

MLRP | MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 from 9:00am – 11:00am

Madera County Farm Bureau – 1102 S Pine St, Madera, CA 93637



This workshop will cover MLRP funding opportunities for projects such as pollinator habitat, explain the benefits behind such projects, and provide technical assistance resources to get started.

AGENDA:

- 9:00am – 9:15am Welcome, Introductions, and Registration
- 9:15am – 9:35am **RCD Programs & MLRP Overview**
Amy Siliznoff – Executive Director, Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District
Review the types of programs the Madera/Chowchilla RCD is involved in and technical assistance the RCD can provide, as well as an overview of the MLRP Program and pollinator project opportunities.
- 9:35am – 10:00am **On Farm Opportunities for Pollinator Conservation**
Deedee Soto – Pollinator Conservation Specialist, NRCS Partner Biologist, Merced, Xerces Society
An introduction to The Xerces Society and the types of assistance provided, as well as an outline of conservation practices with examples and additional resources. Last 5 minutes reserved for Q&A.
- 10:00am – 10:20am **Technical Assistance by Point Blue Conservation Science**
Catie Mong – Partner Biologist, Merced, Point Blue Conservation Science
Review the rangeland monitoring network, NRCS projects, and a ROOTS program for wildlife projects on working lands. Point Blue as a Technical Service Provider for other grants such as: CDFA Healthy Soils, Zero FoodPrint, and Xerces Habitat Kits.
- 10:20am – 10:40am **Working with NRCS to Establish Pollinator Habitat**
Taylor Fridrich - Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Pollinator habitat project examples in Madera, including tips for success, NRCS funding opportunities and how to get started.
- 10:40am – 11:00am Q&A