



DEMONSTRATION SITE APPLICATION

As part of the Livestock and Land Program Ecology Action and the Resource Conservation Districts of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties are seeking properties to become demonstration sites for implementing Best Management Practices for livestock facilities. Demonstration site owners will receive technical and financial assistance for implementing improvements to their facility.

Applying to become a Demonstration Site is a two step process: 1. Fill out the attached application and 2. Contact Rich or John at NRCS for a site visit and completion of a conservation plan (Please see reverse side for their contact information). During the site visit, Rich or John will work with you to complete a conservation plan for your property. This plan will help to identify potential projects and assist you with completing your application. Once both are complete, mail them to the address on the top of the application.

Potential Demonstration Sites will be chosen from completed returned applications by the program advisory committee for further assessment. Criteria for selecting sites include: potential for improvement with regard to degree of impact on water quality; cost of needed improvements; level of site owner's monetary match; level of visibility for fellow livestock owners; and feasibility of accommodating a small group on site. *(Please note, only properties located in Santa Cruz, San Benito, South Santa Clara and Monterey Counties are eligible to become demonstration sites.)*

Technical advisors will visit the sites to assess and prioritize needed improvements, along with site owners, in order to provide the best environment for the animals while lessening their impact on water quality. Upon completion of site visits, technical advisors will meet with the program advisory committee and the final properties will be chosen for inclusion in the program. Bonus points will be given to people who have attended a workshop series.

Property owners selected as demonstration sites agree to match 40% of grant funds expended on site improvements (this can be achieved by labor, materials and/or cash contributions). Landowners must also allow program members (technical advisors, stakeholder advisors, peer leaders and other livestock owners) access to the site on pre-arranged dates & times. Property owners will obtain any permits, if needed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

CONTACT INFORMATION:

To schedule a site visit and complete a Conservation Plan contact...

IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY:

Rich Casale
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
820 Bay Ave., Suite 128
Capitola, CA 95010
831.475.1967
richard.casale@ca.usda.gov

IN SAN BENITO, SOUTH SANTA CLARA AND MONTEREY COUNTIES:

John Warner
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
2337 Technology Parkway, Suite C
Hollister, CA 95023
831.637.4360 x 112
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Please return completed application to:

Ecology Action
Jennifer Harrison
P.O. Box 1188
Santa Cruz, CA 95061
or fax: (831) 425-1404
no later than: September 7, 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Size of Property (# of Acres) _____

Is your property located near a waterbody or waterway? Yes No

If yes, please, if possible, identify it and note the proximity (in feet or yards) of your facility or pasture area to it?

Do you have streams and/or creeks running through or adjacent to your property?

Yes No

If yes, please, if possible, identify it and note the proximity of facilities or pasture area to them?

What management issues do you have at your location? (For example: mud; erosion; drainage; high water table; storm water runoff; manure management)

Number of livestock on site: _____

Are these all horses? Yes No

If no, what other livestock do you have: _____

How will you meet the required 40 % cash or in-kind (materials, labor) contribution?

Should your property become a Demonstration Site, are pre-arranged group site visits acceptable?

Yes No

Please use provided space to draw a schematic representation of your facility (or forward photos labeled with your name & address) noting size of barn(s), paddocks, pasture, slopes and/or hills and river, streams and natural springs locales.

** For free and non-regulatory assistance for this portion of your application contact (In Santa Cruz County) Rich Casale, NRCS at 475-1967 or (In San Benito, South Santa Clara or Monterey Counties) John Warner, NRCS at 637-4360 x 112 to arrange a site visit and to complete your Conservation Plan.