

**ASSISTING LANDOWNERS IN THE SAN LUIS REY AND SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHEDS
WITH THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY BENEFICIAL PROJECTS**

Mission Resource Conservation District Permit Coordination Program



Imagine you are a landowner in North San Diego County interested in removing invasive plants from your property. Perhaps you would like to stabilize an eroding streambank, improve water quality and restore habitat for fish and wildlife. You have the money and you're ready to go, but ... what about the permits?

These are the permits you may need

California Department of Fish and Game: 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Authorization under the Endangered Species Act

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Nationwide 404 Permit

Regional Water Quality Control Board: 401 Water Quality Certification

County of San Diego: Grading Permit

Don't worry – there's help! The U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Mission Resource Conservation District (RCD) and our environmental non-profit partner, Sustainable Conservation, have developed a permit coordination program for environmentally beneficial projects on private lands in the area of the Mission RCD (see map inside). Under this program, which was funded by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), landowners interested in doing voluntary, environmentally beneficial conservation projects work with the NRCS and RCD to determine if their projects qualify for inclusion under the program. If they do, landowners need only work closely with the NRCS and RCD to design a project that meets the requirements of the regulatory agencies rather than going out and getting the permits on their own.



Types of Projects Covered by the Mission RCD Permit Coordination Program

The following are brief descriptions of the types of projects that may qualify for coverage under the Mission RCD Permit Coordination Program. Note that in some cases, these types of projects may not require permits.

Critical Area Planting

Planting vegetation such as trees, shrubs, vines, grasses or legumes on highly erodible or critically eroding areas (does not include tree planting mainly for wood products).

Filter Strip

Planting a strip or area of vegetation to remove sediment, organic matter and other pollutants from runoff and wastewater.

Obstruction Removal

Removing unwanted materials from a waterway to benefit the stream system.

Restoration and Management of Unique and Declining Habitats

Restoring land or aquatic habitats which support rare and declining fish and wildlife species, as well as native plant communities.

Sediment Basins

Constructing a basin to capture debris or sediment. This practice may also include temporary water storage to provide controlled release of water from a site.

Stream Bank Protection

Planting vegetation or installing biotechnical structures to stabilize and protect banks of streams, lakes or estuaries from erosion.

Stream Channel Stabilization

Stabilizing a stream channel when headcutting and/or downcutting are causing excessive erosion.



Tailwater Recovery System

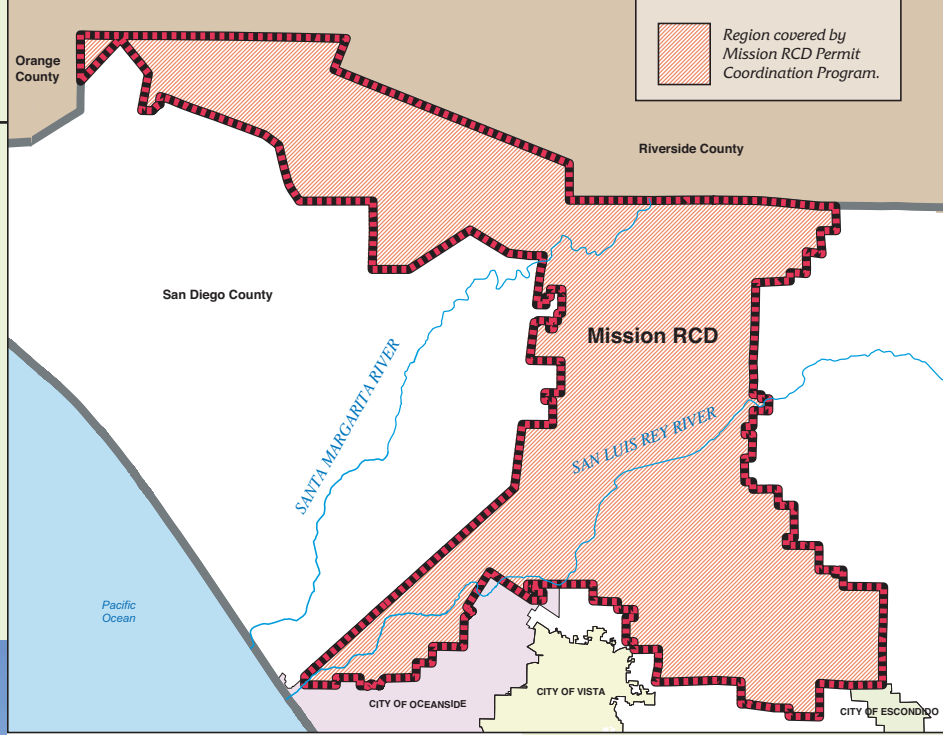
Installing a system to collect, store and safely discharge tailwater from agricultural irrigation.

Structure for Water Control

Installing a water control structure or system to improve the function of a drainage or irrigation channel.

Underground Outlets

Constructing a sub-surface drainage pipeline and outlet.



Coordinating the Permitting Process

The regulatory agencies that have signed on to this “one-stop regulatory shopping” for North San Diego County include: the County of San Diego, California Department of Fish and Game, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

How to Participate in the Program

Contact the local NRCS field office in Escondido and the Mission RCD to find out if your project might be covered by the program. The NRCS and/or RCD can ensure your project meets the conditions of the regulatory approvals issued for the program. In addition to simplifying the permit process, assistance and information are available for project design, technical issues and applicable cost-sharing programs.

How the Permit Coordination Program Works for Landowners



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