expected to be routine/non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Any Board member may request that any item be removed for later discussion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Agenda 2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: March Board Meeting 3. SAWQA Report
3	Warrant Summary*- Dana Simpson
4	Financial Report – Dana Simpson
5	NRCS Report –
6	Rendic Fuel Break Notice of Exemption* - Gordon Long
7	SAWQA MOU* – Amanda Watson Agreement Between Northern California Water Association and Subwatershed Groups for Program Administration, Representation and Cost-Sharing for the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition
8	Education Committee Update* – Amber Gardner Recommendation of 2026 Scholarship Award*
9	Hangs on the Homestead Fencing Contract Approval* - Amanda Watson
10	Executive Director Report – Amanda Watson CARCD Election Results
11	CLOSED SESSION: Annual Performance Evaluation of Executive Director The Board will meet in closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director. This session is authorized under Government Code Section 54957, which permits closed sessions for discussion of personnel matters involving public employees.
12	Reconvene Open Session: Report Action if Necessary.
13	Adjourn
Next ARCD Board of Directors Meeting: May 12th, 2026, 4:15 - 6pm	

***ACTION ITEM**



Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of 10 March 2026

Called to order on 10 March 2026 at 4:15 p.m. at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA
Present: Directors Cannon, Gardner, and Port
Staff: Dana Simpson (DS), Amanda Watson (AW), Todd Bertwell (TB)
Absent: Williams

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda*

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: January Board Meeting
3. SAWQA Report
4. Financial Report

Motion: To approve Consent Agenda by Director Port, seconded by Director Gardner.
All in favor.

Absent: Williams.

Motion Passed

Warrant Summary *

Motion: To approve warrant summary with warrant 26-021 by Director Port, seconded by Director Gardner.
All in favor.

Absent: Williams.

Motion Passed.

NRCS Report

No NRCS presented. AW reported that Toney Tillman is the acting DC.

Education Committee

Push agenda item to next month.

Reimbursement Policy Update

Motion: To approve updated Reimbursement Policy by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Port.
All in favor.

Absent: Williams.

Motion Passed.



Partnership Agreements for Defensible Space Inspections with all Amador Fire Departments

Motion: To approve Partnership Agreements with all Amador Fire Departments by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Port.

All in favor.

Absent: Williams.

Motion Passed.

RCD/County Green Waste MOA

Motion: To approve the MOA between the ARCD and County to conduct green waste events made by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Port.

All in favor.

Absent: Williams.

Motion Passed.

Executive Director Report

- AW presented her report.
- AW reviewed the CCI Quarterly Hub Report
- AW reviewed the Forest Health Grant Applications Concept Proposals.

Prescribed Burn Coordinator Discussion

- Steve is a member of the steering committee for the Rx burn association. The group has discussed the idea of splitting Amador and El Dorado Rx Association and how best the RCD can support Rx Burning in the county.
- Steve reported that Placer RCD has a Rx Burn Coordinator.

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Reconvene Open Session: Report Action if Necessary.

Reconvene at 6:02pm – No action taken and SC requested this be added to the next months agenda as a closed agenda item.

Adjourn

6:10pm

ARCD	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Direct Cost</u>	<u>Indirect Cost</u>	<u>Remaining Advance</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
NACD 2024 - Round 6	3/31/2026	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 25,529.98	\$ 49,466.17		\$ 25,533.83
Sierra Jobs First Catalyst (CCRCD)	05/01/2025 - 09/30/26	\$ 15,656.00				\$ 814.10	\$ 379.62	\$ 14,841.90
WCB Grant - Pollinator	2/14/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 251,000.00			\$ 55,445.42	\$ 18,479.38	\$ 195,554.58
WCB Grant - Wildlife Habitat	12/20/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 200,000.00				\$ 130,171.25	\$ 6,517.34	\$ 69,828.75
DOC Grant	2/22/2024 - 3/31/2027	\$ 1,618,366.64	\$ 1,407,275.34	\$ 211,091.30		\$ 345,290.97	\$ 194,698.21	\$ 1,273,075.67
Stewardship Agreement (CCRCD)	Sept 2024 - 8/31/27	\$ 54,600.00				\$ 5,041.95	\$ 5,041.95	\$ 49,558.05
NRCS Cooperative Agreement	8/2/2024 - 9/30/2027	\$ 41,910.00	\$ 38,100.00	\$ 3,810.00		\$ 4,976.75	\$ 4,976.75	\$ 36,933.25
Healthy Soils - Round 3 23-0672-000-SG	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2027	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 35,854.92	\$ 9,323.22	\$ 24,145.08
Placer HSP Block Grant	12/8/23 - 10/31/27	\$ 92,814.00	\$ 69,610.50	\$ 23,203.50		\$ 49,599.63	\$ 10,058.35	\$ 43,214.37
2023 RCPP Round 2	11/1/2023 - 7/15/2028	\$ 262,857.00				\$ 155,409.68	\$ 42,355.08	\$ 107,447.32
Chipping 3 (CalFire)	1/30/2026 - 02/15/2029	\$ 596,929.54	\$ 532,972.80	\$ 63,956.74		\$ 923.13	\$ 923.13	\$ 596,006.41
Workforce Development (CARCD)	6/14/2024 - 2/28/2029	\$ 23,935.31	\$ 20,235.31	\$ 3,700.00		\$ 8,938.32	\$ 6,251.48	\$ 14,996.99
Defensible Space 5GG22102	12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029	\$ 633,584.00	\$ 565,700.00	\$ 67,884.00		\$ 42,220.48	\$ 42,220.48	\$ 591,363.52
Misc Receivables							\$ 317.76	\$ -
AFSC Staff Time							\$ 78,841.15	
LCRCD Staff Time							\$ 8,437.63	
SAWQA Staff Time								
		\$ 3,926,652.49	\$ 3,013,893.95	\$ 379,645.54	\$ 25,529.98	\$ 884,152.77	\$ 428,821.53	\$ 3,042,499.72

*Deferred Rev

*Accounts Rec

SAWQA

	<u>Amount Billed</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2025 Member Fees		\$10,836.28	
2026 Member Fees		\$259,709.26	

Amador Resource Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2026

	Mar 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101768 · Sac/Ama Water Quality Alliance	371,278.99
101769 · Amador RCD	
101769C · Amador RCD Checking	237,017.30
101769R · Unrestricted Reserves	300,000.00
Total 101769 · Amador RCD	537,017.30
Total Checking/Savings	908,296.29
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	430,820.49
Total Accounts Receivable	430,820.49
Other Current Assets	
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	608.59
Total Other Current Assets	608.59
Total Current Assets	1,339,725.37
TOTAL ASSETS	1,339,725.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	11,408.84
Total Accounts Payable	11,408.84
Credit Cards	
002 · Bank of America	215.71
Total Credit Cards	215.71
Other Current Liabilities	
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	574.30
24500 · Accrued Time Off	16,898.44
25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue	25,529.97
Total Other Current Liabilities	43,002.71
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Accrual Basis

Amador Resource Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2026

	<u>Mar 31, 26</u>
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	714,685.99
32000 · Retained Earnings	560,989.98
Net Income	9,422.14
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Total Equity	1,285,098.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<hr/> 1,339,725.37 <hr/>

Amador Resource Conservation District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	12,946.93	7,500.00	5,446.93	172.6%
Total 45000 · Investments	12,946.93	7,500.00	5,446.93	172.6%
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46009 · Partnership Contracts	226,770.34	298,461.49	(71,691.15)	76.0%
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	490.00	490.00	490.00	100.0%
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	227,710.34	298,461.49	(70,751.15)	76.3%
47890 · Program Income				
47891 · Grant Income	489,282.23	1,290,493.96	(801,211.73)	37.9%
47894 · Admin Fee (Indirect Cost)	55,670.52	180,191.35	(124,520.83)	30.9%
Total 47890 · Program Income	545,552.75	1,470,685.31	(925,132.56)	37.1%
Total Income	786,210.02	1,776,646.80	(990,436.78)	44.3%
Gross Profit	786,210.02	1,776,646.80	(990,436.78)	44.3%
Expense				
50100 · Payroll Expenses				
50100-1 · Payroll Expense	415,487.55	649,536.09	(234,048.54)	64.0%
50100-2 · Vacation Expense	20,075.88	20,075.88	20,075.88	100.0%
50100-3 · Retirement	27,165.45	43,222.28	(16,056.83)	62.9%
50100-4 · Health Benefits	28,901.20	45,600.00	(16,698.80)	63.4%
50310 · Payroll Tax Expense	38,651.86	57,431.61	(18,779.75)	67.3%
Total 50100 · Payroll Expenses	530,281.94	795,789.98	(265,508.04)	66.6%
51000 · Insurance				
50600 · Worker's Compensation Insurance	9,353.66	11,840.00	(2,486.34)	79.0%
51500 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,576.28	4,000.00	(423.72)	89.4%
Total 51000 · Insurance	12,929.94	15,840.00	(2,910.06)	81.6%
52000 · Memberships and Dues	4,422.90	4,000.00	422.90	110.6%
52200 · Office Expenses				
52200-1 · Office Equipment	7,367.22	10,000.00	(2,632.78)	73.7%
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service	150.00	150.00	(150.00)	100.0%
52200-3 · Printing and Copying	214.63	214.63	214.63	100.0%
52200-4 · Supplies	15,513.50	25,200.00	(9,686.50)	61.6%
52200-5 · Telephone, Telecommunications	3,567.18	4,500.00	(932.82)	79.3%
52200-6 · Advertising	130.00	130.00	130.00	100.0%
52200-7 · Software	5,355.07	7,200.00	(1,844.93)	74.4%

Amador Resource Conservation District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
52200-8 · Website	2,004.66	3,600.00	(1,595.34)	55.7%
52200-9 · Tech Support	356.56	250.00	106.56	142.6%
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	34,508.82	50,900.00	(16,391.18)	67.8%
52300 · Professional Services				
52300-1 · Legal Fees		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
52321 · Auditor's Services		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
52383 · Bookkeeping	4,865.75	4,500.00	365.75	108.1%
52385 · HR Support	4,725.00	6,300.00	(1,575.00)	75.0%
Total 52300 · Professional Services	9,590.75	20,800.00	(11,209.25)	46.1%
52360 · Outreach				
52360-1 · Event Supplies and Rentals	1,186.27	8,200.00	(7,013.73)	14.5%
52360-2 · Swag	384.41	1,000.00	(615.59)	38.4%
52360-3 · Printing/Materials	319.38	2,000.00	(1,680.62)	16.0%
Total 52360 · Outreach	1,890.06	11,200.00	(9,309.94)	16.9%
52364 · Staff/Board Development				
52364-1 · Training	1,052.50	12,700.00	(11,647.50)	8.3%
52364-2 · Team Building	312.74	800.00	(487.26)	39.1%
52364-3 · Business Events/Celebrations		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	
52364-4 · Convention and Meetings	1,545.91	2,000.00	(454.09)	77.3%
Total 52364 · Staff/Board Development	2,911.15	17,000.00	(14,088.85)	17.1%
52800 · Special Departmental Expenses				
52800-1 · Community Garden		500.00	(500.00)	
52800-3 · Fair Booth		700.00	(700.00)	
52822 · Education/Scholarships	1,750.00	5,000.00	(3,250.00)	35.0%
Total 52800 · Special Departmental Expenses	2,350.00	6,200.00	(3,850.00)	37.9%
52905 · Travel and Transportation				
52905-1 · Mileage	2,391.07	12,550.00	(10,158.93)	19.1%
52905-2 · Hotel/Per Diem/Meals	1,076.64	2,200.00	(1,123.36)	48.9%
Total 52905 · Travel and Transportation	3,467.71	14,750.00	(11,282.29)	23.5%
54138 · Contractor Services				
54138-1 · Groundwork Contractor	1,948.82	450,300.00	(448,351.18)	0.4%
54138-2 · Professional Service Contractor	20,086.43	209,000.00	(188,913.57)	9.6%
Total 54138 · Contractor Services	22,035.25	659,300.00	(637,264.75)	3.3%

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Accrual Basis

Amador Resource Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2025 through March 2026

	<u>Jul '25 - Mar 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
54200 - Partner Payments	127,415.74	125,000.00	2,415.74	101.9%
Total Expense	751,812.69	1,720,779.98	(968,967.29)	43.7%
Net Ordinary Income	34,397.33	55,866.82	(21,469.49)	61.6%
Net Income	34,397.33	55,866.82	(21,469.49)	61.6%

SAWQA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2025 through March 2026

	Jul '25 - Mar 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	14,422.15	10,000.00	4,422.15	144.2%
Total 45000 · Investments	14,422.15	10,000.00	4,422.15	144.2%
47890 · Program Income				
47895 · SAWQA Member Fees	270,565.54	417,710.00	-147,144.46	64.8%
Total 47890 · Program Income	270,565.54	417,710.00	-147,144.46	64.8%
Total Income	284,987.69	427,710.00	-142,722.31	66.6%
Gross Profit	284,987.69	427,710.00	-142,722.31	66.6%
Expense				
51000 · Insurance				
51500 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,247.85	3,000.00	247.85	108.3%
Total 51000 · Insurance	3,247.85	3,000.00	247.85	108.3%
52200 · Office Expenses				
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service	616.68			
52200-3 · Printing and Copying	871.20			
52200-7 · Software	2,399.00			
52200 · Office Expenses - Other	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	3,886.88	5,000.00	-1,113.12	77.7%
52300 · Professional Services				
52300-2 · Project Administration	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
52300-5 · Record Keeping	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
52300-6 · Monitoring and Reporting	144,450.96	144,450.96	0.00	100.0%
52321 · Auditor's Services	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
52383 · Bookkeeping	0.00	29,239.70	-29,239.70	0.0%
52384 · State Board Oversight	154,769.72	154,769.72	0.00	100.0%
Total 52300 · Professional Services	299,220.68	371,960.38	-72,739.70	80.4%
52364 · Staff/Board Development				
52364-1 · Training	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 52364 · Staff/Board Development	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	306,355.41	381,960.38	-75,604.97	80.2%
Net Ordinary Income	-21,367.72	45,749.62	-67,117.34	-46.7%
Net Income	-21,367.72	45,749.62	-67,117.34	-46.7%

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Rendic Community Fuel Break


ARCD to file Notice of Exemption as Lead Agency for AFSC

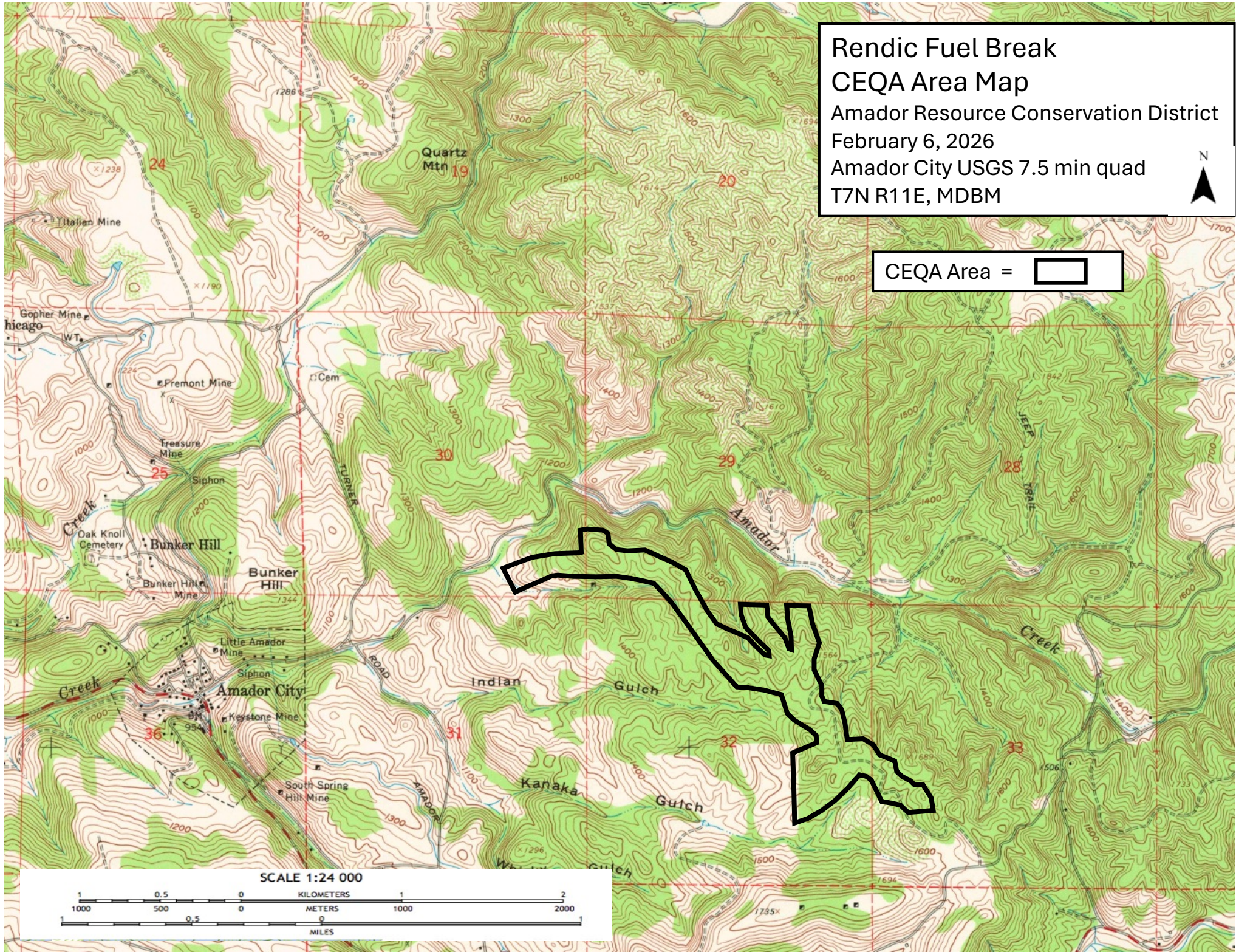
Presented for decision at ARCD Board of Directors meeting 03/10/26

Location	WUI east of Drytown, Sutter Creek near Turner Road
Communities protected	Drytown, Sutter Creek,
Treatment area	109 ac
CEQA analysis area	187 ac
Width	200-400 ft
Length	~1.8 miles with 4 supplemental legs
Treatment methods	mechanical mastication, minimal hand clearing, maintenance via herbicide application post-mastication
Potential funding source	Grant applications in progress to: A) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Wildfire and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program 2025 B) CALFIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant 2026
Budget	109 Acres x \$3500/acre= \$381,500
Timeline	Winter 2027- Spring 2028
Cultural Resources	Environmental Resources Compliance, LLC prepared an Archaeological Survey Report for the project area. Marcos Guerrero, RPA led the field surveys and report writing. According to the NCIC records search, no previously recorded resources were registered within the project area or within a ¼ mile radius. Intensive pedestrian surveys conducted in January 2026 revealed one new archaeological resource, which was flagged and will be avoided by equipment during operations.
Environmental Resources	Ed Struffenegger, RPF prepared the Environmental Review Report Form (ERRF) and led field surveys, assisted by Jason Smith. A California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) query and report was completed for a 9-quad area around the project area. No evidence of the 34 listed or sensitive species were observed during field surveys. Protection measures were recommended for one intermittent and several ephemeral watercourses. The project meets the Categorical Exemption as described under 14CCR§15304, Minor Alterations to Land. No significant adverse environmental impact is anticipated from implementation of this project.

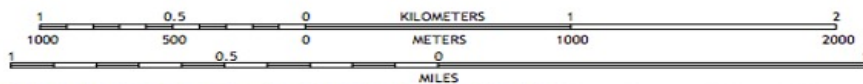
Rendic Fuel Break
CEQA Area Map
Amador Resource Conservation District
February 6, 2026
Amador City USGS 7.5 min quad
T7N R11E, MDBM



CEQA Area = 



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**Agreement Between
Northern California Water Association
and
Subwatershed Groups
for
Program Administration, Representation and Cost-Sharing
for the
Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition**

This Agreement is entered into and effective this day of _____ 2026 by and between the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) and the following Subwatershed Groups of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition): Butte-Yuba-Sutter Water Quality Coalition, Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program, Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition, El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation, Lake County Agricultural Watershed Group, Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group, Placer/Nevada/South Sutter/North Sacramento Subwatershed Group, Sacramento-Amador Water Quality Alliance, Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition, and the Yolo Subwatershed Program (collectively, the "Subwatershed Groups").

Recitals

- A. The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) provides agricultural dischargers and members the option to join a coalition group to implement a regional water quality monitoring program intended to characterize representative agricultural drainages and provide for the implementation of management practices, as necessary. The ILRP also provides dischargers and landowners not members of the Coalition the option to apply for an individual permit from the Regional Water Board.
- B. The Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) was formed to enhance and improve agricultural water quality and protect drinking water quality in the Sacramento River Basin and to help owners and operators of irrigated lands meet requirements of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP).
- C. The Coalition is comprised of owners and operators of irrigated lands, and affiliated state and local agricultural organizations, as well as local governments throughout the Sacramento River Watershed, which is a sixteen county region that spans from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta to Lake Shasta. .
- D. On April 10, 2014 NCWA, on behalf of the Subwatershed Groups named in the preamble, filed a request with the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board to issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for NCWA to be designated to serve as the third-party entity.

- E. On June 4, 2014, the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to NCWA to serve as the third-party group on behalf of the above named Subwatershed Groups and the members enrolled with the individual Subwatershed Groups.
- F. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlines the roles and responsibilities of NCWA as the third-party per Section III. C. 1-11 of the WDR, the Subwatershed Groups and/or other groups to comply with the aforementioned section as stipulated in Section III. C. 10 of General Order R5-2014-0030.
- G. This MOA is intended to create a binding agreement between NCWA as the third-party and Subwatershed Groups (subsidiary group) to ensure any third-party responsibilities carried out by the Subwatershed Groups, including the collection of fees, are done so transparently and with accountability to the third-party and its members, per Section VIII. A 3 of General Order R5-2014-0030.
- H. The parties to this MOA aspire to work in a mutually beneficial manner on these programs and technical outreach efforts. Because the MOA will require periodic review and updating for use into the future, it is envisioned that the joint efforts of those involved will be ongoing in maintaining a dynamic document. Thus, this document will remain as a reflection of the understandings of NCWA and Subwatershed Groups.

Agreements

1. Services Provided by Contractors

As shown in Exhibit A (Roles and Responsibilities) contractors will continue to:

- a) Implement the following components of the Coalition surface water quality monitoring program. NCWA will contract with an environmental engineering consultant with extensive experience with the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, monitoring requirements for non-point source programs and regulatory insight on emerging public policy issues in water quality. NCWA will pay the contractor for contracted surface water quality sampling; provided that the Subwatershed Groups pay NCWA in advance for all expenses associated with work completed by contractor and its subcontractors, as described below.
 - 1) Monitoring Costs: The contractor and any subcontractor will conduct surface water quality sampling and analyses at the sites consistent with the Coalition Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) approved annually by the Regional Water Board. Additional subcontractors may be used as needed with approval from NCWA's President as long as work performed by the additional

subcontractors is within the estimated costs approved by the Subwatershed Groups as provided in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto as part this MOA.

- 2) Monitoring Program Management Costs: The surface water quality contractor, as needed, will develop management plans, manage and implement the monitoring program, manage surface water quality data, assist the Coalition with communication of water quality results to the Regional Water Board and owners and operators of irrigated lands, and draft monitoring reports.

- b) **Groundwater Quality Monitoring and Management** – Implement the following requirements of the ILRP Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for NCWA on behalf of the Coalition Subwatersheds– the groundwater quality assessment report and updates, groundwater quality trend monitoring planning and sampling, review and comment on Groundwater Quality Protection Formula, Values and Targets, review and comment on groundwater quality components of the CV-SALTS Basin Plan Amendment (Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2020-0057) , Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan preparation, and/or Drinking Water Supply Well monitoring and/or program management. NCWA will contract with a qualified environmental engineering and/or consulting firm with hydrogeologic experience in the Sacramento Valley.

Nitrate Management Zone costs and responsibilities in Yolo County are borne by the Yolo County Farm Bureau.

- c) **Record Keeping and Data Management**- The Coalition will retain a consultant for backing up and storing the field-specific data submitted on the Farm Evaluations, the INMP Summary Reports, and the Management Practices Implementation Report (MPIRs) that meets the requirements in the WDR, including but not limited to in a secure offsite location managed by independent entity that specializes in the protection of data. The Consultant will participate in regularly scheduled meetings of the Data Management Tool (DMT) and Subwatershed Coordinators Working Groups.

- d) **Sediment and Erosion Control Assessment Report** – Implement the components of the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030, related to Sediment and Erosion Control. NCWA will contract with a qualified environmental engineering and/or consulting firm.

2. Services Provided by NCWA

As shown in Exhibit A (Roles and Responsibilities) NCWA will continue to:

- a) Provide Regional Program Plan Management services on behalf of Coalition members to implement Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) in current version of General Order

for Growers within the Sacramento River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group, Order R5-2014-0030 for both surface water and groundwater quality.

- b) Maintain a Management Advisory Committee (MAC), and one or more working groups, comprised of Subwatershed Group representatives, plus representatives of Coalition partners from the County Agricultural Commissioners, Resource Conservation Districts, Cooperative Extension Crop Advisors, and/or local Farm Bureaus, qualified to review financial reports and/or provide policy guidance to NCWA as the third-party entity.

Landowner or designated landowner representatives of each Subwatershed will constitute a majority of the MAC. Decisions of the MAC will be based on consensus. A quorum will constitute at a minimum five (5) Subwatershed MAC representatives.

Qualified Advisory Committee members who are not landowner representatives of a Subwatershed Group, shall be recommended by the NCWA President and Director of Water Quality. .

- c) Coordinate with Subwatershed Groups, Regional Water Board and other third-party entities on the ILRP Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order. The following in particular: participation in proposed Basin Plan Amendments (e.g. CV-SALTS Nitrate and Salinity Basin Plan Amendment) and/or TMDLs, implementation of existing Basin Plans and/or TMDLs, (e.g., Clear Lake Nutrient TMDL), participation in stakeholder meetings with other point and non-point source discharges and/or water purveyors on proposed surface and/or groundwater quality regulations and/or policy with implications for the ILRP and current version of General Order R5-2014-0030.
- d) Serve as the lead regional representative of the Coalition before the State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Pesticide Regulation, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and all other state or federal agencies as related to the ILRP and Basin Plan Amendments that are included in the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030..
- e) NCWA will coordinate with and provide financial oversight of contractors as described in Agreements, Section 1 regarding groundwater quality MRP, reporting requirements surface water quality MRP implementation described in current version of Attachment B of General Order R5-2014-0030, communicate with the Regional Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board on behalf of Coalition members regarding program implementation, and manage cultural practices and reporting requirement data, to conduct surface water quality monitoring groundwater quality monitoring, if necessary, and regularly assist the Subwatershed Groups in implementing management plans.
- f) Coordinate any necessary legal representation on behalf of the Coalition regarding the ILRP.

3. Subwatershed Group Responsibilities

As shown in Exhibit A (Role and Responsibilities) each Subwatershed Group will be responsible for:

- a) Developing the appropriate financing mechanism to generate revenue sufficient to cover expenses for the following:
 - Surface water quality monitoring and management plan implementation.
 - Regional plan program management conducted by NCWA.
 - Third-party database development and management requirements of the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030 (for Subwatershed Groups that are interested; there may be Subwatershed Groups who choose to pursue/obtain their own database development and management).
 - Groundwater quality monitoring, and any management practices programs necessary to assure compliance with the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030.
 - State Fees as per Agreements, Section 5 below.
- b) Within their representative areas, Subwatershed Groups will have the following primary responsibilities:
 - Outreach and education to facilitate increased public awareness of water quality results.
 - Documentation of cultural and management practices where required by Surface and/or Groundwater Quality Management Plans.
 - Augment the third-party's scientific and technical understanding of agricultural water quality conditions with local knowledge and expertise.
- c) Each Subwatershed Group will:
 - Assume its own costs for local management.
 - Participate in the Coalition database management system for membership and/or reports as required by members of the Coalition, or provide the necessary information in a format that integrates into the Coalition DMT.
 - Meet other local needs to assure compliance with the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030.
- d) The Subwatershed Groups will provide the Coalition with data in the format specified in the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030-011.
- e) As needed, the Coalition will form working group advisory committees to develop policy direction on litigation, surface water quality monitoring and groundwater quality program implementation, and implementation of other elements of the current version of General Order R5-2014-0030.

- f) Each Subwatershed Group will review their respective exceedance reports; annual monitoring and management plan summaries drafted by contractor, and as appropriate, develop outreach strategies with members to address water quality results. Each Subwatershed Group will provide timely feedback.
- g) Each Subwatershed Group will continue to maintain a membership list of those agricultural irrigators choosing to participate and seek “coverage” under the ILRP and provide the list annually to NCWA at least 15 days prior to the annual submittal date to the Regional Water Board.

4. Cost Apportionment

- a) The estimated costs for the services listed below, the Surface Water Quality Sampling and Analyses referenced in Agreements, Section 1.a.1., above and updated annually as part of the Coalition’s, Estimated Monitoring and Program Management Costs (Exhibit B, Budget), will be apportioned to each Subwatershed Group based upon number of monitoring sites:
 - Monitoring Site Costs,
 - Follow-up Toxicity Monitoring Costs,
 - Management Plan Monitoring Costs, and
 - Site Specific Program Management Costs.
- b) The estimated costs for the services listed below, the Monitoring Program Management Cost referenced in Agreements, Section 1.a. 2., above and updated annually as part of the Coalition’s, Estimated Monitoring and Program Management Costs (Exhibit B, Budget) will be apportioned based upon irrigated acres in the subwatershed relative to total irrigated acreage covered by the Coalition (prorata share):
 - General Program Management Costs.
- c) Unless costs are specific to a Subwatershed Group, the estimated costs for the services listed below, the Regional Plan Program Management referenced in Agreements, Section 2 above and updated annually as part of the Coalition’s, Estimated Monitoring and Program Management Costs (Exhibit B, Budget) will be apportioned on a prorata basis for each Subwatershed Group’s member irrigated acres relative to total member irrigated acres enrolled in the Coalition:
 - Regional Plan Program Management
- d) The estimated costs for Groundwater Quality Monitoring and Management Programs will be provided by consultants and reviewed by the MAC as part of the annual development of the budget beginning in August. The costs will be apportioned to valley floor Subwatersheds based on the High Vulnerability designations in the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR). Salinity Management costs for the CV-SALTS Basin Plan will be apportioned to all Subwatersheds. The CV-SALTS Nitrate Management Zone costs will be borne by Yolo Subwatershed landowners in the Priority 2 designated area.

A MAC working group can be formed to review this apportionment and recommend changes that will be incorporated into the Coalition budget.

- e) The Consultant(s) for record keeping and data management will annually provide estimated costs for developing and maintaining data management used for completing member and third-party reports required by current version of General Order R5-2014-0030. The MAC will review and approve these costs as part of the annual development of the budget. As of 2025 there are two record-keeping and data management systems. A MAC working group can be formed to determine changes to the record-keeping and data management systems, including merging the systems.
- f) Estimated costs for providing a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan self-certification portal will be provided and review by the MAC as part of the annual development of the budget beginning in August.

5. State Fees

State law [California Water Code section 13260(d)(1)(A)] authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to collect fees from Coalition groups to cover staff needed to implement the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and other waste discharge related programs. Fees are based on the Coalition number of irrigated acres. State Fees are the responsibility of the landowners and operators (through the Subwatershed Groups) and are due to the Coalition at the same time as the first invoice, described in Agreements, Section 6. State Fees are subject to change annually, per the Waste Discharge Requirement fee schedule set forth at 23 CCR section 2200 (See current version of General Order R5-2014-0030, Section XI. Annual Fees.).

6. Invoicing for Services

Based upon the estimated costs in Exhibit B (Coalition, Monitoring and Program Management Costs “Budget”) and as described in each section, NCWA will invoice Subwatershed Groups in advance at a minimum of two times per year at equal amounts. State Fees will be due with the first invoice and are subject to change annually. The first invoice will be issued to the Subwatershed Groups on November 15 and will be due by December 31. The second invoice will be issued to the Subwatershed Groups by March 1 and will be due by March 30.

At the request of the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) or a Finance/Budget working group established by the MAC, NCWA will schedule a meeting to review invoices for services provided by contractors in Agreements, Section 1 on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

NCWA will submit an accounting report to each Subwatershed Group by March 1 and November 1 each year that summarizes all financial transactions related to implementation of tasks described in Agreements, Sections 1, 2 and 3 above.

If funds are remaining in a Subwatershed Group account on October 15, NCWA will credit that amount to each Subwatershed Group and the November 15 invoice will be reduced by that amount.

NCWA shall not be held responsible to pay for services rendered by any contractors or subcontractors for work conducted in advance and/or for an amount that exceeds fees received by NCWA from a Subwatershed Group, and/or Subwatershed Groups.

7. Failure to Pay

A Subwatershed Group will remain in good standing with the Coalition if payments are made within 30 days of the invoice payment date. If receipt of payment is not received in 30 days, a second notice will be sent via certified mail. NCWA must receive payment within 15 days of the date of the certified letter. If a Subwatershed Group does not pay the invoices in accordance with Agreements, Section 6, and has a zero or negative account balance, or does not fulfill its responsibilities as outlined in Agreements, Section 3, NCWA and its contractors will immediately cease all programmatic, monitoring and related services for that Subwatershed Group. Failure to pay timely will serve as voluntary withdrawal from this MOA under Agreements, Section 8 below, notwithstanding the requirement to provide written notice to NCWA via certified mail. NCWA will also notify the Regional Water Board that the Subwatershed Group is not participating in the Coalition and has elected to proceed independently. The Subwatershed Group will be responsible for all cost incurred up to the date of termination.

8. Participation

A Subwatershed Group may voluntarily withdraw from this MOA by providing written notice to NCWA via certified mail, and such withdrawal will be effective immediately upon NCWA's receipt of said letter. NCWA will refund any monies paid by the Subwatershed Group that have not already been spent or committed to contractors, NCWA or other contractors as described above; and such withdrawal will relieve the Subwatershed Group of any further liability under this MOA. NCWA will have 90 days to return funds to the Subwatershed Group.

In the event that additional entities or individuals desire to become Subwatershed Groups under this MOA, NCWA will provide this information to the Subwatershed Groups executing this MOA. If there is no objection, the new Subwatershed Group will share costs under the same formula as described in Agreements, Section 4 above. Adjustments will be made for the other Subwatershed Groups, accordingly.

9. General Provisions

- a) **Hold Harmless and Indemnification.** Except for damage or loss resulting from willful misconduct, gross negligence, or breach of fiduciary obligation in connection with this MOA, no party to this MOA, nor its members, directors, officers, or employees shall be liable to any other party to this MOA for any loss or damage in connection with this

MOA. Each party to this MOA shall bear responsibility for the consequence of its own willful misconduct, gross negligence and breach of fiduciary obligation in connection with this MOA, and in connection with any work undertaken in accordance with this MOA. Each party to this MOA shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other parties to this MOA, and their respective members, directors, officers and employees, from the consequences of any such willful misconduct, gross negligence and breach of fiduciary obligation, to the extent allowed by law.

- b) **Authority.** Each signatory to this MOA represents that she/he is authorized to execute this MOA on behalf of one of the parties to this MOA. Each party represents that it has legal authority to enter into this MOA and to perform all obligations under this MOA.
- c) **Liability.** Neither the representative of NCWA, nor the representative of the Subwatershed Group(s), assumes any legal obligation or liability of any member or discharger within the Subwatershed Group areas by executing this MOA.
- d) **Amendment.** This MOA may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by each of the parties to this MOA.
- e) **Entire Agreement (MOA).** This MOA constitutes the entire MOA of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this MOA and supersedes any prior oral or written agreement, understanding, or representation relating to the subject matter of this MOA.
- f) **Partial invalidity.** If after the date of execution of this MOA, any provision of this MOA is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this MOA, such provision shall be fully severable. However, in lieu thereof, there shall be added a provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.
- g) **Choice of Laws.** This MOA shall be interpreted according to the laws and regulations of the State of California (not including California's choice-of-law rules) and any applicable Federal laws or regulations.
- h) **Compliance with Law.** In performing their respective obligations under this MOA, the parties shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
- i) **Notices.** All notices, requests or other communications required or permitted under this MOA shall be in writing unless provided otherwise in this MOA and shall be deemed to have been duly given and received on: (i) the date of service if served personally or served via facsimile transmission on the party to whom notice is to be given at the address(es) provided below, (ii) on the first day after mailing, if mailed by Federal Express, U.S. Express Mail, or other similar overnight courier service, postage prepaid, and addressed as provided below, (iii) on the third day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by first class mail, registered or certified, and postage

prepaid, (iv) date received via email (acknowledgement of receipt must be email back to the original sender). All notices will be addressed to the person(s) listed in Exhibit C (Agreement Service List). Exhibit C may be updated by written request from the signatory to the MOA.

- j) **Dispute Resolution.** If a dispute arises under this MOA, the Subwatershed Group representative(s) participating under this MOA will make all good faith efforts to resolve the dispute before a Subwatershed Group withdraws under Agreements, Section 8 above or is released under Agreements, Section 7 above.

10. Agreement Execution

A Subwatershed Group must execute this MOA and comply with its terms for its members to be a part of and a member in good standing in the Coalition. The Subwatershed Groups executing this MOA hereby authorize NCWA to proceed as described in this MOA.

Northern California Water Association

Dated: _____

By _____

Appendix – History of Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Permitting

- A. On December 5, 2002, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted Resolution R5-2002-0201 and the associated two-year conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges to surface water from irrigated agricultural lands and wetlands.
- B. On July 10, 2003, the Regional Water Board rescinded Resolution R5-2002-0201 and on July 11, 2003, adopted Resolution R5-2003-0105. Resolution R5-2003-0105 adopted two conditional waivers, one conditional waiver is for coalition groups or other entities that form on behalf of individual dischargers, and clarified conditions contained in the December 2002 waiver.
- C. Several amendments followed and on June 22, 2006, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R5-2006-0053, the Coalition Group Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Conditional Waiver) becoming effective on July 1, 2006 for a five year period, expiring June 30, 2011 unless it was rescinded or renewed. The Conditional Waiver applied to surface water quality only.
- D. The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) first submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) and General Report in October 2003 on behalf of Coalition members to meet the requirements of the ILRP through a watershed-based water quality management program.
- E. On February 10, 2004 NCWA received a Notice of Applicability (NOA) from the Regional Water Board Executive Officer approving the adequacy of the NOI and providing all owners and operators of irrigated lands within the Coalition area initial coverage under the ILRP.
- F. On April 1, 2004 the Coalition submitted a Watershed Evaluation Report (WER) and its first Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Plan to the Regional Water Board as required by the ILRP. Since that time, the Coalition has provided supplemental documents on several dates.
- G. On July 25, 2008 the Coalition submitted a new Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Plan to the Regional Water Board as required by [Order No. R5-2008-0005](#). The Regional Water Board approved the July 25, 2008 Coalition MRP with various conditions on September 12, 2008.
- H. The Coalition's WER and MRP Plan are consistent with best science regarding evaluation of non-point source runoff and are an efficient means of prioritizing potential water quality problems and focusing limited resources for the general health of the watershed.

- I. On September 30, 2008, the Coalition submitted a Management Plan to the Regional Water Board, which was approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer on February 2, 2009.
- I. On April 7, 2011 the Regional Water Board adopted Resolution No. R5-2011-0017 certifying the ILRP, Program Environmental Impact Report (Final Program EIR) for the Long Term ILRP. The Long Term ILRP establishes Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order covering both surface and groundwater quality.
- J. On June 9, 2011 Resolution No. R5-2011-0032, the Short-Term Renewal of the Coalition Group Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands, was adopted by the Regional Water Board extending the Conditional Waiver for twenty-four (24) months.
- K. On December 19, 2013 the Regional Water Board issued a Tentative WDR and MRP Order for the Sacramento River Watershed.
- L. On March 12, 2014 the Regional Water Board adopted the Sacramento River Watershed WDR and MRP Order (R5-2014-0030).
- M. On April 10, 2014 NCWA, on behalf of the Subwatershed Groups named in the 2014 MOA preamble, filed a request with the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board to issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for NCWA to be designated to serve as the third-party entity.
- N. On June 4, 2014, the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to NCWA to serve as the third-party group on behalf of the above named Subwatershed Groups and the members enrolled with the individual Subwatershed Groups.



Recommendation Memo

Wildlife Conservation Board – Fencing Installation

April 7, 2026

To present at the ARCD Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2026

Project Summary:

As part of Wildlife Conservation Board grant, the Natural Working Lands initiative is assisting Serena Hangs to install multi-functional wildlife habitat. The Hangs want to ensure as they progress with their forest health management, they are supplementing habitat loss by enhancing the quality of habitat available. Due to the congested nature of the forest on the Hangs property and neighboring properties, a lack of flowering vegetation exists in the under canopy. Due to the high probability of deer harming seedlings and other young plants, an exclusion fence is a necessary part of this project's success. To obtain reasonable quotes from qualified professionals ARCD created an informal bid packet, which were sent to contractors individually.

Fence Installation Details:

The work consists of installing approximately 340 linear feet of 8-foot-tall deer exclusion fencing to protect vegetation and irrigation infrastructure. All fencing materials are provided by the Amador RCD. The selected contractor is responsible for providing all labor, tools, and equipment necessary to complete the work.

Selection Process:

On 3/26/2026 the proposal was sent to four contractors that the Natural Working Lands Project Manager identified after a preliminary screening. Since that time, one contractor has responded with the best possible quote. Sierra Foothill Fence, located in Placerville, submitted a quote with reasonable labor costs, appropriate license (C-13), and DIR Registration for prevailing wage. These reasons are why Sierra Foothill Fence has been selected by the Project Manager.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the ARCD Board of Directors select **Sierra Foothill Fence** to execute the contract for this fencing project. They are the contractor who presented the lowest price and highest value bid at \$18,886.88. This amount is within budget for the project.

Thank you,
Billy Synk
Natural Working Lands Project Manager
Amador Resource Conservation District
Billy@Amadorrcd.org

Amador RCD
Executive Director Report
Prepared for: April 10th 2026 Board Meeting

Current Projects Updates:

Forestry Program:

Forest Health Assistance Program (FHAP): TZ is working on ranking documents for 5 clients for the April RCPP ranking deadline.

TZ is planning the **Amador Forest Property Owner workshop with the theme 'Trialing Treatment', May 9th**, location Jen Jobort property (see attached flier).

NACD funding expired April 1st and the new round of funding is stalled in being awarded. This means that ARCD has limited support to offer current NRCS EQIP clients. AW was able to secure additional funding through CARCD Technical Assistance agreement. Additional \$32,000 was awarded to ARCD to fill this gap in funding, this agreement will expire September 2027. Agreement has yet to be executed as it is held up by NRCS at the federal level. As soon as this agreement is signed GL will continue work with NRCS EQIP clients.

Multi-owner EQIP (mEQIP) Project: GL is working to develop the process needed for designing and submitting a multiple landowner application to NRCS for funding fuels reduction and forest health work.

Defensible Space Project: TB is currently working on testing applications and assessment software with partners. Current tentative project rollout schedule dependent on onboarding the new Outreach/Admin Coordinator.

5/6: FWC Virtual Townhall, 5/11: General Town Hall, 5/13: Application Opens, 5/13-5/14: In-person Office Hours, 6/12: Application Closes, June-August: Assessments/Work conducted.

Chipping Program: The ARCD partnered Amador County Code Enforcement to host four events for the Chipping Project; specifically targeted for storm clean up. The events were able to serve 800 vehicles but went over budget. Staff is working to figure out next steps for the budget. The next step is TB & GL are working on developing the request for proposals for a chipping contractor, we anticipate the Chipping Project rollout will happen in Q3 2026.

Grant Writing: ARCD staff submitted 3 concept proposals to CalFire for their CCI and Prop 4 solicitations of the Forest Health Program: Jackson Creek Forest Health Phase 2, Rancheria Fire Scar Forest Health Project, and the Amador Pines Forest Health Project. We are waiting to hear back from CalFire if we are invited to submit a full proposal

Ag/Natural Working Land Program:

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance Funding- Billy Synk (BS) has been working on verifications and learning the program. Billy is also working on developing a Pollinator and Irrigation workshop. Ag. & Working Lands Survey is live on the website, this survey will help develop our needs assessment and the ARCD Strategic Plan.

WCB Wildlife Habitat Installation: Planning has started for Tuolumne and Calaveras Phase 2 of applications. ARCD will be doing a targeted Phase 3, which will focus on NRCS clients and clients with ongoing projects, there will not be another open solicitation for applications in 2026.

Central Sierra Pollinator Habitat Celebration: Planning had begun for planning the fall event. The event will be held September 12th in coordination with the Farms of Amador Tour & Dinner. The event will be held at Kennedy Mine.

WCB Pollinator Project:

Hangs on the Homestead: BS has begun work on the setting up installation of infrastructure for this project including trenching, and irrigation installation has started, the next phase in installing the fencing. BS has been working through the bidding process, see contractor recommendation memo. Planting will take place in Fall 2026.

Multi-Benefit Fuel Breaks: Pollinator Restoration in Amador: this project will involve seeding and planting on the Crestview parcel, where AFSC recently completed a fuels reduction project. BS is working with BLM to

ensure access to plants/seeds and working on project design. Implementation of the project will take place Fall 2026.

Kennedy Mine Pollinator Habitat: BS has conducted an initial site visit on the Kennedy Mine site and is working to provide technical assistance to help the group establish additional pollinator habitat.

BS attended UCCE Grape Day to promote the ARCD Listening Session.

Natural and Working Lands Hub: The request for extension to the grant timeline has not yet been approved. ARCD will be hosting a **Listening Sessions on May 7th (see flier)** to help inform the Regional NWL Strategy and ARCD Strategic Plan. The Listening Session is being hosted with Farms of Amador. Additional 1:1 interviews will be held in May and June. ARCD Staff attending the Central Sierra Regional Meeting of the Wildfire Resiliency Task Force, and UCCE Soil Health Day to gather information.

Admin:

Strategic Plan: Staff survey has been completed, and AW will work on compiling data. AW will be participating in a Strategic Planning training course with CARCD/SNC. There is also some potential strategic planning funding available. ODC Meeting was reschedule to April 21st.

Staffing Updates: Education and Outreach Coordinator has been hired, Cailin McLaughlin will start April 16th.

Amador Fire Safe Council: See March Coordinator report

Upcoming Grant Applications

ARCD will be working with the Central Sierra RCD Hub to develop a second phase of Healthy Soils Incentive Program Block Grant. The program is limited to \$4 million; the group is considering submitting multiple coordinated block grants to better cover the full Central Sierra area. The ARCD is a potential lead entity for a second block grant after Placer RCD. ARCD staff are working with the CS RCD Hub to develop the concept proposal(s).

ARCD will be working with the Central Sierra RCD Hub to develop a State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant. The program would provide \$4 million for a regional project to provide funding technical assistance and funding to improve irrigation efficiency. Sloughouse RCD will be the lead of this project.

Submitted Grant Applications:

- State & Local Cybersecurity Grant
- Jackson Creek Forest Health Phase 2 Concept Proposal to the Forest Health Grant
- Rancheria Fire Scar Forest Health Project Concept Proposal to the Forest Health Grant
- The Amador Pines Forest Health Project Concept Proposal to the Forest Health Grant

Upcoming Outreach Events:

April 14th: Board of Supervisors Meeting – UCCE Support

April 21st: Amador City Clean-up and Planting

April 23rd 10am-12noon: Buena Vista Earth Day

April 25th Sutter Creek Duck Race

April 26th Amador City Wildflower Show

April 27th CWPP Townhall

April 28th Board of Supervisors Meeting - CWPP

April 29th-30th CWPP Field Tours

May 7th 6:15-8pm: ARCD Listening Session

May 9th 9am: Forest Health Workshop 'Trialing Treatment'

September 12th: Central Sierra Habitat Festival (name is undecided)

September 13th: Farms of Amador Tour & Dinner

Ongoing Projects

Project	Update
Amador County Fire Resiliency Project –	Treatment on BLM/nearby properties treatment, connect to fuel breaks and estimated 230 acres will be treated. Staff and AFSC Projects Committee are working to prioritize treatment areas and projects.
Tiger Creek/Crestview Forest Health	Project is completed; staff is working on closeout documentation and final report.
AmCo Stewardship Forest Health	Received BLM DNA and Decision Record for three parcels to be treated near Buckhorn Ridge unit. Working with SNC for approval of new acres; SNC will conduct CEQA crosswalk.
River Pines Fuel Break Butte Mtn Fuels Reduction Rendic Fuel Break NOE	River Pines Fuel Break: work is completed, final report in process. Butte Mtn: Mastication work completed. Total 58 acres. Rendic: Cultural survey and forester conducted surveys complete, ERRF is complete and NOE will be submitted to ARCD board for approval at April board meeting. No funding for implementation.
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Anticipate that work will be done prior to July 2026. Tanner Logging started at Rams Horn Grade; work is going well. Krisman Enterprises will likely start week of March 23.
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	The Working Group Meeting and Steering Committee are holding monthly meetings. Next steps: Steering Committee is reviewing the draft CWPP. TB is working is organize the Working Group Tour to close out the CWPP project. CWPP on track for April 2026 completion. Progress posted on AFSC website with SIG web map. Amador County CWPP - Amador Fire Safe Council
Internal and Countywide Mapping	Contract with Mettja Kuna was approved for 2026. See attached GIS Goals table.
Maintenance and Monitoring Protocol	GL has participated in SNC/RFFCP Monitoring Protocol Training, and the team is working to finalize first draft of protocol to present to the AFSC Projects Committee. GL and TB will be attending the SNC facilitated training in April to refine the Monitoring Plan.
AFSC Project Committee	Upcoming priorities of the Project committee: develop a slate of BLM treatment areas, prioritize projects for upcoming CalFire grant solicitation. Review partner projects.
Coordinator Grant	ARCD is hiring an Outreach & Admin Coordinator.

Project	Project Lead
Jackson Gate/Kennedy Mine Fuel Break - Completed	Gordon Long
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Todd Bertwell
Rancheria/Thompson Ridge Fuel Break	Gordon Long
AmCo Stewardship Project	Gordon Long
River Pines Fuel Break (Rendic/Butte Mtn) Completed – Final report due March 15th 2026	Gordon Long
Upper Jackson Gate Fuel Break - Completed	Gordon Long
Tiger Creek/Crestview Forest Health - Completed	Gordon Long/Amanda Watson
County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development	Todd Bertwell
Internal Project Mapping system/Community facing map web apps	Todd Bertwell/Amanda Watson
County-wide Collaboration	Amanda Watson
Countywide mapping system	Todd Bertwell/Amanda Watson
County-wide monitoring protocol and maintenance intervals	Gordon Long/Amanda Watson
Countywide Ingress/Egress – CalFire - NEW	TBD
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress – PG&E - NEW	Gordon Long
Substation Fuels Reduction – PG&E - NEW	Todd Bertwell
Projects in Planning/Development Phase	
La Mel Community Fuel Break – planning stages (grant amendment needed)	Gordon Long
Sutter Highlands Community Fuel Break – following up with community on ROEs/getting feedback from CalFire	Todd Bertwell
Sunset Heights – still in determination phase	Todd Bertwell
The Oaks – still in determination phase	Todd Bertwell
Mokelumne Rim Fuel Break – planning stage	Gordon Long
Upper Dry Creek Fuel Break – planning stage	Gordon Long
PG&E Substation Fuels Reduction - submitted to PG&E for funding	Gordon Long
Pine Grove Central Fuel Break – planning stage	Amanda Watson
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress – submitted to PG&E for funding	Todd Bertwell
Ingress/Egress – review has been on hold due to limited grants – some roads incorporated into PG&E grant	Todd Bertwell

Current Grant Applications

Project	Current Grant Application	Amount Requested
Mt. Crossman Community Fuel Break (75 acres)	Submitted to SNC, invited to submit full proposal (7/30) – Awarded	\$390,390
Community Fuel Break Program - Continuation to the planning of community projects.	Submitted as a goal of all community fuel breaks grants (Rendic and Mt. Crossman)	N/A
Continuation of Ingress/Egress Implementation (35 miles)	Submitted to CalFire WP (8/5)	\$697,125
Substation Fuels Reduction	Submitted to PG&E (1/12) - Awarded	\$71,678.75
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress	Submitted to PG&E (1/12) - Awarded	\$97,589.25

May 7th
6:15-8PM
Thursday
Jackson City Hall
33 Broadway,
Jackson, California
95642



**AMADOR COUNTY RCD
NATURAL & WORKING LANDS STRATEGY**

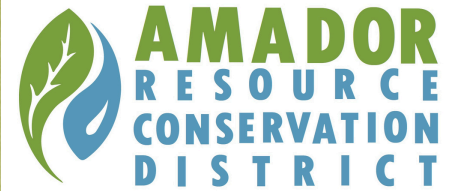
Listening Session

**COME TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCES
ABOUT NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES AFFECTING
AMADOR COUNTY, INCLUDING:**

- *Agricultural opportunities and challenges*
- *Soil, water, and land stewardship*
- *Wildlife and pollinator habitat and issues*
- *Forest health and fire resilience and*
- *Plus, other Amador natural resource needs*



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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

Trialing Forest Health Treatments Field Day

May 9th, 2026

Jackson, CA

Field Day to include:

Treatment Site Tour & Discussion
Forest Health Demonstrations & Discussion

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

Future Sessions:

Long Term Forest Health & Wildfire Resilience

Calaveras, June 2026

Forest Health Treatments Selection & Planning

Alpine, Summer 2026

Fuels Reduction & Forest Health

Tuolumne, Fall 2026

Field Day Facilitators:

Peter Donovan, Soil Carbon Coalition
Ed Struffenegger, Registered Professional Forester

El Dorado Amador Prescribed Burn Association

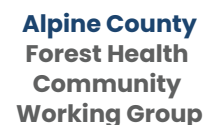
AND MORE!

Registration is FREE

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CARCD February 2026 Voting Results

Ballot Inspectors: Robin Hanson, Jocelyn Anderson, and Mark Cady

= Highest votes received

Board Officers					
President — Choose One	Vote Count	Vice President — Choose One	Vote Count	Secretary–Treasurer — Choose One	Vote Count
Rick Gomez, Inland Empire RCD	30	Peter Braudrick, Mendocino County RCD	37	Matt Hurley, Sierra RCD and Tranquillity RCD	41
Molly Watkins, San Joaquin County RCD	11	John James, El Dorado County RCD	4		
Abstain	1	Abstain	1	Abstain	1

Bylaws	
Vote Values	Does your RCD approve adoption of the Proposed Amended Bylaws transmitted on October 28, 2025?
Yes	41
No	0
Abstain	1

Resolutions

Vote Values	Resolution #1: Moving Regions (Antelope Valley RCD Res. # 20250805)	Resolution #2: Sustainable Funding for RCDs (Tehama County RCD + co-sponsors RCDTC #25-14)	Resolution #3: Reaffirm Duty to Comply with Bylaws (Res. # 2025-(1))	Resolution #4: Transparency and Minimum Standards for Conducting CARCD Business (Res. # 2025-(2))	Resolution #5: Reconvene Policy Committee (Res. # 2025-(3))	Resolution #6: Establish and Convene a Standing Finance Committee (Res. # 2025-(4))	Resolution #7: Reconsider Board Action on Dues Structure for FY 25–26 (Res. # 2025-(5))	Resolution #8: Establish New Election Procedures (Res.# 2025-(6))	Resolution #9: Adopt IRS-Recommended Policies for Charitable Organizations 2025-(7))	Resolution #10: Ensure Diverse Representation on Committees (Res. #2025-(8))
Approve	40	41	10	10	7	6	6	5	41	6
Disapprove	0	1	30	29	32	32	32	35	0	33
Abstain	2	0	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	3
Outcome	Approve	Approve	Disapprove	Disapprove	Disapprove	Disapprove	Disapprove	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove