

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



Hello Napa RCD Community,

As we move through this month, we're reminded of the resilience of both our communities and the natural world. Recently, Southern California faced the stark impacts of wildfire. The fires have left much work to do in their wake, and they've sparked an outpouring of support and action from individuals and organizations committed to restoration.

In these challenging times, we stand in solidarity with those working tirelessly to heal and rebuild—especially the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM), which is on the front lines of recovery. While the recovery process will be long and complex, it also brings an opportunity for us all to reflect on the importance of environmental stewardship—both in times of crisis and beyond. ***How can we support the health and restoration of our local ecosystems, now and in the future?***

Locally, there are many ways we can take action. From planting native species and reducing our water usage, to engaging in habitat restoration projects and supporting sustainable practices, let's remember that protecting our land and wildlife is an ongoing effort—one that requires collective action.

Let's continue carrying forward the spirit of community and care, working together to build a more resilient, sustainable future for our local ecosystems.

Until next time,
Napa RCD



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Announcements



Welcome to Napa RCD, Francisco!

Napa RCD is excited to introduce Francisco Larios, our new Conservation Project Assistant! With a strong background in vineyard work, Francisco brings a fresh perspective and a wealth of hands-on experience to our team. We're so happy to have him with us and can't wait to see the great things he'll bring to the table. Please join us in giving Francisco a warm welcome! Want to get to know the other wonderful people behind Napa RCD's work? Check out our staff bios below!

Staff



River-Safe & Fish-Friendly Car Wash Season Is Back!

Hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser? Let us help you make it river-safe and fish-friendly! Our staff can provide free consultation services, including a site visit, tools, and materials to protect creeks and rivers from soaps, brake dust, and oils.

Contact Eric McKee, Education Project Manager, at eric@naparcd.org to get started!

Contact Eric

For tips on reducing car wash pollutants check out the link below.

Vehicle Maintenance
Tips



Free Vineyard Irrigation Evaluations - Sign Up Today

Napa RCD is offering a free service to evaluate the distribution uniformity (DU) of your vineyard irrigation system. This test determines how evenly water is being applied across an irrigation block and throughout the vineyard. You will receive a custom report with the results from the evaluation and specific recommendations on how to improve the performance of your irrigation system.

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

Email
Miguel



Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Project Submittal Forms Open

The City of Napa is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The CWPP provides communities, planners, and fire officials the resources to identify, plan for, and implement projects such as: vegetation management, structure hardening, outreach and education, and funding.

Learn More about the
CWPP

Project submission forms for the CWPP are now live. Submit a CWPP Project today and contribute to wildfire resilience efforts in Napa!

A CWPP project is any activity that reduces structure ignitability, increases public education about wildfire, or reduces hazardous fuel (vegetation) conditions. Visit the link below to learn more and submit your ideas.

[Submit a Project](#)

Have questions? Keep scrolling to read more about our CWPP Project Submission Virtual Office Hours!



Napa RCD's Emerging Environmental Leaders Scholarship Opportunity

This scholarship celebrates the contributions of young leaders who partner with Napa RCD to care for the County's land, water, soil, wildlife, and people. As the go-to-hub for conservation in the County, Napa RCD is honored to recognize, activate, and empower the next generation of environmental stewards.

Applications are due by April 30, 2025.

[Learn More](#)



Call for Gardens for 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour

Napa RCD, the City of Napa, and the UC Master Gardeners are planning the 2025 Climate-Friendly Garden Tour, to be held on **May 17, 2025**. We are looking for gardens in and near the City of Napa and Town of Yountville that showcase beautiful, climate-smart, and water-wise features.

Each garden should be available for showing on May 17 from 10am-4pm. We are hoping to find both home and commercial landscapes, which can include wineries! We love a perfect garden, but we love an in-progress, much-still-to-do garden just as much!

Think your garden might fit? Please fill out the interest form at NapaRCD.org/GardenTour2025 or contact Ashley@NapaRCD.org for more details.

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Volunteer Events with Napa RCD

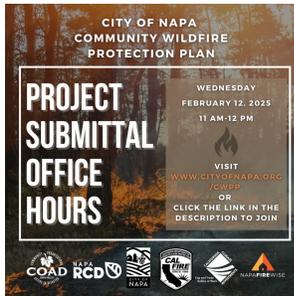


Cancelled - 2/1: First Saturday Volunteer Day at Alston Park

As you may have heard, we're working hard to outsmart the increasing vole population at Alston Park, and we need your help making an impact on the ground.

However, due to rain this weekend, our **First Saturday Volunteer Event has been cancelled**. Please join us on **SUNDAY, 2/23**, for a bonus volunteer day at Alston Park where we can continue this ongoing work together!

[Learn More](#)



2/12: CWPP Project Submittal Office Hours

Project submission forms for the CWPP are live! You can submit a CWPP Project today and contribute to wildfire resilience efforts in Napa - and we're here to help you through the process.

Join us for **CWPP Project Submittal Virtual Office Hours** on **2/12** from **11 AM-12 PM**. We'll be working through the project submission form right alongside you, and answering all of your CWPP project questions.

To join, click the link below on 2/12 at 11 AM, or reach out to monique@naparcd.org for more information.

[Link to Join Meeting on 2/12](#)

Help our Native Plants Thrive!

Fourth Saturday French Broom Volunteer Weed Pulls

Westwood Hills Park - 9am-12pm

Meet at the kiosk
Tools and training provided



January 25
February 22
March 22
April 26

Come prepared for all weather, uneven terrain, and a short hike up a steep hill. Once up the hill, we will have tasks for all ability levels.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL ecorona@cityofnapa.org



2/22: Westwood Hills Park Volunteer Weed Pull

Join us and our friends at City of Napa Parks and Rec for their fourth Saturday weed pulls! From now until April, meet on the fourth Saturday of each month and help pull invasive French broom at Westwood Hills Park.

To RSVP, contact Ranger Erin at ecorona@cityofnapa.org

Rescheduled - 2/23: First Saturday Volunteer Day at Alston Park

Fall in love with oak woodlands and contribute to their growth with our restoration project at Alston Park! We're working hard to outsmart the increasing vole population there, and we need your help to make an impact on the ground. We've got a lot of work to



do to do clearing grasses and rocks out of the way so our friends at Parks and Rec can safely get mowers and weed eaters into the area without causing damage to previous plantings. This is an ongoing project, so drop by from 9-11 AM, bring a friend, and we'll get you set up with everything you need to help us outsmart the voles!

[Learn More](#)



3/6-7 & 3/12-14: Train the Trainer: Soil Health and Irrigation Assessment Workshops

Held in partnership with the [Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation](#), these Train-the-Trainer classes will offer Napa County farmworkers an opportunity to learn the importance of maintaining proper soil health in vineyards and the role soil health plays in irrigation water management. The course is open to both beginner and intermediate students, and complimentary for Napa County farmworkers.

A Spanish language Soil Health and Irrigation Assessment workshop will take place at the end of the March, so stay tuned for more info!

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Tap into the Watershed



Winged Migration Expo February 1 & 2

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CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training: Spanish Cohort February 1, 8, & 9

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Napa County Pruning Contest February 8

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Solar+Battery & Home Resiliency: Sustainability Workshop with the Napa County Natural Resources Division February 12



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Napa Wildlife Rescue Talk at the Carolyn Parr Nature Center February 15



Learn More

North Coast Soil Hub Symposium* March 12- April 3



Learn More

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

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Join the E-List!

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