**NEVADA COUNTY –USDA**

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

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**TREE MORTALITY**

Landowner **Assistance** Request **Form**

Name---------- Date of Request. \_ Property Address \_ \_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email·\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Acres--------- #Dead/Dying Trees \_

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I am interested in receiving a site visit. Yes No\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or lease the property: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email This Form To:**

[*Pam.hertzler@ca.usda.gov*](mailto:Pam.hertzler@ca.usda.gov)or mail to:

113 Presley Way Suite 1

Grass Valley, Ca. 95945

OR Call (530)272-3417 ext 3

Once you have provided the information above, a Forester or staff member will contact you to answer questions and schedule a site visit

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Nevada County Tree Mortality Landowner Assistance

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

***Whv are so many trees dying?***

(i) Trees throughout California are dying at an increased rate due to a comb ination of drought and bark beetle infestation.

o While this has primarily occurred in the Southern Sierras to date, Nevada County is now seeing an increased rate of tree mortality that is expected to last the next 3-5 years.

0 Governor Brown has declared a tree mortality state of emergency for the entire state. Ten counties, including Nevada County, have been prioritized for assistance.

***Who is working on this issue in Nevada Countv?***

l!I The Nevada County Tree Mortality Task Force (TMTF) is an inter-agency effort to coordinate on all aspects of the tree mortality issue, such as public outreach, resource and funding identification and procurement, and landowner assistance.

e Collectively, we are doing as much as possible to slow the bark beetle infestation, remove dead and dying trees, and maintain healthy forests.

***Who is responsible to remove dead and dying trees?***

* Private landowners have the primary responsibility to manage the natural resources, including trees, on their properties.

Q State law requires landowners to maintain 100-feet of defensible space (reduced fuels) around their homes.

* All dead and dying trees should be removed. Trees with bark beetles should be felled, and either covered with plastic or chipped, to eliminate the beetles.
* Public agencies at the local, state, and federal levels have varying strategies and **resources to deal with dead trees on their properties.**

***Is there anv assistance available for private landowners?***

(\) Nevada County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is available to answer your questions and/or visit your property to provide site-specific advice. You are welcome to fill out a "Landowner Assistance Request Form." Nevada Co RCD can help determine your eligibility for various funding assistance programs.

* The partners of the Placer TMTF are working together to identify what funding may be available to assist landowners.
* If you own at least 3 acres of forestland property and have a minimum of 4 dead conifers/acre, you may qualify for cost-share assistance through USDA NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
* If you own at least 20 acres of forestland property, you may qualify for forest management cost-share assistance through CalFIRE's California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP). This may not include dead tree removal.

*o* PG&E is falling and removing dead trees along powerlines. Contact PG&E to see if you qualify for assistance. Call at 1-800-743-5000.

e Nevada County TMTF is working to identify solutions for biomass removal and treatment.

For more information, visit these online resources: Nevada Co. RCD: <http://www.ncrcd.org/index.php/resources-and-links/forest-health/bark-beetle-infestation/>

Nevada County Tree Mortality Page: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/Pages/Bark-Beetle-Infestation-Outreach.aspx>

Cal Fire Bark Beetle Page: http://www.readyforw ildfire.org/Bark-Beetles-Dead-Trees/