

Helping you care for our **land, water,** **soil, and wildlife.**



Hello Napa RCD Community!

Summer is in full swing, and we're thrilled about the many exciting projects and planning efforts happening locally to help the region be more sustainable. We invite you to join us and get involved in making a difference. From planting and caring for trees to collecting acorns, picking up trash, and managing invasive weeds, there are diverse ways for you to contribute.

Keep an eye out for our first Saturday volunteer events each month, featuring a new activity every time. If Saturdays aren't convenient, don't worry—there are plenty of other opportunities throughout the summer and beyond. Stay tuned for updates and find a project that sparks your interest. We can't wait to see you out there!

Until next time,
Napa RCD



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Water Wisely: Enhance Your Vineyard with Our Free Irrigation Evaluation Services!

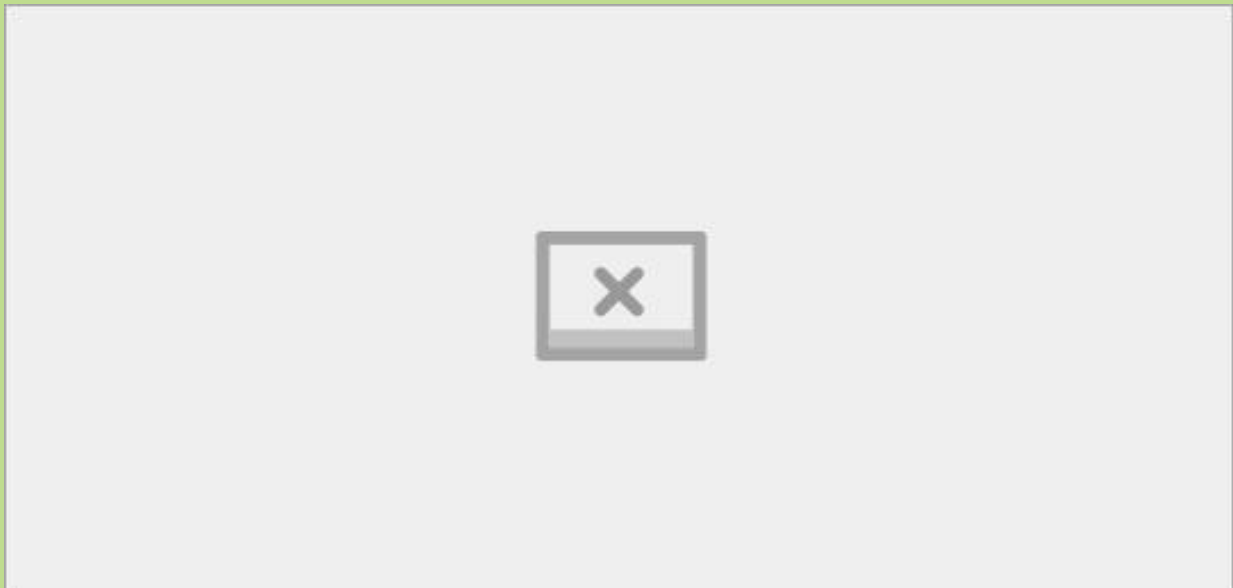
Are you making the best use of water in your vineyard?

Good water management in agriculture depends on an irrigation system that delivers water effectively, on a schedule that closely matches the needs of the plant, and on healthy soils that can effectively infiltrate and retain water.

Napa RCD provides free assistance with:

- Evaluation of the performance of irrigation systems
- Development of irrigation management plans
- Interpretation of data from soil moisture probes and water quality analysis
- Development of soil health management plans
- Interpretation of data from soil lab analysis
- Training in Spanish to farmworkers on topics related to soil health and irrigation water management.

Watch this short video to learn more about irrigation water management in vineyards, featuring Napa RCD's Sustainable Ag Program manager, Miguel Garcia.



For more information or to schedule an evaluation please contact Miguel Garcia, Sustainable Ag Program Manager, at miguel@naparcd.org

Your Input is Needed!

Napa's Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP)



The RCAAP is a collaborative effort led by the County of Napa, the Cities of American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and the Town of Yountville that will act as the Napa Region's roadmap to prepare for the impacts of climate change and reduce current emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG). Public input is critical as the plan is being developed in order to prioritize measures and projects that serve different facets of the community. Visit climateactionnapa.konveio.com to take the survey and learn more.

Learn More about RCAAP Engagement Opportunities

To stay updated on the plan, and to begin providing input, click the link below! The deadline for the survey has been extended to 8/21.

Take the Survey

City of Napa Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)



The City of Napa, in partnership with Napa RCD and Napa Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster (Napa Valley COAD), is developing a CWPP for the city of Napa. This is a tool to address wildfire risk by promoting collaboration and local action through comprehensive planning and prioritization. Public input will be critical throughout the plan in order to identify draft measures and projects that serve different facets of the community.

Join us at this year's annual Fire Life and Safety Day to learn more about the plan and plug into community resources!

Where: Fire Station #1, 930 Seminary Street, Napa, CA 94559

When: October 12, 2024 from 10 AM - 2 PM

For more information on how to join upcoming events, to stay updated on the plan, and to begin providing input, click the link below.

Learn More



First Saturday Volunteer Days

Napa RCD is buzzing with exciting projects, and we'd love for you to join us in making a difference right here in Napa County! From planting and caring for trees to collecting acorns, picking up trash, and managing invasive weeds, there are many ways to get involved. We invite you to join us on the first Saturday of each month for our standing volunteer event. Each month will feature a new activity, and we'll keep you updated on what's happening. If Saturdays don't fit your schedule, don't worry—there are plenty of other opportunities throughout the year to find a project that sparks your interest.

For more details, reach out to Ashley at Ashley@NapaRCD.org or **707-690-3117**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Ashley

Prescribed Fire Training
with Napa, Solano, and Yolo PBAs

To support prescribed fire in the region, Napa, Solano, and Yolo PBAs have teamed up to offer virtual and in-person prescribed fire trainings. The introductory trainings will cover prescribed fire basics like:

local fuel type • burn windows • burn plans • fireline safety
prescribed fire operations • taking weather • radio communications

Participants must attend **BOTH** virtual trainings (or watch recordings) and select one of the three field days offered. Folks are welcome to attend any in-person field day that fits their schedule regardless of county affiliation. All participants must register using the QR code or link below.

• Virtual Training #1: Monday, August 19 from 8-8 PM via Zoom
• Virtual Training #2: Thursday, August 22 from 8-8 PM via Zoom
• Napa PBA Field Day: Saturday, August 24 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Napa, CA
• Yolo PBA Field Day: Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Esparto, CA
• Solano PBA Field Day: Saturday, September 21 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Yuba City, CA

For questions, please contact Bolly Adams at oliam@agcal.org

To register for the trainings visit www.agcal.org/online-training-2024 or scan the QR code below.



There will be NO live fire at these events.

Prescribed Fire Trainings

The Napa Prescribed Burn Association (PBA), in collaboration with Yolo PBA, Solano PBA, and UC Cooperative Extension is hosting a training series to cover prescribed fire basics with introductory concepts that will help prepare attendees to safely and effectively participate in prescribed fires. Topics covered will include:

- Fire behavior
- Fuel types
- Risk management
- Burn planning
- Ignitions
- Spot fires
- Hand tools
- Radio communication

This training series will not have live fire components and no certifications will be offered.

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Congratulations, 2024 Napa RCD Scholarship Awardees!

Congratulations to the winners of the Napa County Resource Conservation District Scholarship, Paulina Viera Zambrano and Xiara Diaz!

The purpose of this scholarship is to celebrate the contributions of young leaders who have partnered with the Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) to voluntarily care for



Awardee, Paulina Z.



Awardee, Xiara D.

Napa County's land, water, soil, wildlife, and people.

When asked why each of these wonderful individuals would like to pursue environmental opportunities in the future, they responded:

- "I want to pursue environmental opportunities in the future because I have a very strong belief in the immensity of the importance of the natural environment. The natural environment is the foundation of humanity and of all living organisms, without an environment, life would not be possible. Because of this, it is crucial that we, as a society, come together to advocate for the natural environment and for a cleaner and greener future."- Paulina Viera Zambrano
- "I believe that it is crucial to be an advocate of environmental issues while living my dream of my future workspace being the natural world that surrounds us." – Xiara Diaz

Both have plans to pursue environmental degrees. Paulina plans to double major in Environmental Sciences and Architecture in the fall, while Xiara plans on majoring in Ecosystem Management and Forestry.

We're excited to support Paulina and Xiara in their educational journeys and can't wait to see the positive impact they will make in the field. We wish them the best of luck in their studies and future endeavors!



Coming Soon: Internship Opportunity

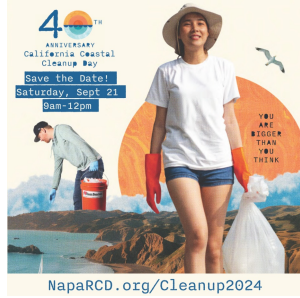
The 2024 Fall Teen Conservation Internship will open for applications in mid-August. This year we plan to host three interns from October through January, and another three interns during the Spring. This internship will require weekend work. We'll be spreading the word through local schools and teachers, the Napa RCD newsletter, website, and social media accounts, so keep an eye out for the application open date!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events with Napa RCD

Celebrate 40 Years of California Coastal Cleanup Day!

This year's Coastal Cleanup Day is set for Saturday, September 21, from 9am-12pm. We have 16 sites throughout the County, including one cleanup happening by boat, so there's a spot for



everyone! You can see the full list of sites at www.NapaRCD.org/Cleanup2024 Registration will go live soon!

Learn more

Call for Site Captains:

Looking to Lead? We are searching for about 4 more Site Captains for Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept 21. What's a Site Captain? Great question! Site Captains are the Napa RCD representatives at each of our 16 sites who work to ensure people feel welcomed, know what to do, feel safe throughout the day, learn how to sort out the trash they find, and then, at the end of the day, Site Captains are responsible for reporting data on what was found at that site to Napa RCD staff.

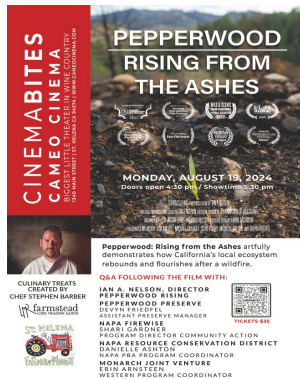


We are especially looking for one to two people that are fluent Spanish speakers, so that more members of our community are included in the effort!



Interested? Email or call Ashley@NapaRCD.org or 707-690-3117 for more information.

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Pepperwood: Rising From the Ashes - Film & Discussion

Join us for a screening of “Pepperwood: Rising from the Ashes” on Monday, August 19th at Cameo Cinema. This 50-minute documentary showcases how California’s ecosystems rebound after wildfires. Directed by Ian A. Nelson, the film will be followed by a Q&A with Nelson and experts from Pepperwood Preserve, Napa Firewise, Napa RCD and Prescribed Burn Association, and Monarch Joint Venture.

Danielle Ashton, Napa RCD's Project Coordinator, will be speaking about efforts to launch the Napa Prescribed Burn Association

Doors open at 4:30 PM, with the film starting at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$35, benefiting the St. Helena Farmers’ Market.

Register Here

Tap into the Watershed



**NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK &
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Napa Open Space District Volunteer Work Party: 8/9 - Vine Trail Invasive Plants

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Up



**NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK &
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Napa Open Space District Volunteer Work Party: 8/17 - Clearing the Cove

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August 27- October 22, 2024



Register now for
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Forest
Stewardship
Workshop

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Online, August 27- October 22, 2024

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UCANR Smoke Readiness Webinar

Online, September 4

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Join the 2025 class of Master Gardeners! Application deadline is 9/25.

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The Napa County Fire Department (NCFD) provides a FREE chipping service to all residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Napa County.

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Funds Available for Organic Transition
\$10,000 ORGANIC TRANSITION GRANTS

Applications open:
 Cycle 1: July 8 - August 2, 2024
 Cycle 2: October 7 - November 1, 2024

The CCOF Foundation is giving \$10,000 grants to farmers transitioning to organic practices because we know that organic agriculture is a proven solution to our environmental and food system challenges. These grants will help you transition to organic production practices and increase your income.

Applicant Eligibility

- Have a minimum of 10 acres of land for a total of 100 acres.
- Have a minimum of 10 years of farming experience in organic agriculture.
- Be a resident of California.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Have a business plan, marketing plan, or other certification, and/or an organic system plan for the transition to certified organic production.
- Be a member of the National Organic Program (NOP).
- Have a minimum of 10 years of agricultural production experience.
- Have a minimum of 10 years of farming experience in organic agriculture.
- Be willing to provide an income report at the end of the grant period.
- Submit a letter of reference with your application.
- Submit a signed report at the end of the grant period.

Producers of all crops and livestock types that are eligible for organic certification are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be completed online at <https://www.ccof.org>.

Grant application open dates:
 Cycle 1: July 8 - August 2, 2024
 Cycle 2: October 7 - November 1, 2024

Applications must be completed online at <https://www.ccof.org>.

For more information or assistance please contact info@ccofof.org or call 707.442.1000.

The CCOF Foundation is giving \$10,000 grants to farmers transitioning to organic practices. The second cycle of applications will open October 7 - November 1, 2024.

Learn More

**Stop by and say hello to us at this event!*

Did you know we have a separate email list for our **volunteers**?

Join the E-List!

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