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Resource Conservation District of Ventura County's

Storm Water

Best Management Practices Program

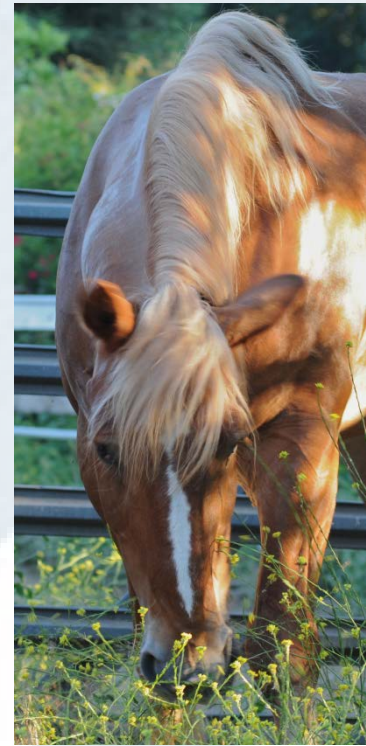
What is the RCDD?

- Special District of the State
- Non-profit
- Mission

Our mission is to collaborate with landowners, government agencies, and other willing partners to facilitate the conservation and restoration of Ventura County's natural resources.

What is the RCD's Storm Water Best Management Program?

- We work with Livestock Owners to assist with manure Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- Focused on Ventura River Watershed initially, now is county wide, in the future may include LA County



How Did the RCD Get Involved with Horses?

- RCD supported the County historically with the HECO (grading ordinance)
- The RCD works cooperatively with Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)
- Has worked with Landowners for decades to help them manage resource concerns
- Water Board & County requested assistance



How did the Storm Water Program get started?



- March 2012
 - The RCD began site visits to recommend Best Management Practices for manure management
- May 2012
 - The RCD hosted a Livestock & Land Workshop at the suggestion of Lorraine
- July 1, 2012
 - The County Watershed Protection District funded this RCD program

The Ball Starts Rolling...

- July 31, 2012 Draft Algae TMDL was Issued
- August 2012
 - Article in Ojai Valley News informed community members about Horse requirements within TMDL
 - Coordinated a meeting for Water Board Representatives to clarify the draft Algae TMDL for Ventura River Horse Owners
 - Increased public concern and awareness of regulatory involvement within the Watershed

Formation of the Group

- Since October there have been 13 community meetings
 - Assisted with Creating a Board of Directors & a group name
 - Horse & Livestock Watershed Alliance (HLWA)
 - Educated the community regarding both the Algae and EPA TMDLs
 - Assisted the community in evaluating potential BMPs that are practical for implementation & might be acceptable to the Water Board
 - Coordinated Guest speakers (Diana Engel LWA & Matt Raio Modern Methane Digesters)

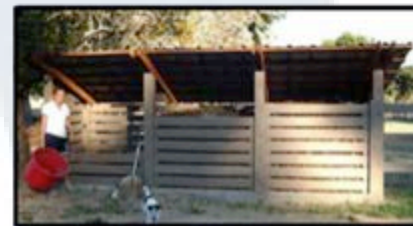
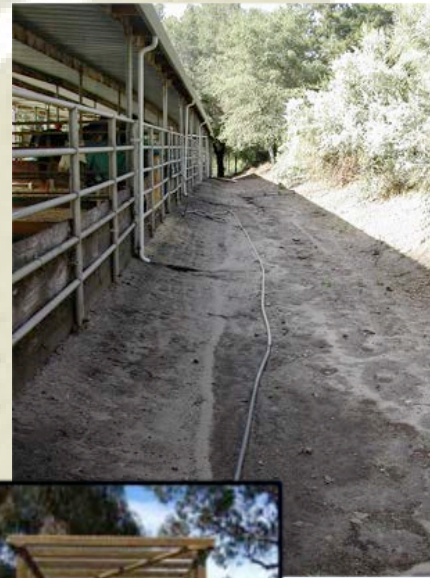
What's Happening Now?

- HLWA has created membership forms, logo & website



- More recent articles in the Ojai Valley News (March 2013) and VCStar (July 2013)
- 8 BMP Site Visits
- The RCD has assisted with a very draft Waiver document for the Water Board to review.

Examples of BMPs



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