

THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

Sample Project Covered Under the Program



Gully erosion along road caused by concentrated flow from stormwater runoff



Regrading road to provide adequate surface drainage and prevent concentrated flow

Access Road

Improvements to an existing access road used for moving livestock, produce, and/or equipment for proper property management while controlling runoff to prevent erosion and maintain or improve water quality. This practice involves minor regrading of previously disturbed soil and might include outsloping or the addition of a rolling dip to a road so that water is less erosive as it travels across the road.

This practice is used only on existing access roads, with the following exception: an existing road may be relocated away from a natural watercourse in order to plant riparian vegetation as part of a stream corridor restoration plan. Access road improvements will be performed only on private roads that do not serve as the primary access to habitable structures, unless the private road is the only access to the farm/ranch. This practice does not include addition of asphalt or concrete to existing roads.

Improvements carried out under this practice will not be done for the purpose of accommodating future development or as a precursor to intensification of land use.

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**

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