

# THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

## Sample Project Covered Under the Program



Crane removing trash from riparian corridor



Hand-trimming willows

## Limited Vegetation Removal

The practice will be used to remove dead, uprooted vegetation from a channel which may accumulate in large amounts after a storm, plugging a channel or deflecting water towards banks or infrastructure; to remove fallen trees and other obstructions from a channel if these are causing detrimental bed or bank erosion; and to remove a limited amount of channel vegetation to prevent failure of a structure such as a culvert.

Hand tools will be used whenever possible to remove debris or perform selective trimming. Heavy equipment in a channel will only be used to remove large objects (e.g. cars, appliances, concrete) when access with a crane is not possible from the top of the bank.

Trimming willows, if required, will be accomplished in a way that retains a shaded tunnel-like effect. Whenever possible, willows will be limbed up into single trunk trees to reduce channel obstruction.

Habitat forming elements that provide cover, food, pools, and water turbulence, when present, will be retained when not causing bank or bed erosion, or replaced in a nearby stream location where they will not cause bed or bank erosion.

**Environmental values considered during planning and design include cultural resources; rare, threatened, and endangered species; air quality; and water quality and water quantity.**

### How the Permit Coordination Program Works for Landowners

- Landowner requests assistance from the NRCS/Cachuma RCD
- NRCS/Cachuma RCD develops a conservation plan to meet landowner needs, enhance natural resources, and comply with Program permits
- Landowner signs Cooperator Agreement to implement the conservation plan
- Project is covered by Program's programmatic approvals and agreements
- Participating agencies include California Department of Fish and Game, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, NOAA Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service\*, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers\*
- **All practices completed under this program must have a clear environmental benefit**

\*pending



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