

# THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

## Sample Project Covered Under the Program



### Grade Stabilization Structure

A structure used to control the grade and prevent or stop head-cutting. This practice applies where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Special attention is given to maintaining or improving stream function and wildlife habitat.

Structures installed above grade **will not be installed in steelhead trout streams**. Keyways (rock buried at grade) are allowed in steelhead streams.

Structures installed above grade **will not be installed in the coastal zone**. Keyways (rock buried at grade) are allowed in the coastal zone.

Structures will not impede wildlife movement, and incorporates planting native vegetation on channel banks.

Structures will be installed only when other channel stabilization measures are not feasible.

Structures may include loose rock checks, timbers, and willow layering. Concrete, grouted rock, and gabions are not allowed.

**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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