



AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday, 21 March 2024

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

Virtual attendance via video conference or telephone is available:

Google Meet: meet.google.com/hyh-zwww-ngn

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Other Meeting Locations: 1208 ID-31 Victor, ID 83455
2035 River Edge Lane, Teton, ID,

ARCD Directors: Steve Cannon, Emily Taylor, Dan Port, Dr. Kelsi Williams, Amber Gardner
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
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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: February 2024 3. Warrant Summary 4. Financial Reports 5. SAWQA Report
3	NRCS Report - Jennifer Wood
4	County Fair Booth* - Amanda Watson
5	Scholarship Selection* - <i>Education Committee</i>
6	CARCD Election of Officers* - <i>Amanda Waston/Director Gardner</i>
7	AB2313 Letter Support Sign-on* - <i>Amanda Watson</i>
8	NRCS Cooperative Agreement Grant Application* - <i>Amanda Watson</i>
9	Executive Director Report <i>Amanda Watson</i>
10	Adjourn
Next ARCD Board of Directors Meeting: 4th Monday of each month April 22 nd 4:15-6:00	



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Directors: Steve Cannon, Dan Port, Carol Marz, Kelsi Williams, Emily Taylor

Minutes for Regular Meeting of 26 February 2024

Director Port called to order on 26 January 2024 at 4:21 pm at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA

Present: Directors: Steve Cannon, Dan Port, Kelsi Williams, Amber Gardner, Emily Taylor
Staff: Amanda Watson, Dana Simpson, Anna Mariscal
Public: Kent Reeves, Jennifer Wood.

Public Comment: none

Oath of Office: Amber Gardner took her Oath of Office to the Amador Resource Conservation District.

Consent Agenda: Warrant Summary was removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the amended consent agenda by Director Williams. 2nd to motion by Director Gardner. Roll call vote: Port – aye, Taylor – absent, Williams – aye, Cannon – aye. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion to approve warrants summary with the addition of #24-024 made by Director Williams. seconded by Director Gardner. Roll call vote: Port – aye, Taylor – absent, Williams – aye, Marz – aye, Cannon – aye. Nays: None. Motion passed.

NRCS – D.C. Jennifer Wood presented her monthly report (attached). February 16th is the application deadline for EQIP, there have been 100 applications submitted and pre-approved. RCPP application deadline is April 16th. There is a new partner biologist from Point Blue stationed out of TCRCD office.

Letter of Support to NRCS in support of a Range Specialist in the Jackson Field Office – Motion to approve by Director Port. 2nd by Director Williams. Roll call vote: Port – aye, Taylor – aye, Williams – aye, Marz – aye, Cannon – aye. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audit Proposal: Cannon motioned to accept the audit proposal for no more than \$6850 from Blomberg to complete a 2-year audit. Seconded by Director Williams. Roll call vote: Port – aye, Taylor – aye, Williams – aye, Marz – aye, Cannon – aye. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Delegate Selection: Steve motioned to selected Director Gardner as CARCD delegate and Director Williams as alternate. Director Taylor seconded. Roll call vote: Port – aye, Williams – aye, Marz – aye, Cannon – aye. Nays: None. Director Taylor abstained. Motion passed.

Healthy Soils Update: Anna Mariscal, ARCD Healthy Soils Resource Specialist presented on the various healthy soils programs of the ARCD and partner organizations.

Executive Director Report (attached)

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Watson, Executive Director

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Starting Warrant 24-025

Warrant Number	Amount	Pay to	Project	Notes	Approved by	Status
24-025	\$153.43	Gordon Long	MMFB/JC	Mileage Reimb Jan-Feb 2024	DS	del 3/19/24 DS
24-026	\$2,584.06	UCCE	MMFB	Inv 70F60-08Scott and Brian Dec 2023	DS	del 3/19/24 DS
24-027	\$283.00	Balancing the Books	Admin	Inv 12917 Feb 2024	DS	del 3/19/24 DS
24-028	\$7,935.00	Krisman Enterprises	MMFB	MMFB Unit 2	DS	del 3/19/24 DS
24-029	\$87,408.12	Sac Valley Water Quality Coalition	SAWQA	Inv 601 2023-2024 2nd Payment		
24-030	\$1,000.00	Tressler's Trucking LLC	MMFB	Inv 20099 Grazong on Demo Project	DS	
24-031	\$1,666.89	Amanda Watson	Admin	Feb 2024 CC Charges		

ARCD Income

Check Date		Check From	Project	Notes		Status
2/26/24	\$25,000.00	NACD	NACD Round 5	final advance		ACH 2/26/24

Grant Progress Tracking 02/29/2024

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>	
Mitchell Mine Fuel Break 2CA05282	6/10/2021 - 6/9/2024	\$ 327,700.00	\$ 297,910.00	\$ 29,790.00		\$ 148,521.43	\$ 139,194.89	\$ 179,178.57	done
Healthy Soils - Round 2 21-0540-000-SG	10/1/2021 - 10/1/2024	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 38,301.46	\$ 8,090.31	\$ 21,698.54	done
Jackson Creek Watershed 8GG20624	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2025	\$ 3,603,152.00	\$ 3,217,100.00	\$ 386,052.00	\$ 118,018.10	\$ 852,473.23		\$ 2,750,678.77	done
Chipping 2021 - Round 2 5GG20102	11/2021 - 3/15/2025	\$ 718,292.00	\$ 652,993.00	\$ 65,299.00		\$ 128,253.56	\$ 26,999.30	\$ 590,038.44	done
2023 RCPP Round 2	11/1/2023 - 11/15/2025	\$ 262,857.00				\$ 18,481.88		\$ 244,375.12	done
Healthy Soils - Round 3 23-0672-000-SG	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2026	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 10,508.48	\$ 2,293.03	\$ 49,491.52	done
NACD 2022 - Round 5		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 32,934.47	\$ 67,065.53		\$ 32,934.47	
NACD 2024 - Round 6		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00					\$ 75,000.00	
WCB Grant - Pollinators	2/14/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 251,000.00			\$ 2,768.96		\$ 248,231.04	
WCB Grant - Wildlife Habitat	12/20/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 200,000.00				\$ 88.76		\$ 199,911.24	
DOC Grant	2/22/2024 - 3/31/2027	\$ 1,618,366.64	\$ 1,407,275.34	\$ 211,091.30				\$ 1,618,366.64	
Place HSP Block Grant	12/8/23 - 10/31/27	\$ 92,814.00	\$ 69,610.50	\$ 23,203.50		\$ 4,682.30		\$ 88,131.70	
Defensible Space	12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029	\$ 633,584.00						\$ 633,584.00	
Misc Receivables								\$ -	
AFSC Staff Time							\$ 90,191.70		
LCRCD Staff Time							\$ 3,293.40		
SAWQA Staff Time									
		<u>\$ 8,002,765.64</u>	<u>\$ 6,174,888.84</u>	<u>\$ 731,435.80</u>	<u>\$ 150,952.57</u>	<u>\$ 1,271,145.59</u>	<u>\$ 270,062.63</u>	<u>\$ 6,731,620.05</u>	
					*Deferred Rev		*Accounts Rec		

SAWQA

	<u>Amount Billed</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2023 Member Fees		\$32,538.45	
2024 Member Fees		\$101,520.37	

Amador Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of February 29, 2024

	<u>Feb 29, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101768 · Sac/Ama Water Quality Alliance	339,977.54
101769 · Amador RCD	391,231.93
Total Checking/Savings	731,209.47
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	270,062.62
Total Accounts Receivable	270,062.62
Total Current Assets	1,001,272.09
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,001,272.09</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
001 · Amazon Chase	752.99
Total Credit Cards	752.99
Other Current Liabilities	
24500 · Accrued Time Off	5,602.51
25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue	150,952.56
Total Other Current Liabilities	156,555.07
Total Current Liabilities	157,308.06
Total Liabilities	157,308.06
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	714,685.99
32000 · Retained Earnings	184,916.61
Net Income	-55,638.57
Total Equity	843,964.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,001,272.09</u>

Amador Resource Conservation District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Accrual Basis

July 2023 through February 2024

	Jul '23 - Feb 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	18,862.91	2,500.00	16,362.91	754.5%
Total 45000 · Investments	18,862.91	2,500.00	16,362.91	754.5%
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46009 · Partnership Contracts	125,803.20	214,000.00	(88,196.80)	58.8%
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	128,253.20	214,000.00	(85,746.80)	59.9%
47890 · Program Income				
47891 · Grant Income	741,469.54	3,056,793.00	(2,315,323.46)	24.3%
Total 47890 · Program Income	830,280.31	3,056,793.00	(2,226,512.69)	27.2%
Total Income	977,396.42	3,273,293.00	(2,295,896.58)	29.9%
Gross Profit	977,396.42	3,273,293.00	(2,295,896.58)	29.9%
Expense				
50100 · Payroll Expenses	264,424.17	483,609.00	(219,184.83)	54.7%
51000 · Insurance				
50600 · Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,952.58	3,000.00	(47.42)	98.4%
51500 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,282.05	3,000.00	282.05	109.4%
Total 51000 · Insurance	6,234.63	6,000.00	234.63	103.9%
52000 · Memberships and Dues	2,547.48	3,000.00	(452.52)	84.9%
52200 · Office Expenses				
52200-1 · Office Equipment	3,234.51	15,000.00	(11,765.49)	21.6%
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service	74.56	300.00	(225.44)	24.9%
52200-3 · Printing and Copying	599.84	1,200.00	(600.16)	50.0%
52200-4 · Supplies	1,765.47	1,000.00	765.47	176.5%
52200-5 · Telephone, Telecommunications	794.87	1,200.00	(405.13)	66.2%
52200-6 · Advertising	301.19	1,500.00	(1,198.81)	20.1%
52200-7 · Software	1,803.88	3,000.00	(1,196.12)	60.1%
52200-8 · Website		600.00	(600.00)	
52200-9 · Tech Support	202.71	150.00	52.71	135.1%
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	8,777.03	23,950.00	(15,172.97)	36.6%
52300 · Professional Services				
52300-4 · Consulting		6,300.00	(6,300.00)	
52321 · Auditor's Services		10,000.00	(10,000.00)	
52383 · Bookkeeping	2,919.01	4,000.00	(1,080.99)	73.0%
52399 · Other		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	
Total 52300 · Professional Services	6,594.01	25,300.00	(18,705.99)	26.1%
52800 · Special Departmental Expenses				
52800-1 · Community Garden	343.57	800.00	(456.43)	42.9%
52800-3 · Fair Booth	635.40	600.00	35.40	105.9%
52822 · Mini Grants	1,000.00	5,000.00	(4,000.00)	20.0%
Total 52800 · Special Departmental Expenses	2,344.43	6,400.00	(4,055.57)	36.6%
52900 · Travel and Meetings				
52905 · Travel and Transportation				
52905-1 · Mileage	1,092.32	5,885.00	(4,792.68)	18.6%
Total 52905 · Travel and Transportation	1,092.32	5,885.00	(4,792.68)	18.6%
52910 · Convention and Meetings	850.00	2,000.00	(1,150.00)	42.5%
52915 · Meals	465.48	500.00	(34.52)	93.1%
Total 52900 · Travel and Meetings	4,422.80	8,385.00	(3,962.20)	52.7%
54138 · Contractor Services				
54138-1 · Groundwork Contractor	612,761.39	1,760,991.00	(1,148,229.61)	34.8%
54138-2 · Professional Service Contractor	33,117.49	453,600.00	(420,482.51)	7.3%
Total 54138 · Contractor Services	645,878.88	2,214,591.00	(1,568,712.12)	29.2%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65160 · Grant Supplies/Costs	1,000.00	95,325.00	(94,325.00)	1.0%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	1,000.00	95,325.00	(94,325.00)	1.0%
Total Expense	942,223.43	2,866,560.00	(1,924,336.57)	32.9%
Net Ordinary Income	35,172.99	406,733.00	(371,560.01)	8.6%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
70000 · Additions to Reserves		150,000.00	(150,000.00)	
Total Other Expense		150,000.00	(150,000.00)	
Net Other Income		(150,000.00)	150,000.00	
Net Income	35,172.99	256,733.00	(221,560.01)	13.7%

SAWQA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2023 through February 2024

	Jul '23 - Feb 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	10,235.13	5,000.00	5,235.13	204.7%
Total 45000 · Investments	10,235.13	5,000.00	5,235.13	204.7%
47890 · Program Income				
47895 · SAWQA Member Fees	134,058.82	346,300.00	-212,241.18	38.7%
Total 47890 · Program Income	134,058.82	346,300.00	-212,241.18	38.7%
Total Income	144,293.95	351,300.00	-207,006.05	41.1%
Gross Profit	144,293.95	351,300.00	-207,006.05	41.1%
Expense				
50100 · Payroll Expenses				
50100-1 · Payroll Expense	988.17			
50310 · Payroll Tax Expense	104.52			
Total 50100 · Payroll Expenses	1,092.69			
51000 · Insurance				
51500 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,004.93	3,000.00	4.93	100.2%
Total 51000 · Insurance	3,004.93	3,000.00	4.93	100.2%
52200 · Office Expenses				
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service	591.91			
52200-3 · Printing and Copying	916.24			
52200-6 · Advertising	120.75			
52200 · Office Expenses - Other	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	1,628.90	5,000.00	-3,371.10	32.6%
52300 · Professional Services				
52300-2 · Project Administration	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
52300-3 · Workshops	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
52300-5 · Record Keeping	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
52300-6 · Monitoring and Reporting	66,808.69	165,676.00	-98,867.31	40.3%
52321 · Auditor's Services	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
52383 · Bookkeeping	0.00	21,403.00	-21,403.00	0.0%
52384 · State Board Oversight	156,958.92	140,740.00	16,218.92	111.5%
Total 52300 · Professional Services	223,767.61	373,319.00	-149,551.39	59.9%
54138 · Contractor Services				
54138-2 · Professional Service Contractor	3,372.76			
Total 54138 · Contractor Services	3,372.76			
Total Expense	232,866.89	381,319.00	-148,452.11	61.1%
Net Ordinary Income	-88,572.94	-30,019.00	-58,553.94	295.1%
Net Income	-88,572.94	-30,019.00	-58,553.94	295.1%

USDA-NRCS Report by Jennifer Wood, District Conservationist, Jackson LPO February 2024

Program Deadlines

- There is a February 16th application deadline for Classic EQIP as well as Inflation Reduction Act funding for Climate Smart Practices that include forest, crop, and some rangeland practices. Attached is an application packet and associated information. Customers can mail them to us or call our office when we can take an application over the phone for signing later.
- The February 16th application deadline includes the National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI) fund pool that includes Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties and funds practice 372 Combustion System Improvement to replace tractor engines, as well as some specialty equipment, see attached program description.
- The February 16th is also the deadline for Water Management Entities (a pretty broad definition) as well as individuals to apply for improvements to infrastructure that supplies irrigation water, especially conversion of ditch to pipeline. Please contact the office if you know of a project that might qualify.
- There is an April 5th application deadline for the CARCD RCPP forestry practices fund pool, an extension of prior Crisis to Opportunity RCPP. It is funded for 5 more years, with some added practices and somewhat different ranking questions. It is a good idea to start thinking about which past unfunded projects could be suitable for the fund pool. There is a higher ranking for projects where there are dead and dying trees within 100 ft of a home.

Partnerships/Planning

Ongoing

- NRCS is meeting monthly with the ED's of all three ACT RCD's to implement the Tuolumne County RCD (TCRCD) NRCS Cooperative Agreement.
- We will want to see another round of applicants for the first RCPP batching period for forestry projects. We think there are many unfunded projects in the RCD files so we will likely not need a concerted outreach effort at this time.
- Applications are accepted year-round. However, it is unlikely new rangeland applicants will get a site visit in time for FY24 funding opportunities due to the backlog.
- There are many opportunities to assist the Tribes, and there is also a fund pool specifically for Native American owners and operators.

Staff

- A Point Blue Conservation Science Partner Biologist, Sophia Leveque-Eichorn, started on Jan 8, located in Sonora at both the Tuolumne RCD office and in the NRCS MLRA Soil Survey Office in the Forest Service Building. She will provide half time assistance to NRCS customers and will

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also be assisting the Mariposa NRCS field office. She also has funds to set up carbon monitoring network sites at no cost to the landowner.

- Frank Lewicki started as an Affiliate Forester with the Tuolumne RCD on January 15. He is an RPF and is expected to focus on RCPP clients in Tuolumne and potentially Calaveras Counties.
- The assistance we can get from the NRCS Auburn Office Rangeland Conservationist is limited. There is still a GS 9-11 vacancy for a Rangeland Conservationist on the staffing plan for our office.
- Current staff: District Conservationist Jennifer Wood, Engineer Bradley Soares and Forester Garrett McFall. Tamryn Zahradka is the ACRCDD Forester and an NRCS affiliate who is assisting with NRCS forestry customers.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Conservation Incentives Program (CIC)

- Administration of 50 active conservation contracts to treat over 20,000 acres is ongoing, with 3.46 million dollars obligated.
- We initiated a total of 11 FY23 contracts obligating approximately \$500,000 on approximately 3500 acres for range and forestry conservation activities.

Summary of FY23 contracts by county

FY '23 Contracts	Amador	Calaveras	Tuolumne
Range	1 EQIP, 1 CSP	1 EQIP, 2 CSP	1 CSP
Forestry	1 EQIP, 1 CSP	1 EQIP	1EQIP
Disaster			1EQIP

We will submit more than 3x this for funding in 2024 and the funding outlook looks positive with the Inflation Reduction Act funds expected to continue through 2030 and with 5 years of RCPP funding for forestry projects.

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ELECTION BALLOT

Officers to California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Board of Directors

The election ends on April 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CARCD by-laws require mail ballots be addressed by a board action.

Choose only one nominee for Vice President and one nominee for Secretary-Treasurer.

Vice President	
Name, District	Choose One
Peter Braudrick, Mendocino County RCD	
Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta RCD	

Secretary-Treasurer	
Name, District	Choose One
Harold Singer, Tahoe RCD	
John James, El Dorado County RCD	

Please return this ballot to elections@carcd.org.

If you choose to mail this ballot, the postmark must be no later than the close of the election on April 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

NAME OF VOTING DISTRICT:

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT SECRETARY:

The district secretary certifies that the action hereon is the action of the Board of Directors of the member district.

PRINTED NAME OF DISTRICT SECRETARY:

Email to:
elections@carcd.org
or
Mail to: CARCD
1007 7th Street, #414
Sacramento, CA 95814

Peter Braudrick
Candidate for Vice President of California Association of Resource Conservations Districts

I am running for the position of Vice President of the CARCD because I have a lifelong passion for conservation and the outdoors and believe that Resource Conservation Districts are incredibly important to improving and restoring the wild and working landscapes of California and in helping landowners improve the vitality of their land. My management and conservation experience will be integral to my effectiveness as a Vice President of the CARCD.

I was fortunate to grow up on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula and attended college in Sonoma County at the JC and Sonoma State University. I enjoyed a 33-year career with the California Department of Parks and Recreation throughout Northern California in a variety of different field positions. My last thirteen years I was a manager in Mendocino County. I have been a resident of the county for 30 years. Those years of working on California parkland gave me tremendous insight and knowledge of conservation, but it also taught me to be a good manager and collaborator.

I was appointed by the Director of California Department of Forestry to the Jackson State Forest Advisory Committee which was tasked to develop a plan to implement the management plan. We had 13 members, and everything was accomplished through consensus. It took four plus years, and we were successful.

From there I joined Mendocino RCD as an Associate Director and asked to serve as the RCD representative to the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council. This is a four-county non-profit in support of the 5 RCDs in the counties. We lost our federal funding which provided a NRCS staff member, office space and overhead. Most of RC and DC in the state went out of business. We have struggled but on a firm financial footing now and have 12 employees. I have been the board chair for fourteen years.

I have been on the Board of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District as a District Director since 2010. We rotate the Chairmanship annually. I am currently on the Executive Committee of CARCD and I am the North Coast Area Chair sitting on the Board of CARCD. I have been on the board of CARCD for approximately eight years.

While on the Board of the CARCD, I have worked with others to modernize our structures to fit the needs of our constituent RCDS. I went through a three-week DEI training with Karen Buhr who at the time was the ED of CARCD. On a quarterly basis Karen Buhr, Harold Singer and I meet with the Director of the Department of Conservation to improve relationships through better communications and an exchange of ideas and develop stronger relationships with this state agency that funds so much of our work as RCDs. One of my accomplishments with other board members has been opening our board membership to RCD staff as non-voting members so that can give an unfettered view of the board procedures and give input during discussions.

I believe it is important that CARCD is a transparent organization that entertains a variety of ideas, opinions and viewpoints as is demonstrated by 90 plus RCDs.

In 2019 I was presented the Presidents award by Paul Williams who was President of CARCD at the time for my contributions as a board member.

I believe it is important to listen to people and respect their opinions. My goal as a board member is to have an inclusive organization that abides by the Bylaws of CARCD. While dealing with COVID and the lack of face-to-face meetings presented a challenge, I believe we emerged as a strong organization ready to meet the challenges of state budget cuts and new technology on the conservation front. With the return of personal meetings comes the return of better personal relationships which is the cornerstone of any organization.

I am also privileged to serve on the board of the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County for ten years and have been the board chair for eight years of this highly successful organization that provides services through Lake and Mendocino Counties to cancer patients.

My name is John James and I have been asked to throw my hat in the ring for the position of Secretary -Treasurer of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. I have been an active Eldorado County RCD Director for many years and served numerous years as the Central Sierra Regional Chair. At the time I was the Central Sierra Regional Chair the six regional Chairs were active voting members in all aspects of the CARCD's decision making. I am extremely disappointed that under the current/previous CARCD leadership that is no longer the case.

I was born and mostly raised in Seaside, California. My parents are from farm families in Mississippi. We currently have relatives farming in California, Mississippi, Michigan and Texas. Coincidentally numerous of those family members serve on their local Soil (and Water) Conservation District Boards. Two of my daughters are involved professionally in sustainability issues here in California. I was born on a US Army base, started grade school on the Monterey peninsula. My family spent time in Washington, Georgia, New Jersey and Hawaii, but the Army in it's infinite wisdom and great organizational skills transferred us back to the Monterey peninsula where I was able to spend 11th grade and graduate high school with some of the same kids I started kindergarten thru 2nd grade with! Pretty cool. Many of those are still friends of mine to this day. I have earned degrees in Engineering and Economics and one of my highest and proudest achievements is being an alumni of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, in which I am still engaged with the Cal Poly President to increase minority students at that University.

I am an experienced staff manager, program/project manager and financial manager. During my career at the California Department of Transportation I was responsible for capital public transportation infrastructure projects proposed and ultimately managed by cities, counties, non-profits and regional agencies. Projects ranged from lift-equipped vans to provide senior citizen transportation and hot-meals, to ferries, public transit agency busses, intermodal facilities, light rail lines, intercity rail and high-speed rail projects. I got a Lionel train set from Santa Claus when I was 4 years old and became enthralled with electric trains. I applied to Cal Poly SLO because I wanted to go to work for Caltrans & electric trains and SLO was the only university in California that offered classes on electric railroads. Caltrans came to SLO and interviewed a bunch of us in my senior year, offered me a job, and subsequently in that role I have been involved in every electric passenger railroad project developed in California since 1980. (Some dreams do come true!)

My responsibilities included insuring that Caltrans was in full compliance and followed the financial management and reporting requirements as required by the California State legislature and the U.S. Department of Transportation. My duties included reviewing and approving the local agencies project delivery administrative operations and the financial administrations to ensure the local and regional agencies were at all times equipped to be in full compliance with the financial administrative and management requirements of both the State of California and the US Department of Transportation.

I managed the successful growth of the public transportation capital programs from 3 people managing \$10,000,000 of public transportation projects to a multi-billion (\$4.5 billion) dollar statewide program encompassing a Caltrans staff of a hundred with financial oversight of hundreds of public transportation projects from Humboldt county through Fresno and Sacramento, the Bay area and into Los Angeles and San Diego counties. Our goal in oversight of the local and regional agencies were to help them be successful. Because if they were successful then our program was successful and the people of California reaped the benefits. I received Caltrans' "Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award" for my organizing and leadership of that program.

Since retiring from Caltrans I have been keeping myself busy consulting on major public works projects including as a project environmental, stormwater and erosion control manager on rebuilding the Bay Bridge after the Loma Prieto earthquake and on many other major (in excess of \$300 million each) construction projects throughout California. In my spare time I am planting a Barbera and Pinot Noir vineyard in Eldorado County using natural cuttings that UC Davis Foundation Plant Material services grafts for me onto St. George (Vitus Rupestris) rootstock which is a native vigorous Mississippi River Valley rootstock naturally resistant to phylloxera.

I am skilled in state and federal funding compliance and look forward to helping CARCD providing guidance and support to the local RCDs in leading their local resource conservation missions, while providing full transparency of CARCD Board operations to RCDs and receiving, sharing and magnifying the knowledge & skills of both the local RCD Directors and professional staff. Having a good financial administrative and management function is key to ensuring continued and increased financial support from our State and Federal environmental & resource conservation focused partners.

I look forward to working together to help grow the impact and variety of RCD activities in California. I would appreciate your vote and support!

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Name: Harold Singer

Position: Secretary/Treasurer - CARCD

I am the CARCD Nominating Committee designate for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for CARCD. I have held this position for the last three years. Prior to that I was the CARCD Vice-President for one year before moving into the Secretary/Treasurer position upon a mid-term vacancy in that position and on election by the CARCD Board of Directors. I was the Regional Chair for the Central Sierra Region for four years before being elected to the Vice-President position. I have been a Director on the Tahoe RCD for nine years and currently serve as its Treasurer.

While serving for eight years on the Board of Directors for CARCD and four years on the Executive Committee I have been actively involved in many aspects of the Association. I currently serve on the Revolving Loan Committee, the Legislative Committee and the Bylaws Committee. In my role as the CARCD treasurer I assumed a very active role between the time Emily Sutherland (our former Office Manager) and when we hired our current Financial and Administrative Manager. This involved doing all the CARCD banking and issuing checks to pay our invoices. We moved most of our banking to a new institution which provides more flexibility to all CARCD to process our revenue and expenditures and spreads-out our financial exposure. Under my direction we currently have an application pending with this new institution for a line-of-credit to help CARCD be more timely in its payments to RCDs, a situation that surfaced due to the significant increase in grant funds that CARCD has acquired for pass-through to RCDs. Additionally, for the last six years I am one of two Board of Directors that, along with our Executive Director, meets regularly with the Director of the CA Department of Conservation and senior staff to maintain and improve our collaborative relationship.

In addition to my role on the CARCD Board of Directors, I have been the treasurer for two not-for-profit organizations for the past nine years. One provides environmental education about the Lake Tahoe watershed to elementary through college students and the other provided an educational exchange program for US and Russian college students between Lake Tahoe and Lake Baikal in Russia. This second program has been suspended due to the political difficulty in operating this type of NGO program in Russia.

In 2012 I retired from a position I held for 23 years as the Executive Officer for a CA State agency. This was an at-will position reporting to a nine-member board appointed by the Governor. I oversaw the work of approximately 75 staff. Prior to holding this position I was employed by a State agency overseeing statewide environmental regulatory programs and involved in both budget and legislative work associated with these programs.

If elected to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer my goals are to continue to improve the lines of communication between the Association and the RCDs and to actively increase the transparency of the Association governance structure. These two goals are interconnected. Communication is a two-way street. The current avenues for communication are not as robust as they should be due, in part, to our lack of face-to-face meetings during COVID and our current reliance on LISTSERV which is a passive means of communication and does not reach everyone that should be receiving important communications. While I believe the Association governance structure is sound, the Association is not doing a good job of providing meaningful information to its RCD members. I am committed to improve this situation.

I would be pleased to discuss my qualifications and goals with any District Directors. Please email me at hstahoe@gmail.com to set up a day and time to talk.

My name is Peter Van Dyke, and I am running for the position of CARCD Vice President. I am a board member and the President of the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District, the Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, and a director on the Land Trust of Santa Clara Valley board. My extensive local governance experience will serve CARCD well as we ask it to become a more transparent, accountable, and inclusive organization that strives to meet the needs of all RCDs, regardless of their size, location, financial resources, or organizational capacity.

Being in the fourth of five generations of a family farming fruits and vegetables in the Santa Clara Valley for over a hundred years has given me a deep-rooted commitment to promoting ecologically sound farming practices. Our farm has been certified organic for 38 years and is a model for the economic and ecological value of regenerative and organic agriculture. Our family's passion for stewarding the land we live on motivated us to find a way to protect our farm in perpetuity, and in March 2020, we entered into a conservation easement agreement with the Land Trust of Santa Clara Valley. Their process and commitment to the preservation of agricultural lands in a way that honors both the lands and the families that manage them impressed me so much that I asked to be on the board and was accepted.

I am very passionate about RCDs' history of working to preserve and enhance the physical integrity of working lands, to mitigate ecological impacts, and to provide technical assistance to landowners, growers, tribal groups, and other land stewards. Our RCD has established lasting and productive relationships with neighboring RCDs, local agencies, tribal groups, their leaders, and many conservation groups throughout the region and state, building our capacity to serve our constituents. My goal is to help all RCDs in the state build that same capacity. Given my experience and background, I am uniquely qualified to represent the RCDs as a CARCD officer and I ask that you support me for the position of CARCD Vice President. Please feel free to contact me personally if you would like to talk about my vision or ask me any questions

Thank you,
Peter Van Dyke
President and director Loma Prieta RCD
408 483 3636 / pvd7635@gmail.com.

Please complete the form below if you would like to be listed as a SUPPORTER of AB 2313 (Bennett) - Regional Farmer Equipment & Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program, co-sponsored by CAFF and CalCAN .

The letter can be found below:

Re: AB 2313 (Bennett) – Regional Farmer Equipment & Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program – SUPPORT

Dear Chairs,

We the undersigned farmers and food organizations write to express our support for AB 2313 to establish a program to support regional farm equipment sharing for small and/or mid-scale, limited resource, and underserved farmers and ranchers.

As climate change impacts increase and the agriculture sector must adapt to extreme weather, wildfire, temperature changes, and decreasing water availability, there is an urgent need to help farmers and ranchers adopt management approaches that increase their climate and economic resilience. Sustainable management practices also provide critical ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration, as well as supporting regional food and fiber systems.

In California, 75% of farms operate with net cash farm income gains under \$25,000 or with net losses. After land, the purchase of farm equipment and infrastructure is the second largest capital investment producers face, but it is often inaccessible for small to mid-scale, underserved, and limited resource farmers and ranchers. Often, conservation practices and agricultural wildfire mitigation strategies, such as prescribed grazing, require high-value equipment that is used infrequently. Similarly, infrastructure such as cold storage facilities are often prohibitively expensive, but shared facilities can serve multiple growers across a region throughout the year, especially in regions where different crops require storage at different times.

Equipment sharing programs allow farmers to borrow or lease high-value equipment and can facilitate conservation practices, help alleviate financial barriers to equipment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide necessary resources to build regional food economies.

There is evidence of successful publicly supported equipment sharing programs in states like Maryland and New Hampshire, as well as numerous non-profit-run programs.

Despite the public benefits of equipment sharing and burgeoning need and interest across the state, there is currently no state support for farmer and rancher equipment sharing programs.

This bill establishes a program to support equipment sharing for farmers and ranchers that face the highest barriers in accessing the equipment they need to build climate resilience and regional food and fiber systems. This program would provide funds to eligible entities, such as resource conservation districts, County agricultural commissioners, University of California Cooperative Extension offices, tribal entities, farmer cooperatives, and nonprofits to develop and maintain equipment sharing programs for their constituencies. The program would also support technical assistance for maintenance of tools, tool demonstrations, and farmer cooperatives. This bill prioritizes farmers that face the highest barriers - underserved farmers and ranchers, and limited resource farmers.

As climate impacts worsen, this bill would provide a critical bridge for farmers who are seeking access to needed equipment for conservation practices, wildfire mitigation, and expanding their economic viability, but currently face financial barriers.

Sincerely,

**AB-2313 Farmer Equity Act of 2017: Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance P**

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**NO. 2313**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bennett
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Connolly and Villapudua)**

February 12, 2024

An act to add and repeal Section 515 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2313, as introduced, Bennett. Farmer Equity Act of 2017: Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program.

The Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995 requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish and oversee an environmental farming program to provide incentives to farmers whose practices promote the well-being of ecosystems, air quality, and wildlife and their habitat. The act also requires the department to establish the Healthy Soils Program and a technical assistance grant program, as specified.

Existing law, the Farmer Equity Act of 2017, requires the department to ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, as defined, in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, regulations, and policies and programs, as specified.

This bill would require the department, in collaboration with certain entities, to establish the Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program as part of the Farmer Equity Act of 2017 to provide financial and technical assistance to support regional farm equipment sharing and enhance cooperative benefits first for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and, if funding is available, for limited resource farmers and ranchers or eligible entities that serve socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers and ranchers, as specified. The bill would specify the entities eligible for financial assistance under the program and would require that applications for financial assistance to develop and expand equipment sharing programs include certain information. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2030.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

- (1) In California, 75 percent of farms operate with net cash farm income gains under \$25,000 or with net losses.
- (2) After land, the purchase of farm equipment and infrastructure is the second largest capital investment producers face, but such a purchase is often inaccessible for small- to mid-scale, underserved, and limited resource farmers and ranchers.
- (3) Equipment sharing programs allow farmers to borrow or lease high-value equipment and can facilitate conservation practices, help alleviate financial barriers to equipment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide necessary resources to build regional food economies.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program established by this act do both of the following:

- (1) Primarily serve historically underserved farmers and ranchers, including socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and limited resource farmers and ranchers.
- (2) Uplift regional economies and inspire greater farmer collaboration and collective work by resourcing and supporting farmer cooperative technical assistance.

SEC. 2. Section 515 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

515. (a) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Conservation, the BIPOC Producer Advisory Committee, and the Small-Scale Producer Advisory Committee, shall establish the Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program to provide financial and technical assistance to support regional farm equipment sharing and enhance cooperative benefits for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and limited resource farmers and ranchers.

(b) Activities that are eligible for funding pursuant to this section include all of the following:

- (1) Developing and expanding equipment sharing programs, including, but not limited to, the purchase and repair of tools, equipment, and infrastructure, and associated administrative costs, to do both of the following:
 - (A) Support environmental farming practices, including, but not limited to, practices that promote soil health, water conservation, wildlife and their habitat, and wildfire resilience.
 - (B) Enhance regional food and fiber systems for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and limited resource farmers and ranchers.
- (2) Providing technical assistance and support, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - (A) Training on the use and maintenance of tools, equipment, and infrastructure.
 - (B) Outreach to ensure direct and meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and limited resource farmers or ranchers.
 - (C) Small farm tool demonstrations.
- (3) (A) Providing a direct grant to an entity that will assist in cooperative development for farmers.
 - (B) The entity described in subparagraph (A) shall have relevant cooperative development expertise and be able to provide meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and limited resource farmers or ranchers.

(c) The program established pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

- (1) (A) Provide financial assistance for projects that primarily benefit socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.
 - (B) If there are moneys available after providing financial assistance pursuant to subparagraph (A), provide financial assistance for projects that primarily benefit limited resource farmers or ranchers.
 - (C) If there are moneys available after providing financial assistance pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B), provide financial assistance to eligible entities that serve socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers or limited resource farmers or ranchers.
- (2) Prioritize financial assistance for projects that primarily benefit farms or ranches that are 500 acres or less.

(d) Entities eligible for financial assistance under the program shall include resource conservation districts, county agricultural commissioners, the University of California Cooperative Extension, tribal entities, small and underserved farmer cooperatives, and nonprofit organizations serving socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers or limited resource farmers or ranchers, or both.

(e) An application for financial assistance pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) shall include, but is not limited to, a description of how the applicant will operate an equipment sharing program, including all of the following:

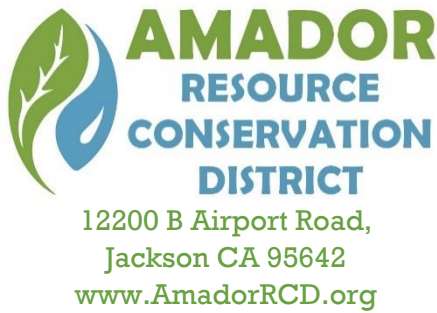
- (1) A list and description of the tools, equipment, and infrastructure the applicant will purchase.
- (2) A description of the lending program, including safeguards for the long-term benefits of any tools, equipment, or infrastructure purchased, expected benefits of the lending program, and the types of farmers or ranchers the applicant aims to serve, including specific outreach that will be provided to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and limited resource farmers or ranchers.
- (3) A description of how the lending program will be maintained after the period of the financial assistance expires.

(f) The Farm Equity Advisor at the department shall ensure that the pilot program meets the objectives of this article.

(g) For purposes of this section, "limited resource farmer or rancher" has the same definition as in Section 760.107 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(h) For the purposes of this section, "financial assistance" shall not include a loan.

(i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.



Project Summary

Project Name: **Multi-Landowner EQIP/Forestry Navigator Program**

Entity: Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD)

Funding Mechanism: NRCS Cooperative Agreement

3/20/2024

Grant Due Date: April 3rd

Goals:

- Hire a full-time ARCD staff to support NRCS work, by combining these and NACD grant funds.
- Research and develop a Multi-Landowner EQIP (MEQIP) Program and Forest Health Navigator position.
- Host at least three workshops that promote NRCS programs.

Project Description:

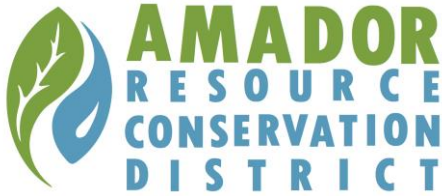
Funds work be used to support NRCS programs by building staffing capacity at the Amador RCD. Staff would serve the entirety of the NRCS Jackson LPO service area. The ARCD has received funding through the National Association of Conservation District (NACD) to hire Technical Assistance staff, the funding request for this project was cut by 25%, which means there are only funds to pay for a 0.75 FTE staff. It is challenging to recruit qualified part-time staff to achieve the technical assistance deliverables. A portion of this funding would cover the remaining 25% of a full-time technical assistance provider.

Additionally, funding would provide ARCD staff capacity to research and develop a Multi-Landowner EQIP (MEQIP) Program. This program would identify obstacles to grouping landowners under one EQIP contract and identify a process to accomplish these MEQIP contracts. ARCD staff will also develop a forest navigator staff position that could provide technical assistance to forest land management regardless of implementation funding sources. Lastly, this funding will provide ARCD with the capacity to develop and host at least three workshops that promote NRCS programs.

Tentative topics include:

- Programs 101: A workshop detailing a broad variety of financial and technical assistance on working landscapes.
- Agricultural Legacy Workshop: this event will focus on estate planning and conservation easement support.
- What Comes Next; HSP to CSP: this workshop will focus on supporting awardees of the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) to utilize NRCS's Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

2024 ARCD Cooperative Agreement Multi-Landowner EQIP/Forestry Navigator Program		
	NRCS	Match
Salary/Benefits	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
Nat. Resource Tech	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
Forestry Navigator	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Bookkeeper	\$ 2,000.00	
Supervisor (AW)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Training	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$ 2,850.00	\$ -
Laptop	\$ 850.00	\$ -
General Office Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Field Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Computer Programs	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Other	\$ 2,150.00	
Travel/Mileage	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Indirect	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -
Total	\$ 73,700.00	\$ 90,000.00



Amador Resource Conservation District
Forest Health & Fire Mitigation Programs Description
updated 3/8/2024

Forest Health

Jackson Creek Watershed Forest Health Project: This project is currently working with private property owners to implement mastication and grazing within Jackson Creek watershed. To date 286 acres have been treated. This program will also help landowners develop Rx burn plans.

Small Landowner Forest Health Technical Assistance: In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) the ARCD provides technical assistance and a path toward potential forest health practice implementation funding through the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

Community Forest health Assistance Project: **SEEKING FUNDING** This assistance would help groups of landowners develop forest health plans and submit collaborative proposals to EQIP and other funding sources.

Internal County Natural Resource Programs Database: Development is currently in progress with Ag. Commissioner staff hosting database. This database will house programs available to residents and businesses within Amador County for the purposes of natural resources management. Staff of the Ag. Building can query the database to provide contact information to the public or partners.

Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne Natural and Working Lands Hub: This collaborative effort of RCDs help to develop landscape-scale projects under the RCDs agriculture and forest health programs. Through this program, the ARCD is working with partner RCDs to develop a regional natural resource database/guide that will be available to residents and land managers to search for available assistance.

Fire Resilience

Mitchell Mine Maintenance and Demonstration Project: ARCD has conducted maintenance on 85.6 acres of the fuelbreak and plans to treat an additional 80 with herbicide by June 2024. ARCD and Cooperative Extension have developed a demonstration project along Lupe Road to show the efficacy of different maintenance treatments.

Chipping Program: ARCD is implementing a residential fuels Roadside Chipping program, a Neighborhood Chipping program, and Community Chipping events to help encourage continued vegetation maintenance in the county. Residents can apply online for free chipping services.

Defensible Space Program: ARCD is in the process of developing a newly awarded project to assist seniors treat defensible space and dead and dying trees on their properties.

This summary only covers the ARCD forest health and fire resiliency programs. ARCD also has the following programs: Working Land Assistance, Wildlife/Habitat Restoration, Healthy Soils Incentives Program, and the Sacramento Amador Water Quality Alliance.



Amador Fire Safe Council
Program Descriptions
updated 3/8/2024

Areas of Focus: Fire Mitigation, Ingress/Egress, Community Coordination, County Coordination

Fire Mitigation

Community Fuelbreak Program

Upper Rancheria Fuelbreak: 236.5 acres has been contracted for mastication; work is anticipated to begin by April 2024.

River Pines Community Fuelbreak: The River Pines fuelbreak is almost complete with a total 171 acres to be treated by April 2024.

Projects in-development: Central Pine Grove Fuel Break, Mt. Crossman Community Fuelbreak, Butte Mtn. Community Fuelbreak, Volcano Hills Community Fuelbreak **SEEKING FUNDING**, Ohio Hills Fuelbreak **SEEKING FUNDING**.

Federal Lands within the WUI: The AFSC works closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop forest health projects to reduce fuels and fire risk, working to treat and maintain federal ground within the WUI in Amador County.

Tiger Creek: AFSC has completed 318 acres of treatment and removal of 270 dead trees on BLM ground through funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).

AmCo Stewardship Project: AFSC has completed 160/413 acres of treatment on 5/8 BLM parcels throughout Amador County.

Rancheria Ridge: **SEEKING FUNDING** treatment of 147 acres

Crestview Parcel: **SEEKING FUNDING** treatment of 17 acres within central Pine Grove

Pine Acres Fuelbreak Maintenance: AFSC is working to complete 82 acres as the initial phase of maintenance of the Pine Acres fuelbreak. Staff is working to develop the second phase of treatment which will likely occur in fall 2024.

Ingress/Egress

County Roads Vegetation Maintenance: AFSC has completed 243.85 acres along roadways with a total of 95.25 additional acres in progress.

Private Road Vegetation Maintenance: AFSC has completed 39.75 acres of treatment along private roads and is working with 4 communities to complete Ingress/Egress on private roads. The estimated acreage of these upcoming roads is 45.4.

FireWise Community Signage Program: purchasing road name signs for 16 FWCs throughout Amador county. Signage is anticipated to be installed by FWCs by the end of March 2024. Legible, consistent, and visible road name signage to assist in the evacuation and ingress of emergency personnel.

Areas of Refuge: Proposed/In-Development This project is proposed to utilize ingress/egress funds to identify and develop areas of refuge. These are areas that could be utilized as staging areas and safe havens in the event of a disaster/wildfire when no egress option is available.

Community Coordination

FireWise Community Development Assistance: AFSC provides assistance to FWC through a FWC Coordinator. The FWC Coordinator (in partnership with AFD) helps new and existing FWC navigate the process of certification and recertification. Over the past 2 years the AFSC has assisted 32 communities in becoming registered.

FiresWise Startup Supplies: The AFSC provides supplies to help kick-start firewise communities such as postage, printing, signage, and a bulletin board.

FireWise Forum: The Coordinator facilitates the FireWise Forums on a quarterly basis. These meetings provide an outreach and educational opportunity to the FireWise leads and a network and resource sharing opportunity.

County Coordination

Amador County Coordinator: the county coordinator works to assist partners in project development and grant writing as well as facilitating stakeholder meetings. County Coordinator in the executive staff of the AFSC.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP): **SEEKING FUNDING.** The AFSC is seeking funding to update the county-wide CWPP. The CWPP has not been updated in almost 20 years, much has changed in regard to project development strategy, community involvement, and fire risk since the development of the CWPP.

Future Projects/Programs:

- Develop and refine internal AFSC project/program mapping.
- Develop coordinated county-wide mapping systems and databases for projects.
Develop coordinated county-wide project prioritization criteria and project reporting systems.
- Develop a county-wide protocol and timeline for fuelbreak and roadside vegetation maintenance.

ARCD	Grant Period	Amount Awarded	Direct Cost	Expended to Date	Amount remaining	Amount Remaining Broken Down by Category			
						Indirect Cost	Staff	Contractual	Other
RCPP - COMPLETE	5/15/2019 - 8/31/2023	\$ 312,362.00	\$ 312,362.00	\$ 296,656.51	\$ -				
Mitchell Mine Fuel Break 2CA05282	6/10/2021 - 6/9/2024	\$ 327,700.00	\$ 297,910.00	\$ 148,521.43	\$ 179,178.57	\$ 16,288.05	\$ 1,438.06	\$ 152,691.19	\$ 8,761.28
Healthy Soils - Round 2 21-0540-000-SG	10/1/2021 - 10/1/2024	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 36,970.18	\$ 23,029.82	\$ 3,838.30	\$ 19,365.69	\$ -	\$ (174.17)
NACD 2022 - Round 5		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 65,457.90	\$ 34,542.10	\$ -	\$ 32,153.89	\$ -	\$ 2,388.21
Chipping 2021 - Round 2 5GG20102	11/2021 - 3/15/2025	\$ 718,292.00	\$ 652,993.00	\$ 127,515.59	\$ 590,776.41	\$ 53,706.67	\$ 100,223.51	\$ 411,946.79	\$ 24,899.44
Jackson Creek Watershed 8GG20624	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2025	\$ 3,603,152.00	\$ 3,217,100.00	\$ 850,854.71	\$ 2,752,297.29	\$ 294,888.99	\$ 88,061.71	\$ 2,363,997.68	\$ 5,348.91
NACD 2024 - Round 6		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
2023 RCPP Round 2	11/1/2023 - 11/15/2025	\$ 262,857.00	\$ 239,505.00	\$ 13,173.70	\$ 249,683.30	\$ 23,352.00	\$ 133,764.98	\$ 68,441.82	\$ 24,124.50
Healthy Soils - Round 3 23-0672-000-SG	11/1/2023 - 10/31/2026	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 8,009.12	\$ 51,990.88	\$ 4,665.15	\$ 39,118.78	\$ -	\$ 8,206.96
WCB Grant - Pollinators	2/14/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 2,042.22	\$ 248,957.78	\$ -	\$ 97,957.78	\$ 151,000.00	\$ -
WCB Grant - Wildlife Habitat	12/20/2023 - 2/28/2027	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 87,600.00	\$ 112,400.00	\$ -
DOC Grant	2/22/2024 - 3/31/2027	\$ 1,618,366.64	\$ 1,407,275.34		\$ 1,618,366.64	\$ 211,091.30	\$ 568,790.50	\$ 798,884.84	\$ 39,600.00
Defensible Space	12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029	\$ 633,584.00	\$ 565,700.00		\$ 633,584.00	\$ 67,884.00	\$ 87,800.00	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 22,900.00
Misc Receivables					\$ -				
AFSC Staff Time									
LCRCD Staff Time									
SAWQA Staff Time									
		\$ 7,909,951.64	\$ 7,110,483.34	\$ 1,252,544.85	\$ 6,657,406.79	\$ 675,714.46	\$ 1,331,274.90	\$ 4,514,362.32	\$ 136,055.13

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of Feb 29, 2024

AFSC	Grant Period	Amount Awarded Broken Down by Category						Amount Remaining Broken Down by Category					
		Amount Awarded	Indirect Cost	Staff	Contractual	Other	Grant Funds Spent to Date	Amount remaining	Indirect Cost	Staff	Contractual	Other	
1	Coordinator (CAFSC) - COMPLETE	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2024	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 154,500.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -				
2	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 40,712.40	\$ 35,077.42	\$ 234,192.58	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 163,130.44	\$ 216,851.96	\$ 23,234.13	\$ 12,042.53	\$ 111,575.30	\$ 70,000.00
3	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 720,256.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 798,033.84	\$ 35,537.97	\$ 3,807.02	\$ 524.29	\$ 24,206.66	\$ 7,000.00
4	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 190,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 172,863.69	\$ 47,336.31	\$ 4,285.11	\$ 6,876.13	\$ 35,525.26	\$ 649.81
5	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 859,710.00	\$ 26,650.00	\$ 699,346.18	\$ 344,949.82	\$ 31,359.07	\$ 3,307.83	\$ 283,632.92	\$ 26,650.00
6	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 423,550.00	\$ -	\$ 25,346.50	\$ 490,058.50	\$ 44,550.77	\$ 38,080.28	\$ 407,427.45	\$ -
7	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ 39,760.00	\$ 495,875.00	\$ 9,820.00	\$ 21,403.31	\$ 578,596.69	\$ 52,599.24	\$ 37,052.45	\$ 479,125.00	\$ 9,820.00
8	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 28,070.00	\$ 833,625.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 24,195.60	\$ 925,814.40	\$ 84,165.40	\$ 17,763.99	\$ 821,935.01	\$ 1,950.00
9	RFFCP - SNC	2 years Expected not Executed	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 145,700.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ -	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 145,700.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,800.00
10	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 54,488.00	\$ 585,112.00	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 300,205.11	\$ 425,794.89	\$ 38,708.62	\$ 30,569.01	\$ 342,311.23	\$ 14,206.03
11	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 18,455.00	\$ 1,151,558.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 462,217.45	\$ 826,226.55	\$ 75,111.22	\$ 10,735.23	\$ 739,080.10	\$ 1,300.00
			\$ 6,946,753.40	\$ 652,804.40	\$ 610,550.42	\$ 5,524,078.58	\$ 157,920.00	\$ 2,841,742.12	\$ 4,104,457.09	\$ 377,210.58	\$ 302,651.74	\$ 3,274,818.93	\$ 148,375.84

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