

# CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY: SIERRA NEVADA RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

## Opportunity for Private Non-Industrial Forest Landowners

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are partnering to bring an assistance program to forest land owners in the Central Sierra dealing with forest mortality, burns, or wildfire risk.

Local Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) in partnership with NRCS field offices, can provide technical assistance to forest landowners experiencing tree mortality or wildfire risk. This assistance could result in cost share payments to produce forest management/conservation plans to landowners. The conservation plans will include practices aimed at hazard tree removal, fuel reduction, forest stand improvement, and reforestation where appropriate. Cost share payments can offset costs of this work. The program is designed to encourage forest management and provide support for landowners to protect their forest resource. Interested forest landowners should work with their local RCD to complete an application for financial assistance

### Work Within the 100-foot Defensible Space

This program recognizes that the high cost of removing hazard trees, particularly within 100-feet of structures, on private lands can prevent necessary management from occurring. Allowing work to be performed within the defensible space is key in supporting the health and safety of these communities. Note that RCPP payments may only cover a portion of the cost.

Non-industrial private forest landowners in the Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern are potentially eligible.



- For technical assistance to private forest landowners contact your local Resource Conservation District (RCD) and NRCS field office
- Technical assistance provided by the RCD will help you understand the condition of your forested lands, assess your management goals, present options, and culminate in a Forest Management or Forest Conservation Plans
- Landowners may be eligible for cost-share payments to help cover treatments through NRCS's RCPP funding pool
- Payments are intended to incentivize management, and are not designed to cover the entire cost of work
- Find the RCD near you at [CARCD.org](https://CARCD.org) or scan this QR-code

