Partners In Restoration

Faster, Cheaper, Easier Permitting For Erosion Control, Water Quality Improvement & Habitat Enhancement Projects

Are you a rancher, farmer or land manager in Cuyama Valley, within Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo Counties, interested in removing invasive plants from your property? Perhaps you would like to stabilize an eroding streambank, improve water quality or restore habitat for fish and wildlife. You are looking for cost share opportunities or you have the money and you're ready to go, but ... what about the permits and fees?

Don't worry – there's help! The Partners In Restoration Program simplifies and fast-tracks the permit process for landowners who want to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on their property. Technical assistance is provided and project funding (cost-share) opportunities may be available too!

Types of Projects Covered by the Program

- *Access Road Improvements* Road improvements to reduce erosion and runoff
- *Channel Stabilization* Stabilizes the bed of a channel
- *Planting* Planted vegetation (trees, shrubs, grasses) on eroding or exposed areas
- *Debris Removal & Vegetation Management* Minimizes flow & fish blockages
- *Diversion* Slope structures to slow and redirect excessive surface flows
- *Filter Strip* Vegetated strip between cropland, grazing land or other disturbed land and environmentally sensitive areas
- *Grade Stabilization Structure* Controls erosion & prevent headcutting in channels
- *Grassed Waterway* Vegetated channel for conveying surface water flow
- *Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery* Collects surface and sub-surface irrigation water for re-use or sediment capture
- *Pipeline* Water systems in sensitive areas to improve livestock water management
- *Ponds* Off-channel water impoundments for alternative water sources for livestock, away from sensitive riparian areas
- *Restoration & Management of Rare or Declining Habitats*
- *Sediment Basins* Installed basin for capture of debris, sediment or high flows
- *Stream Crossing* Improves existing crossings to prevent soil erosion, reduce pollution from entering waterway and allow fish passage
- *Stream Habitat Improvement &Management* Restores habitat and function
- *Streambank Protection* Vegetation or natural structures to stabilize and protect streambanks
- *Structure for Water Control* Usually a culvert or pipe, to improve drainage or flow
- *Underground Outlets* Collect surface flow and prevent erosion

Wildflowers Across Rangeland Along Cuyama River, Photography by John R Thompson

How to Participate in the Program

Contact Sustainable Conservation, Cachuma Resource Conservation District (RCD) or your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to find out if your project might be covered by the regulatory agencies' pre-approvals and agreements under the Program. We can ensure your project meets the Program's environmental protection and permit requirements, which can simplify the permit process and reduce costs – much simpler than getting permits on your own and paying all of the individual permit fees. Plus, the RCD and NRCS can provide technical assistance for project design and planning, and information about cost-sharing programs that reduce your project costs.

Give us a call, we're here to help!

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