Pipeline

A pipeline is used for conveying water from a source of supply to points of use to shift livestock to constructed water sources away from streams.

Generally, buried pipelines are installed in upland areas. Occasionally, a pipeline may cross a stream; when this is necessary, pipelines will be buried to an appropriate depth to maintain channel and bank stability, and will minimize impacts to riparian habitat. Pipelines may be suspended across a channel and attached to posts on the banks; posts will be placed to avoid impacts to riparian vegetation.

This practice will not provide water for human consumption, recreation, or construction activities. This practice will rely on an existing source of water supply.

Drafting of creek surface water is not allowed; pumping of underground water must be from a well or wells within the maximum permitted rate under a landowner’s valid water rights permit. If booster pumps are required, pumps will not be located within a 100 foot setback, except for pumps associated with existing wells. If installed in a stream, this practice will not include installation of grouted rock or headwalls.

Environmental values considered during planning and design include cultural resources; rare, threatened, and endangered species; air quality; and water quality and water quantity.

How the Permit Coordination Program Works for Landowners

• Landowner requests assistance from the NRCS/Cachuma RCD
• NRCS/Cachuma RCD develops a conservation plan to meet landowner needs, enhance natural resources, and comply with Program permits
• Landowner signs Cooperator Agreement to implement the conservation plan
• Project is covered by Program’s programmatic approvals and agreements
• Participating agencies include California Department of Fish and Game, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, NOAA Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

• All practices completed under this program must have a clear environmental benefit

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