

# THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

## Sample Project Covered Under the Program

### Ponds

A water impoundment made by constructing an embankment or by excavating a pit or dugout.

This practice will be used to install new ponds and to restore existing ponds; ponds serve as part of a grazing management system to provide alternative water sources for livestock away from sensitive riparian areas and to create habitat for targeted species such as California tiger salamanders, California red-legged frogs, and other protected/rare species.

Pond restoration primarily involves removing sediment and repairing spillways and embankments; occasionally this may include complete replacement of embankments. These activities do not include any increase in the original storage capacity of a pond or increases in other dimensions such as height of existing embankments. Without appropriate pond maintenance, ponds no longer serve their intended purposes, do not provide wildlife habitat and, when embankments eventually fail, large amounts of sediment are delivered to downstream receiving waters.



### Additional Conditions

New ponds will be installed offstream on rangeland located in upland areas; water will be supplied only from rainwater or sheet flow (no groundwater pumping).

This practice will not provide water for irrigation, human consumption, recreation, or construction activities.

If excavated material is spread on adjacent uplands it will not exceed 1 foot in height.

Pond construction and restoration will require a landowner have a valid water rights permit. DFG and FWS will condition activities to avoid and minimize potential impacts to listed species; landowners assume responsibility for creating new habitat for listed species.

Pond restoration will occur when the pond is dry or when stream flow is at its lowest level.

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

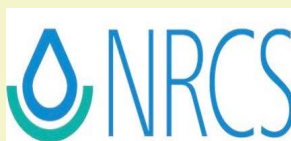
### How the Permit Coordination Program Works for Landowners

- 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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