

THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE PARTNERS IN RESTORATION PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

Sample Project Covered Under the Program



Gully erosion in orchard caused by concentrated flow from stormwater runoff



Diversion installed across the slope to safely carry stormwater to a stable outlet

Diversion

Construction of an earthen channel across a slope (much like a terrace) planted with grasses, to slow and redirect excess surface flow.

This is an **upland** practice primarily performed on cultivated land as part of a resource management system to break up concentrations of water on long slopes, reduce damage from runoff, and divert water away from active gullies or critically eroding areas.

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

Each diversion must have a safe and stable outlet that conveys runoff to a point where outflow will not cause damage to a natural watercourse. Vegetative outlets or sediment basins, when required, will be installed and established prior to installation of a diversion.

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***

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