

THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

Sample Project Covered Under the Program



Low water crossing creating barrier for steelhead trout migration



Low water crossing removed and replaced with bridge

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

Stream Crossing

A stable area or structure constructed across a stream to provide access for people, livestock, equipment, or vehicles.

This practice is used to improve water quality by reducing sediment, nutrient, organic, and inorganic inputs to the stream; reduce stream bank and streambed erosion; and provide access to another land unit.

This practice will be used to replace or modify existing crossings only, not to construct a new stream crossing where none currently exists. Typically, this practice is used to install fish-friendly crossings and is preceded by removal of a fish passage barrier. In steelhead streams, bridges, bottomless arch culverts, embedded culverts, or other fish-friendly designs are required. Bridges will not be replaced with fords or culverts.

The maximum grading limits for this practice (1000 cy), includes all placement of fill associated with bridge or culvert construction, including, but not limited to, bridge abutments/piles, wing walls, bridge deck, rock slope protection, and minor road realignments. Actual project size for excavation and grading may be larger than 1000 cy based on the size of the barrier that requires removal prior to installing a culvert or bridge and/or potential need for instream re-grading and/or placement of keyways (at-grade structures for channel stabilization) up- or downstream of the crossing.

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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