

THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

Sample Project Covered Under the Program

Filter Strip


A strip of herbaceous vegetation planted between cropland, grazing land, or disturbed land and watercourses.

This practice applies when planned as part of a conservation management system and is used at the lower edges of fields to remove sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff prior to entering streams.

Filter strips are also used to provide permanent herbaceous vegetation to enhance habitat for wildlife and beneficial insects, and/or to maintain or enhance watershed function.

Filter strips may be installed within a 100 foot setback of a waterway; however, existing riparian vegetation will not be removed in order to install a filter strip.

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




Filter Strip installed between cropland and road diversion

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



Filter Strip installed between orchard and wetland



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