

# News Release

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## ***Conservation Burn/Biochar Workshop*** ***Monterey, California – April 10, 2019***

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) in conjunction with the Sonoma Biochar Initiative (a project of the Sonoma Ecology Center and the Vineyard Team) is sponsoring a Conservation Burn/Biochar Workshop this coming Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hahn Family Winery and St. Philippe Vineyard in Soledad. The classroom session on Conservation Burn/Biochar will run from 9 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and the Conservation Burn Field Training will run from 10:15 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

With modest changes to conventional pile burn methods, conservation burning can significantly reduce smoke emissions from pile burning and conserve a portion of the carbon contained in the plant material. This technique also produces a valuable soil amendment called biochar. Learn about this specialized form of charcoal that can increase crop production, retain nutrients and water, and sequester carbon in the soil.

The training is designed for:

- \* Vineyard and orchard managers & staff
- \* Forestry and tree contractors
- \* Open space land managers
- \* Fire service personnel
- \* Ranchers
- \* Environmental Science/Ecology Students

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Registration for the training is at <http://www.vineyardteam.org/events/>

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