



# TMAP

To improve the health and safety of low income seniors and disabled home owners in Tuolumne County. This collaboration with private and public partners will provide resources, support and assistance in the removal of hazardous dead and dying trees as a result of catastrophic tree mortality.

# The Problem

- ▶ Successive years of drought has weakened trees ability to ward off infestations of bark beetles.
- ▶ The beetles effect the trees ability to transport nutrients and water up through their vascular system. That is why most trees appear to die from the top down. Ponderosa and Sugar pine trees appear to be impacted the most.
- ▶ Dead trees become a hazard to structures and roadways as well as add to the systemic wildfire risk in Tuolumne County.



# The Problem



- ▶ P, G, and E, Tuolumne County and Tuolumne Utilities District are primarily concerned with trees that might impact their infrastructure and will remove trees at no cost.
- ▶ Low income seniors and disabled home owners may not have the ability to fund hazard tree removal on their property.
- ▶ There are no grant programs available to individual property owners that may have hazard trees that potentially could damage their property or a neighbors property.

# TMAP Organization

- ▶ Sonora Lions Club is sponsoring the program as a 501 (C-4)
- ▶ Area 12 Agency on Aging will assist in qualifying applicants.
- ▶ The Sonora Area foundation will serve as the fiscal agent for program.
- ▶ Glenn Gottschall and Rick Whybra will work with licensed timber operators and arborists in evaluating ground logistics for tree removal once an application has been selected.



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- ▶ Fund raising will be facilitated by Tom Penhallegon with a focus, initially, on encouraging local service clubs and organizations to be monetary sponsors.
- ▶ A website is in development which will provide information on the program, forms, and possibly a calendar of events for fundraising and involvement.
- ▶ Retired Tuolumne County Counsel Gregory Oliver has donated his services and will handle the responsibilities of the Project Administrator.



# Selection and Qualification Process

- ▶ Applicants must meet certain criteria to qualify for program services.
  - \* Must live on the property.
  - \* Must be 60 and older. Or a disabled adult.
  - \* The program only applies to Tuolumne County.
  - \* Be classified as lower income per the chart on the income self certification form of the application.
- ▶ An applicant must have a photo ID.
- ▶ Must provide proof of US Citizenship.
- ▶ Must provide proof of income for all household members 18 and over.
- ▶ Must provide proof of home ownership.

# What are TMAP's immediate needs?

- ▶ We need commitments from local service clubs and organizations to provide funding or to sponsor fund raising events.
- ▶ This funding will allow us to have leverage when seeking additional grants or provide a possible match for the Sonora Area Foundation.
- ▶ We need service clubs and organizations to get the word out, and garner support from the community for this effort.



Contact TMAP@ 209-532-6272 Ext. 208

A Website is currently under construction  
and look for the Tree Mortality Aid  
Program on Facebook





# TMAP Organization

**Project Administrator**  
Gregory Oliver

**Secretary**  
Cathie Peacock

**Treasurer**  
Clay Maddox

**Fiduciary**  
Sonora Area Foundation  
Ed Wyllie

**Administrative support**  
Area 12 Agency on Aging  
Kristen Millhoff  
Sherri Brennan – District-1 Supervisor  
Ethan Billigmeier - OES

**Fund Raising**  
Tom Penhallegon - Chairman  
Wendy Dart – Lions  
Bob Bader - Lions  
Michael Olenchalk – Rotary  
Vicki Smith – Kiwanis  
Amy Falken – Sierra Non-Profit  
Mike Ayala – Kiwanis – and  
Sonora Area Chamber of Commerce

**Publicity/Media**  
Jim Gormely Lions - Chairman  
Greg Falken/webmaster/tech support  
Amy Falken

**Logistics**  
**Tree removal task force**  
Glenn Gottschall – HW 108 FSC  
Rick Whybra – Yosemite Foothills FSC

**LOCAL FUNDRAISING**

**MAJOR FUNDRAISING**

**GRANT WRITING**

# The TMAP Operating Committee is made up the following community partners.

- ▶ Sonora Lions Club
- ▶ Interfaith
- ▶ Highway 108 Fire Safe Council
- ▶ Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council
- ▶ Sonora Sunrise Rotary
- ▶ Kiwanis Club of Sonora
- ▶ Sierra Non-Profit Services
- ▶ Area 12 Agency on Aging
- ▶ Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services
- ▶ Tuolumne county Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Twain Hart Soroptimist Club