

# NRCS-CA Forestry Staffing

December 9, 2019

## Executive Summary:

NRCS-CA Field Offices have several pathways to obtain forestry staffing and deliver forestry technical assistance.

The types of staffing and Statewide current or planned number of staff and agreements are shown below. Also see the graphic, map, and detailed list of staffing.

## Current NRCS-CA Forestry Staffing

- **9 filled forester positions**
- **4 ACES foresters**
- **12 RCD agreements**
- **15 TSPs and 4 in registration process**

**NRCS-CA Foresters** – Regular full-time civil service foresters. (9 filled positions; 3 unfilled)

**NRCS-CA Conservation Planners, Area Conservations, and District Conservationist with Forestry JAA** (many)

**ACES** - Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services retired persons with forestry experience. (4 filled positions)

## **RCD Agreements**

- NRCS-CA RCD agreements. (2 agreements Georgetown RCD and Northwest RC&D)
- RCPP agreement with RCDs in Area 3. (2 agreements - Amador RCD and Mariposa RCD)
- CA RCD agreement with RCDs in Area 1. (2 sub agreements for Lake RCD and Mendocino RCD)
- RCD of Monterey County agreement for Area 2.
- National Association of Conservationist District agreements with RCDs (5 agreements).

**AFF Agreement** – New American Forestry Foundation agreement for Area 1. (One active sub agreement in Oroville FO)

**IDIQ – Expired no longer available** - Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity contract with private forestry consulting firms for services at any office.

**TSPs** – Technical Service Providers for forestry (13 persons), Agro forestry (1 person), prescribed fire (1 person), and 4 people in TSP registration process.

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## **Recommendations:**

- Advertise and fill authorized Forester positions, Weaverville FO, Yreka FO Forester, and Redding FO.
- Formalized a forestry assistance agreement with CAL FIRE for at least TSP services.
- Add collateral assignment for Mat Cocking as Statewide resource for Prescribed Burning.
- Better support Field Offices with high levels of non-industrial forestland that have low levels of forestry contracts.
- Align resources at FOs/Area Offices (Biologists, Archeologists, Farm Bill Assistants, proficient Customer Service Tool Kit employees) necessary to support expected workload created by forestry staffing.
- Plan for future/continued funding for new and existing partner forestry agreements.

# NRCS- CA - Types of Forestry Staffing

## NRCS Civil Service Staff

## ACES

## Agreements

## Contracts

Foresters  
Other staff with forestry JAA

Part time  
retirees

Existing RCD  
Agreements

CA RCD  
New Agreement

RCP-CA RCD  
New Agreement

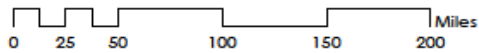
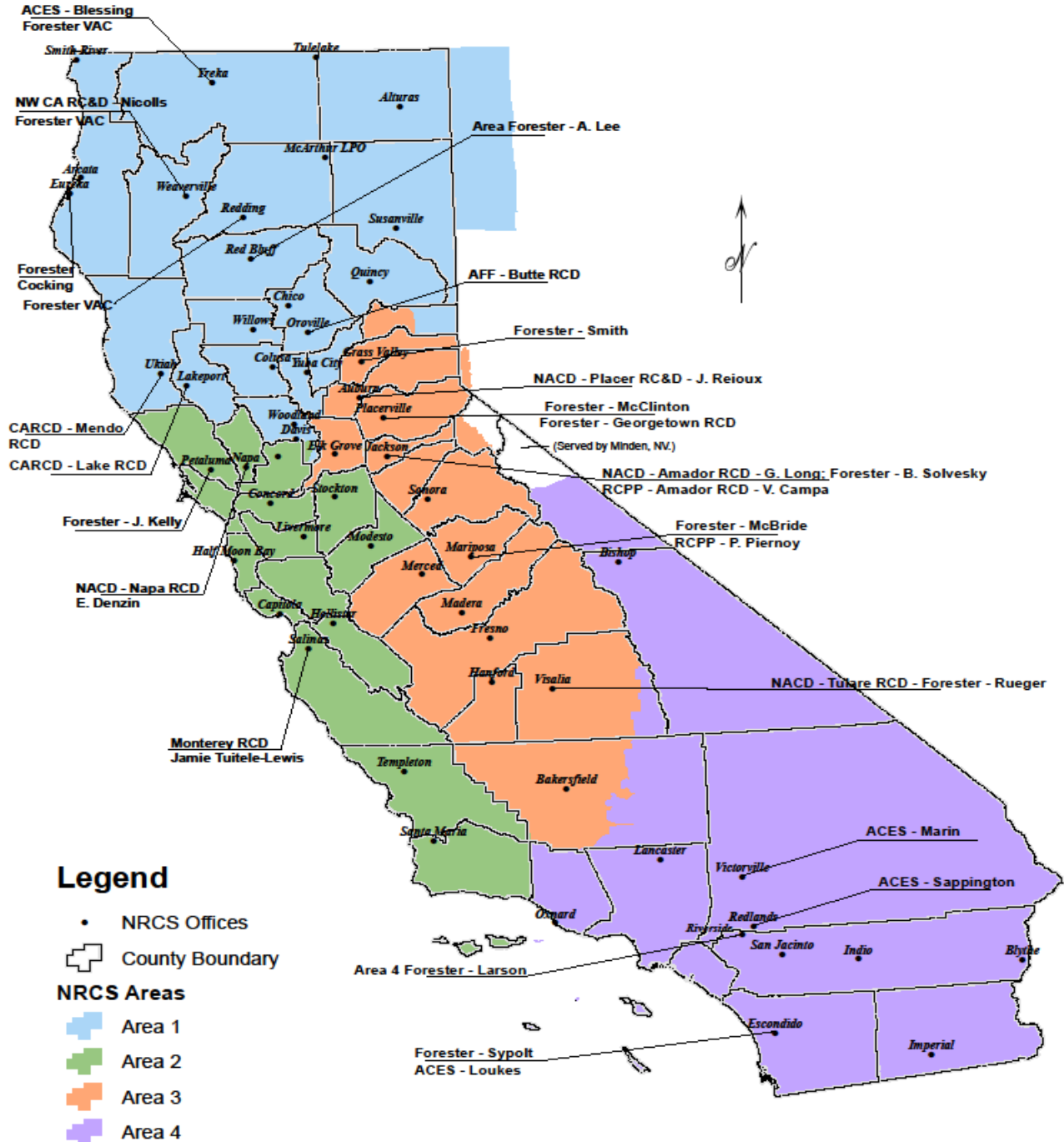
RCD of Monterey  
New Agreement

AFF  
New Agreement

NACD  
New Agreements

IDIQ Contract  
Call-When-Needed  
Expired 9/30/19

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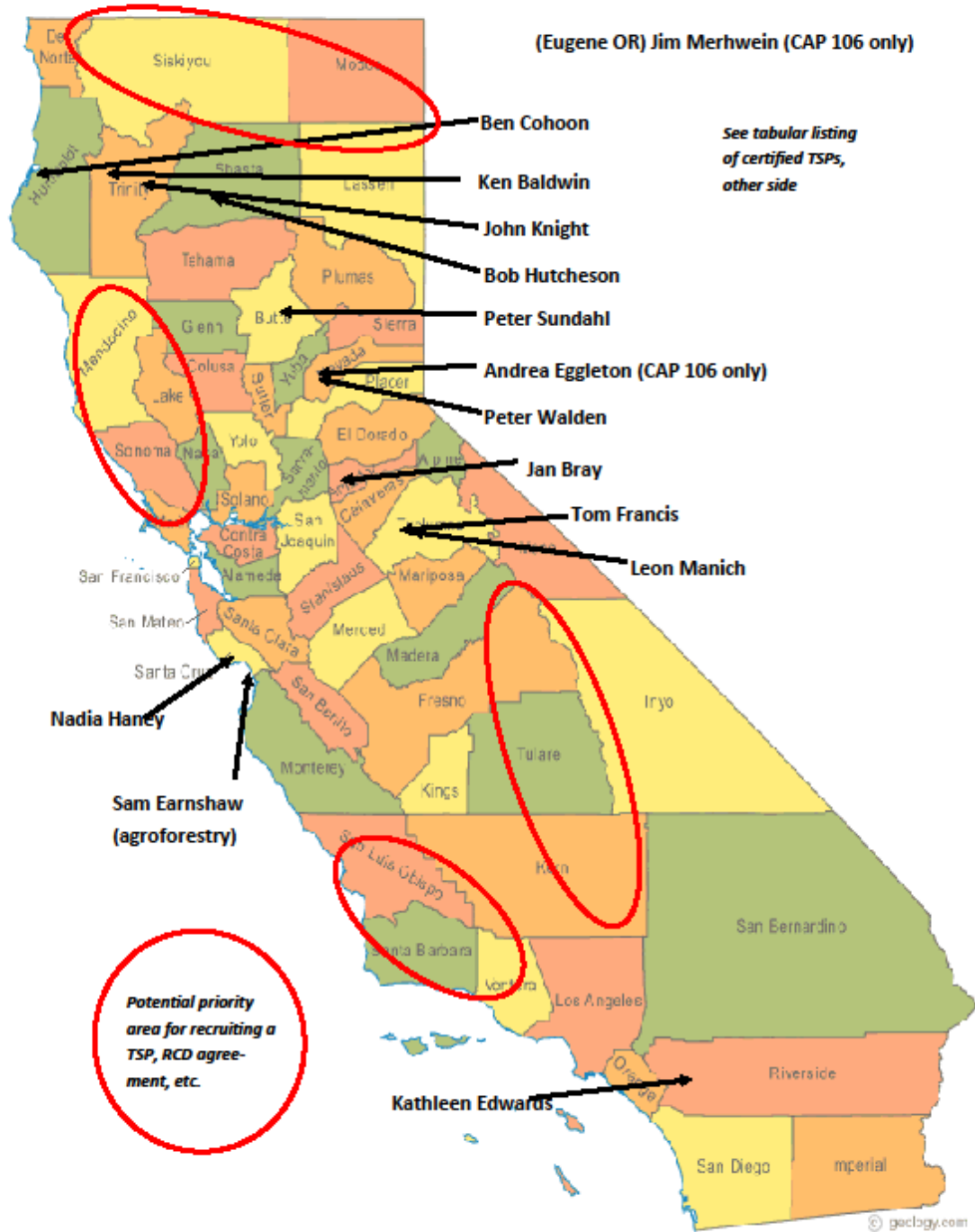


Map Data Source: NRCS State Office GIS Services Team, Davis, CA. December 2019

# Technical Service Providers

Forestry, Agro forestry and Prescribed burning

## Certified forestry TSPs in California: Techreg, 10/30/2019, SH



## Detail of Current and Planned Forestry Staffing

### Civil Service Foresters – “Forester”

**Area 1:** Mat Cocking - Eureka FO; Andrew Lee – Area 1 Red bluff ; Authorized Redding FO; Authorized - Weaverville FO; Authorized- Yreka FO.

**Area 2:** Jeff Kelly - Petaluma FO.

**Area 3:** Evan Smith – Grass Valley FO; Peter McBride – Mariposa FO; Brandon McClintic - Placerville FO; Ben Solvesky - Jackson LPO.

**Area 4:** : Kelly Sypolt – Escondido FO; Christian Larson- Area Forester, Riverside.

**State Office:** Chris Zimny

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### Civil Service staff with JAA for forestry practices – “Planner/DC/Area”

**Area 1:** Mindy Graves (DC) – Redding FO; Erika Lundquist- Ukiah FO; Carol Mandel (DC) – Ukiah FO; Danny Martynn (DC)-Quincy FO; Lynette Woodard (DC) – Lakeport FO; John Shultz, DC -Eureka FO; Jenna Ganoung (DC) -Weaverville; Carolyn Rouke (Planner) -Weaverville.

**Area 2:** Andrew Loganbill (DC) - Petaluma FO; Kelly Gin -Napa FO.

**Area 3:** Nikki Smith (Area Con) - Fresno; Robyn Smith (DC) – Mariposa FO; Danny Marquis (DC)- Placerville.

**Area 4:** Kim Lary (Area con) -Redlands.

Note: Many others have some JAA forestry practices

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### Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services, with forestry training and experience – “ACES”

**Area 1:** Dan Blessing – Yreka FO.

**Area 4:** Ross Loucks – Escondido FO; Nancy Sappington – Redlands FO; Tim Morin – Victorville FO.

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### NRCS -RCD Forestry Agreements –

**Area 1:** Carrie Nicholls, Northwest California RC&D -Weaverville FO.

**Area 3:** Georgetown RCD - Placerville F.O.

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### CA RCD Agreement – “CA RCD”

**Area 1:** Lake RCD-Lakeport FO; Mendocino RCD – Ukiah FO.

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### Sierra Tree Mortality RCPP CA RCD – “RCPP RCD”

**Area 3:** Vince Campa, Amador RCD- Jackson FO; Patrick Piernoy, Mariposa RCD -Mariposa FO;

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### American Forest Foundation Agreement – “AFF”

**Area 1:** Oroville FO.

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### RCD of Monterey County

**Area 2:** Jamie Tuitele-Lewis, RCD of Monterey County – Salinas FO (Servicing – Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties.)

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### NACD – Foresters hired for RCDs to assist NRCS using under NACD funding.

**Area 2:** Evelyn Denzin, Napa RCD -Napa FO; Jason Wells (RPF), Sonoma RCD;

**Area 3:** Gordon Long, Amador RCD – Jackson FO; Jerry Reioux, Placer RCD – Auburn FO; Brian Rueger, Tulare RCD -Visalia FO.

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### Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity – Expired 9/30/19 - State-wide call-when-needed forestry and other service.

**TSPs Forestry -**

Technical Service Providers								View/Print TSP List
Name	Type	TSP ID	Address	City	ST	Zip	Phone	eMail
BALDWIN, KENNETH C	Individual	TSP-03-2329	PO BOX 40	DOUGLAS CITY	CA	96024	5306232278	bravefriend@hotmail.com
Bray, Jan	Individual	TSP-10-6721	211 W Sierra View Drive	Jackson	CA	95642	2092567667	janberbray@gmail.com
Cohoon, Ben	Individual	TSP-19-22671	1410 2nd Street	Eureka	CA	95501	7074454130	bcohoon@ableforestry.com
Edwards, Kathleen L	Individual	TSP-19-22852	P O Box 2331	Idyllwild	CA	92549	9513138032	kathleenedwards@blackfoxtimber.com
Eggleton, Andrea Hardlund	Individual	TSP-18-22359	111 Bank St PMB #418	Grass Valley	CA	95945	5306154067	aheggleton@frstcorp.com
Francis, Thomas M.	Individual	TSP-16-21657	16198 Acorn Drive	Sonora	CA	95370	2095333180	tfrancis2046@outlook.com
Hamey, Nadia	Individual	TSP-19-22875	267 Sunlit Lane	Santa Cruz	CA	95060	8314310288	nadiahamey@gmail.com
HUTCHESON, ROBERT D	Individual	TSP-19-22669	20039 JUANITA LN	REDDING	CA	96003	5309259671	bobhutcheson@blackfoxtimber.com
Knight, John	Individual	TSP-11-7873	P O Box 2997	Weaverville	CA	96093	5307392834	jpkdok@yahoo.com
Manich, Leon James	Individual	TSP-16-21722	22230A South Colorado River Drive	Sonora	CA	95370	2095862115	ljm.cr@att.net
Mehrwein, James Alan	Individual	TSP-18-22207	4874 Spring Meadow Av.	Eugene	OR	97404	5412420770	jimm@mrallc.com
Sundahl, Peter	Individual	TSP-18-22510	1600 Feather River Blvd Suite B	Oroville	CA	95965	5305345229	pete@sierratimberservices.com

Darley, Brook , CAL FIRE, Redding, for CAP 106 FMPs signature.

Six others in registration – Ryan Bellenca, Weimar; Bill Vaughan, Santa Cruz; Charlie Holthaus, Trinity County; John Henshaw -Napa County.

**TSPs Agro Forestry -**

Technical Service Providers								View/Print TSP List
Name	Type	TSP ID	Address	City	ST	Zip	Phone	eMail
EARNSHAW, SAMUEL	Individual	TSP-04-3934	PO BOX 1766	WATSONVILLE	CA	95077	8317225558	hedgerows@baymoon.com

**TSPs Prescribed Burn -**

Technical Service Providers								View/Print TSP List
Name	Type	TSP ID	Address	City	ST	Zip	Phone	eMail
Dye, Phillip	Individual	TSP-16-21690	PO Box 41187	San Jose	CA	95160	4088071963	phil@prometheusfireconsulting.com

End 12/9/2019