

Public Workshop on Tree Mortality in the Sierra Nevada

WHEN: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

**WHERE: Morning/Inside at: Amador County Board of Supervisors
810 Court Street, Jackson**

And

**Afternoon/Outside at: Peterson Ranch Subdivision County Roads
Pine Grove CA (behind Dollar General Store)**

Tree mortality due to the extended drought, disease and insect attack is a state-wide issue that warranted the Governor's proclamation of a State of Emergency in 2015. There has been a dramatic increase in tree mortality throughout much of the Sierra Nevada on both public and private land. Recognition of this situation motivated local governments into taking action to both participate in statewide efforts to address the problem and to secure funding for treatments on county land. It also created the impetus to hold this workshop. The workshop is directed mainly at private landowners who have experienced significant mortality on their properties. It is also directed at landowners who need to know how to diagnose potential problems and if possible, take steps to reduce their risk.



The workshop will present information on the extent of tree mortality in the Sierra Nevada. It will include presentations by the Amador County Board of Supervisors, CAL FIRE, and specialists in financial and technical assistance available to private property owners. A field trip will be held to observe mortality and receive instruction on diagnosing problems.

Agenda (subject to change)

0830: Welcome – Introductions - Housekeeping

Dr. Richard Harris, Northern California Society of American Foresters
Jan Bray & Anne Heissenbuttel, CalAm Forestry Team

0845: The Tree Mortality Task Force and Extent of Mortality in the Counties

Chris Anthony, CAL FIRE, Statewide Tree Mortality Task Force, and
Tom Tinsley, CAL FIRE Unit Forester, Amador-El Dorado Unit

0920: Amador County Government Response to the Tree Mortality Emergency

Amador County Supervisors Lynn Morgan and Richard Forster

0945: Utilities Response to the Tree Mortality Emergency

Cory Peters, Vegetation Program Manager, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

10:00: Panel: Timber Industry Response to the Tree Mortality Emergency

Dr. Richard Harris, Moderator

1030: Break

1045: U.S. Forest Service Response to the Tree Mortality Emergency

Rick Hopson, Amador District Ranger, Eldorado National Forest

1100: Financial and Technical Assistance Available to Private Landowners

Amy Rocha, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and
Stewart McMorrow, CAL FIRE - Stewardship Forester

1120: Panel: Role of the Registered Professional Forester

Dr. Richard Harris, Moderator

1150: Causes of Tree Mortality

Beverly Bulaon, U.S. Forest Service, Forest Entomologist

12:10: Protecting High Value Trees

Steve McKelvey, Foothill Tree Service

1230: Depart for field – Peterson Ranch, Pine Grove (map on Page 3)

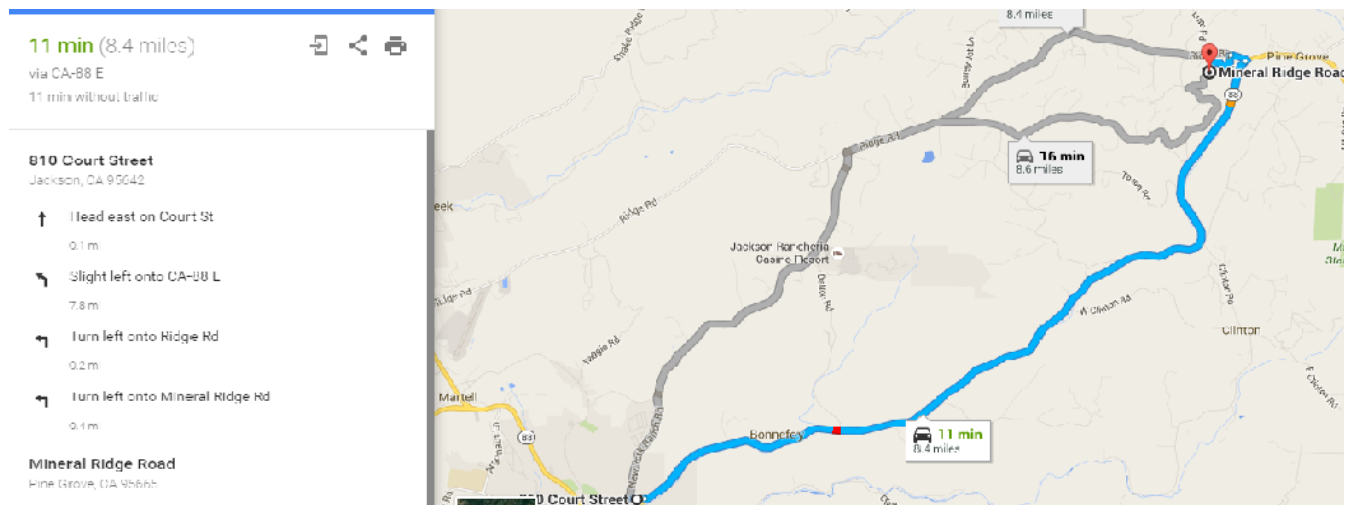
1300: Diagnosing Tree Disease and Insect Problems in the Field

Beverly Bulaon and Steve McKelvey

1500: Adjourn & Safe Travels

Logistics:

Transportation from the conference site to the Peterson Ranch will be the responsibility of attendees. Car-pooling will be encouraged. You should come prepared for a full day and bring your lunch and water. We will eat en route or in the field. Dress appropriately for the afternoon field session in the woods.



Field Trip – Peterson Ranch, Pine Grove; 8.4 miles from the Board of Supervisors Chambers. East on Highway 88, Left at the Ridge Road stoplight, Left at Mineral Ridge Road, proceed towards Peterson Ranch Drive.

The Northern California Society of American Foresters (NorCal SAF), Amador County Board of Supervisors, CAL FIRE and CalAm Forestry Team are sponsoring this workshop.

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Registration is mandatory. To register for the workshop contact Dr. Richard Harris at forestryhelp@gmail.com or calling (707) 685-5508. Please contact Dr. Harris if you have any questions about the workshop.

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