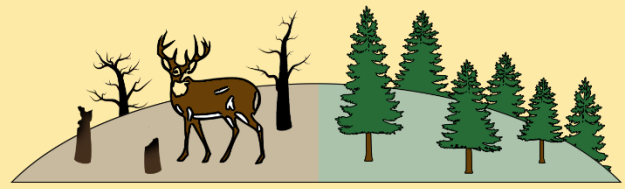


TuCARE



Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and Environment

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TuCARE NEWS AND UPDATES

Accolades and Accomplishments!



Amid covid and drought, there has been good stuff happening for our organization. During the past year, TuCARE's been able to reach thousands with information about natural resources and the wise management of them. Through helpful media, Clarke Broadcasting's "Mother Lode Views," we were able to share about our new program, **The Community Wildfire Protection Fund**, (CWPF) and they also helped us promote our Annual Dinner (back to in-person again!) and our **Annual Natural Resources Summit** as well. Our events this past 12 months have been heartily attended. It has been so good to see all of your faces again.

Our new Education Coordinator, Blair Ledford, was able to get our **Tours for Kids** program up and running again as covid restrictions were reduced. Even with school staffing issues (not enough bus drivers), over 20 fieldtrips were held this school year. There were many in-class presentations as well. Blair has some new and exciting plans for the 22-23 school year.

Last spring, TuCARE was honored as the "Non-Profit of the Year" for our State Assembly District. Assemblymember Bigelow bestowed the honor at a gathering at the State Capitol. TuCARE celebrates our 34th year in the Resource Education Business! We could not have done this if it weren't for our member supporters and donors. TuCARE is the last of what was once eleven "Alliance for Resources & Environment" organizations, which originally spanned Northern California and Southern Oregon. We have our community to thank for helping us to continue the good work that we do.

This fall we host our **Annual Natural Resources Summit and Tour** (early October). In addition, we will continue to educate and inform about our **Community Wildfire Protection Fund**, and our **Tours for Kids** will kick-off with the opening of school. Happy Summer!

TuCARE believes catastrophic fire is the greatest threat to the sustainability of our local economy, and we must do all we can to reduce the fuel loads in our forests and neighborhoods.

In an effort to help reduce wildfire devastation like that which took place recently in California, Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment (TuCARE) established the **Community Wildfire Protection Fund (CWPF)**.

The fund is for fuels reduction and fire safety projects on private land, within neighborhoods, and in and around subdivisions. In addition, funds are used to assist private landowners who are adjacent to the proposed "North Tuolumne Community Shaded Fuel Break." Funds are used on strategic projects that can't be paid for any other way. **Sonora Area Foundation**, our partner, holds the funds and facilitate funding disbursements.

TuCARE could not continue our good works without benefactors such as you. We appreciate all who have stood with us over the years and will continue to stand with us in the future as we work to make our communities fire safe and fire resilient.

To donate to the **CWPF**, payments can be made directly to **Sonora Area Foundation**. Make sure to note on your check "**CWPF**." All donations are tax deductible. If you would like a project presentation for your club, group, or business, please contact Melinda at (209) 586-7816. To learn more, go to www.CWPFProject.com for details.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS HOSTS AND PRESENTERS!

“Tours for Kids” and TuCARE want to thank our many Tour and Presentation Hosts. We couldn’t keep our education program going without the generosity of those who give their time to help us throughout the year. Below is a list of our hosts for 2022. Please let them know you appreciate what they do to help others know the importance of wise use and management of our natural resources.

Sierra Resource Management Pacific Ultra Power Blue Mountain Minerals Society of American Foresters
 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools High Sierra Timber Management Stanislaus National Forest
 Sierra Pacific Industries: mills, land, foresters, managers, and biologist TRI-DAM: Tulloch and Goodwin Dams
 Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) Bob and Sherri Brennan, Brennan Cattle Jon and Kellee Mockabee
 Steve and Brenda Bauhr, Bauhr Ranch CAL-FIRE Sierra Outdoor School Dell’ Orto Family Calaveras RCD

