



Rural Road Cost-Share Program for Santa Cruz County Watersheds

2010 ROADS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please return your completed application to:

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Applications Due: January 15th, 2010
Extended to February 1st, 2010

Please note that funding for rural road improvement projects through this program come from Environmental Protection Agency grants administered by the State Water Resources Control Board. The purpose of these grant funds is to improve water quality in Santa Cruz County Watersheds. While the projects implemented will better the quality of your road, the ultimate goal is to reduce sediments in local waterways due to excessive erosion. All project applications will be ranked by a Technical Advisory Committee and chosen first and foremost on the merits of their water quality benefits.

Road Association/ Community Service Area (CSA) Name: _____

Primary Contact Person (Assoc President or Road Manager): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- 1) **What watershed is your property located in? If possible, please provide a map with directions to your road.**

- 2) **Do you have a stream running adjacent to or near your private road?**
 - a. Name which stream/'s your private road is closest to.

 - b. What is the proximity of your road to the stream?

 - c. Does your road cross the stream (how many times)?

3) Road Association/CSA organization

- a. Do you have a Road Association President or Road Manager and governing board?
- b. Is your governing board in support of moving forward with a road drainage improvement project under this program?
- c. Has your association president or manager attended a workshop hosted by the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC)?
- d. Tasks required of your road association as a part of this program include: notifying all of your road association members of project progress, attending meetings with the RCDSCC program coordinator, working with the RCDSCC to hire (contract with) a road contractor to implement the project, tracking all match hours/funds put in towards the project by road association members, invoicing the RCDSCC for road project work completed, and working with the RCDSCC to photo monitor the project before, during and after the road project is implemented. The RCDSCC will need one appointed contact for your association. Who in your road association will be committed to coordinating these tasks and seeing the project through to completion?

4) General Road Information

- a. How long (in miles) is your road or road network?
- b. What is the approximate number of residents that are a part of your private road association or living on your road? Approximately how much traffic do you have on your road (e.g. number of vehicles/day)?

5) Road Condition/Maintenance

- a. Is your road paved or unpaved (%paved vs. unpaved)?
- b. What is the current condition of your road (poor, good, excellent)? PLEASE include details of the types of issues (e.g. pot holes, plugged culverts, flooding)
- c. Do you have a road maintenance plan, road drainage plan or erosion control plan for your road?
- d. If so, is your road association following this plan? If not, is your road association interested in developing a plan and becoming better equipped to deal with erosion issues, please explain?

- e. What type of maintenance is performed on your road? How often (seasonally, yearly, etc)?

- f. Are maintenance and repairs done by road association members/property owners or are they outsourced?

6) Road Improvement Projects

- a. What type of road drainage improvement projects are you interested in addressing?
Circle all that apply:

Road surfacing *Culverts* *Unstable areas* *Inside ditch drainage* *Flooding*

Other:

- b. Do you know the estimated cost of the project or projects you are interested in implementing?

- c. The RCD normally reimburses up to 50% of project cost. How does your Association plan on meeting the required dollar for dollar cash or in-kind match contribution?

- d. Can your Association pay for all costs upfront (or make arrangements with your contractors) and wait up to 120 days for the 50% reimbursement if you participate in the cost-share program? Invoices cannot be submitted to grant funders until projects are completed and can take up to 120 days for the RCD to receive reimbursement.

- e. Projects that receive funding as part of this program are required, per a long-term maintenance agreement, to maintain the improvements implemented? Does your road association have the ability/funding to maintain the project improvements?

- 7) Would you be willing to allow pre-scheduled visits (1 or 2 per year) to highlight the projects implemented on your road?**

8) Please use this space to include pictures or maps of your road and highlight areas of concern.