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WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTED TO OVER 25 PARTNER AGENCIES

GLENN COUNTY, CA – The Glenn County Resource Conservation District (RCD) recently hosted a Wildfire Prevention and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Tour to connect with more than 40 individuals representing over 25 partner agencies to showcase the wildfire prevention work being implemented in Glenn County, CA.

In the audience was Assemblymember James Gallagher, representatives from Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Senator Brian Dahle's offices, and agencies such as Glenn County Sheriff's Office, Air Pollution Control District, Office of Education, Glenn County Chief's Association, CAL FIRE, CA Department of Conservation (DOC), CA Association of RCDs, Pacific Policy Group, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCCE), US Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service – Mendocino, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and more who participated.

Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer, Glenn County RCD began the morning with the theme of connecting. She stated her excitement to share the good work being done with partners at the local, state and federal levels to benefit the Glenn County and surrounding communities. Manhart-Belding noted that connecting with each other, the natural resources, working through challenges, and pursuing opportunities together will be key in continued successful collaborations to address wildfire prevention at the local level.

The day highlighted two projects: the Sacramento River Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and the Stony Gorge Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.

Sacramento River Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

The project site-visit at Packer Unit within the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge included a live demonstration with contractor, Diversified Resources, Inc., masticating using their heavy equipment. In partnership with CAL FIRE and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it was identified that the goal of the fuels reduction project is to reduce dense

woody vegetation surrounding public areas, habitable structures, and communities to improve suppression efforts, increase public safety and improve wildlife habitats.

Stony Gorge Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, a Landscape Type Conversation on Private Lands

The project site, located on the western side of the Stony Gorge Reservoir entrance, showed a landscape type conversion project; once invasive shrubs of chaparral is now grasses. The visit included Josh Davy, UCCE Livestock, Range and Pasture Advisor/ County Director of Tehama, discussing scientifically based processes to the seed grass selection for a long-term, privately managed approach to wildfire prevention. In partnership with CAL FIRE, CA DOC, UCCE and USDA-NRCS, the highly flammable invasive shrubs were removed by Cook Construction and Engineering Partnership and long-term vegetation will be controlled through possible livestock grazing.

Not only is wildfire prevention a priority in Glenn County, but it is also a priority in California. As a result of the unprecedented wildfires in recent years, the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force was created by the office of Governor Gavin Newsom to directly confront the near perfect storm of climatic and human-caused conditions that have brought the threat of devastating wildfire and its far-reaching effects to the doorstep of nearly everyone in our state, and beyond. Glenn County RCD is actively working with partners such as CAL FIRE, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service – Mendocino and the county to help bring more opportunity for proactive wildfire prevention approaches.

To learn more about the Glenn County RCD, please call 530-934-4601 x5 or visit www.glenncountyrcd.org. You may also email Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer, at kandi@glenncountyrcd.org –



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Sacramento River Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project
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