



# Forest Health & Fire Resilience

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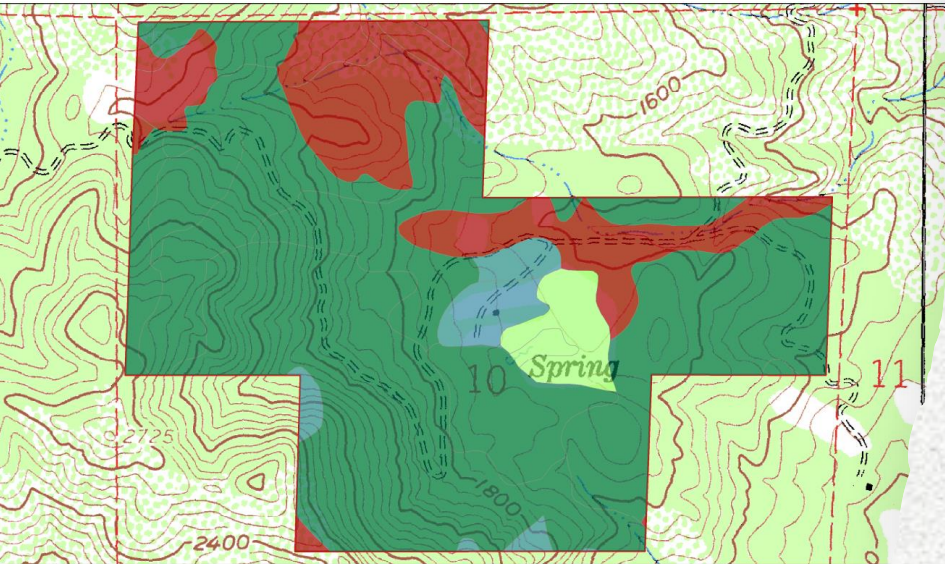
# What We Do

**Technical and financial assistance to landowners to:**

- Reduce fuels in forests and grazing lands to minimize wildfire risk
- Restore and enhance after wildfires

**Types of financial assistance:**

- Landowner cost-share programs
- Support a range of organizations in applying for implementation grants





# What We Do

## Collaboration and coordination:

- Participate in pre-fire coordination with Cal Fire, County Fire, and others
- Support Cal Fire's Sonoma Lake Napa Unit with implementing their priorities
- Partner with neighboring counties to design and implement landscape-scale projects
- Advise in the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans

## Education and outreach:

- Presentations in English and Spanish to a range of audiences
- Field tours & demonstrations
- Videos and educational materials







# Grants





*Gordon Long, Amador RCD's Natural Resource Specialist, attends an Area 3 Forestry Training with RCD and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff. Photo courtesy of the Amador RCD.*

## National grant funds wildfire mitigation and soil health through California Resource Conservation Districts

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Funding from the Technical Assistance grant will increase on-the-ground conservation by allowing RCDs to hire foresters, soil health specialists, and other technical staff.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) awarded the Technical Assistance Grant to nine California resource conservation districts (RCDs). The Amador RCD, the Calaveras County RCD, the Tuolumne County RCD, the Cachuma RCD, the Coarsegold RCD, the East Merced RCD, the Napa County RCD, the Lake County RCD, and the Sonoma RCD will use the funding to hire staff to deliver conservation planning technical assistance and to assist landowners in implementing Conservation Stewardship Program contracts.

The Technical Assistance Grant Program is a collaboration between the NACD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a way to provide enhanced conservation services to farmers, ranchers, forestland owners and local communities across the nation. In 2017, NACD entered into the first of

### RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

[What are RCDs?](#)

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### EXPLORE OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

- Climate Resilience
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Public Education
- Thriving Communities

## National Assoc. of Conservation Districts grants

**\$706,865 since 2018**

**USDA-NRCS pass-through money only available to RCDs**

**Supports RCD staff providing technical assistance (forestry planning, post-fire site visits)**





Coastal Conservancy Grant - Project Proposal Map  
 Moore Creek Park - Linda Falls Preserve - PUC Forest - Suscol Intertribal Council  
 Napa County, California



Scale 1:50,000 1 inch = 4,167 feet

**State Coastal  
 Conservancy grant  
 \$1,078,684**

**Selectively thin and  
 remove trees and brush  
 on 376 acres of:**

- Pacific Union College
- Land Trust of Napa County's Linda Falls Preserve
- Napa Open Space District's Moore Creek Park
- Suscol Intertribal Council's Suskol House Project

**Also supports education  
 and workforce  
 development**





# Landowner Cost-Share Programs





# North Bay Forest Improvement Program

## Welcome to the North Bay Forest Improvement Program

Rebuild NorthBay Foundation (RNBF), in partnership with the five Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) of Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, and Napa counties and Clear Lake Environmental Research Center, is offering the North Bay Forest Improvement Program to forest landowners across the four-county north bay region. This three-year pilot program is made possible thanks to \$1.5M in Proposition 68 funding awarded via a CALFIRE Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance grant.

This program brings critical resources to treat wildfire hazards on private properties throughout the region, with a focus on serving disadvantaged communities. The North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) supports planning and implementation of projects on private forested lands to reduce risks of wildfire and promote forest health. The program provides financial incentives to landowners to conduct this critical work.

### What is the NBFIP?

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### Am I eligible to participate?

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### Frequently Asked Questions

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**State funded**

**Regionally directed landowner cost-share program**

**Efficiently administered**

**Innovative revolving loan partnership with foundation**

<https://rebuildnorthbay.org/nbfip/>



# NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Projects

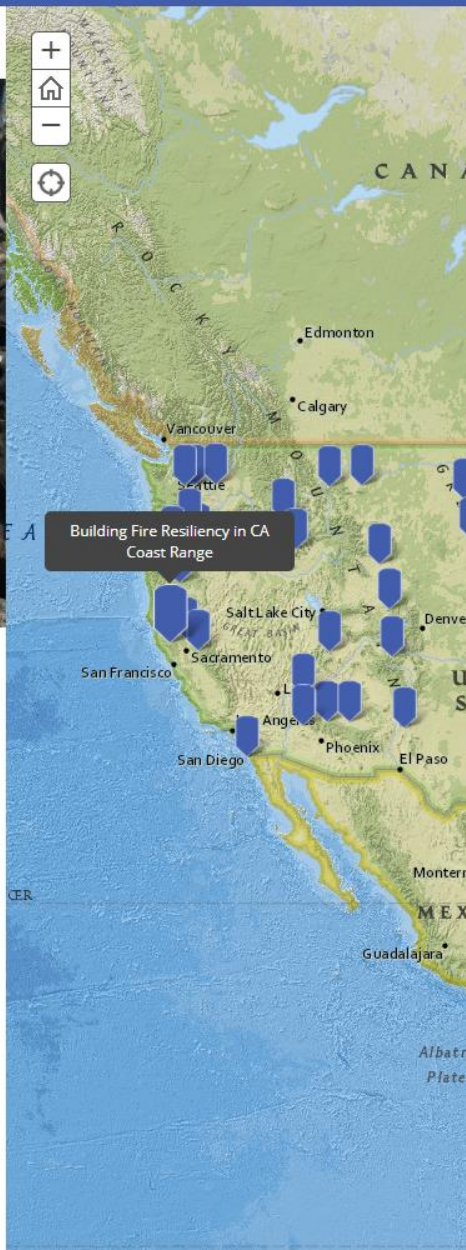
Pinpoints for the 2021 RCPP Classic projects have been placed in the center of the state. Actual project locations vary.

RCPP Classic Projects 2021

RCPP Classic Projects 2020

RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements Projects 2020

## Building Fire Resiliency in CA Coast Range



Lead Partner: Rebuild North Bay Foundation

Lead State: CA

Partner States: N/A

Funding Amount: \$4,922,217

Funding Pool: S/M

Critical Conservation Area (if applicable): N/A

The Rebuild North Bay Foundation and fourteen partners will reduce fuel loads, improve forest and rangeland health, prevent soil erosion and help wildfire damaged areas recover by engaging the participation of landowners and producers in seven fire-prone counties in Northern California. Partner contributions from local Resource Conservation Districts will provide technical assistance to landowners. RCPP flexibilities will allow project partners to engage with new landowners and producers with flexible incentives and a coordinated approach.

**Federally funded**

**Regional multi-agency partnership**

**Uses USDA-NRCS funding program to direct additional resources to our region for technical and financial assistance**





# Thank you!

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