

THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

Sample Project Covered Under the Program

BEFORE



Gully erosion in orchard caused by concentrated flow from stormwater runoff

AFTER



Combination of underground outlet, pipe drop inlet, and mulch used to safely carry water to a stable outlet

Structure for Water Control

A structure for water control is an irrigation, drainage, or other water management system, including streams and gullies, that conveys water, controls the direction or rate of flow, or maintains a desired surface water elevation.

This practice will be used to replace, modify, or install new culverts in **non-steelhead** streams and drainages such as under existing access roads, and also includes pipe drop inlets and outlets, rock energy dissipaters, stand pipes, and pump boxes.

This practice does not involve the diversion of water from a waterway or redirection of flow to a different waterway, and it does not result in a change in volume of flow or flow reduction to surface waters.

New culverts will not be installed in perennial streams. Replacement of existing culverts may occur in perennial streams and may include replacing undersized, eroding culverts with properly sized culverts.

Planning considerations include effects on downstream flows or aquifers that affect other water uses; short term and construction-related effects on the quality of downstream water; effects on aquatic and wildlife communities; and effects on the turbidity of downstream water resources.

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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