

# THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

## Sample Project Covered Under the Program



Critical Area Planting following construction of diversion and grassed waterway



Critical Area Planting following construction of structure for water control

## Critical Area Planting

This practice is used to stabilize the soil, reduce damage from sediment and runoff to downstream areas, and improve wildlife habitat and visual resources.

Typically this practice is used after installation of other practices (*e.g.*, Stream Bank Protection) or to restore degraded sites such as gullies or deep rills or land disturbed by past oil development.

Native plants characteristic of the local habitat type will be used for this practice within the stream corridor, with the following exceptions: non-persistent, non-invasive grass species such as barley grass may be used as nurse crops or for temporary erosion control benefits until natives are established. Non-native plants from the Approved Plant List may be installed in upland areas to repair degraded sites.

When installing or maintaining this practice above the ordinary high water mark, a filter fabric fence, fiber rolls and/or rice or straw bales will be used, if needed, to keep sediment from flowing into the adjacent water body; when vegetation is sufficiently mature to provide erosion control, it may be appropriate to remove these structures.

**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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