



Calaveras County *Tree Mortality Program*

Residents of Calaveras County - Are you a property owner with dead or dying trees caused by the prolonged drought and bark beetle epidemic of recent years? You may be eligible for the County's Tree Mortality Hazard Tree Removal program.



Thousands of dead trees located on private property along County roads have died. Many of these trees have been dead for up to five years and are susceptible to failure during high winds, rain and snow storms. Governor Jerry Brown declared a State of Emergency in December of 2017 that has made grant funding available to the County to remove those trees that pose a threat to the County infrastructure and the traveling public. Trees on private property are currently being identified by foresters hired by TSS Consultants the County's Tree Mortality Program Manager. Letters and a Right of Entry Form (ROE) will be sent to those property owners who have trees that may qualify for this program. Those dead trees will be marked, cut down and removed at **no cost to the property owner, once the County receives signed ROE forms back from property owners.**

The County hopes to have contractors on the ground removing hazardous trees in February or March. Trees will be cut and removed or left (at the landowner's discretion) **at no cost to the property owner**. Delays in abating these hazards increases the risk that they will fall and damage public and private property or cause human injuries or death.

If you have received a form, please return it signed as soon as possible. The forms may be returned by mail (a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided) or by email. If you have any questions about the form or the County's tree mortality mitigation program, please contact Dr. Harris at (707) 685-5508 or by email at rharrisconsulting@gmail.com. You may also check the County's tree mortality webpage at <https://treemortality.calaverasgov.us>.