

Helping People Help the Land

NRCS Technical & Financial Assistance for Vineyards



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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Who we are:

NRCS is a Federal Government Agency

We work with our partners such as:

The Resource Conservation Districts of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Mateo, San Benito, & Santa Clara Counties

The University of California's Cooperative Extension Service

Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA)

California State University, Monterey Bay

...and others,

to help get conservation practices on the ground!

The NRCS – How we came to be...



The NRCS is...

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory

The NRCS Mission

“Helping People Help the Land”



Technical & financial incentives assistance based on sound science suited to a customer's specific needs.

Conservation Planning



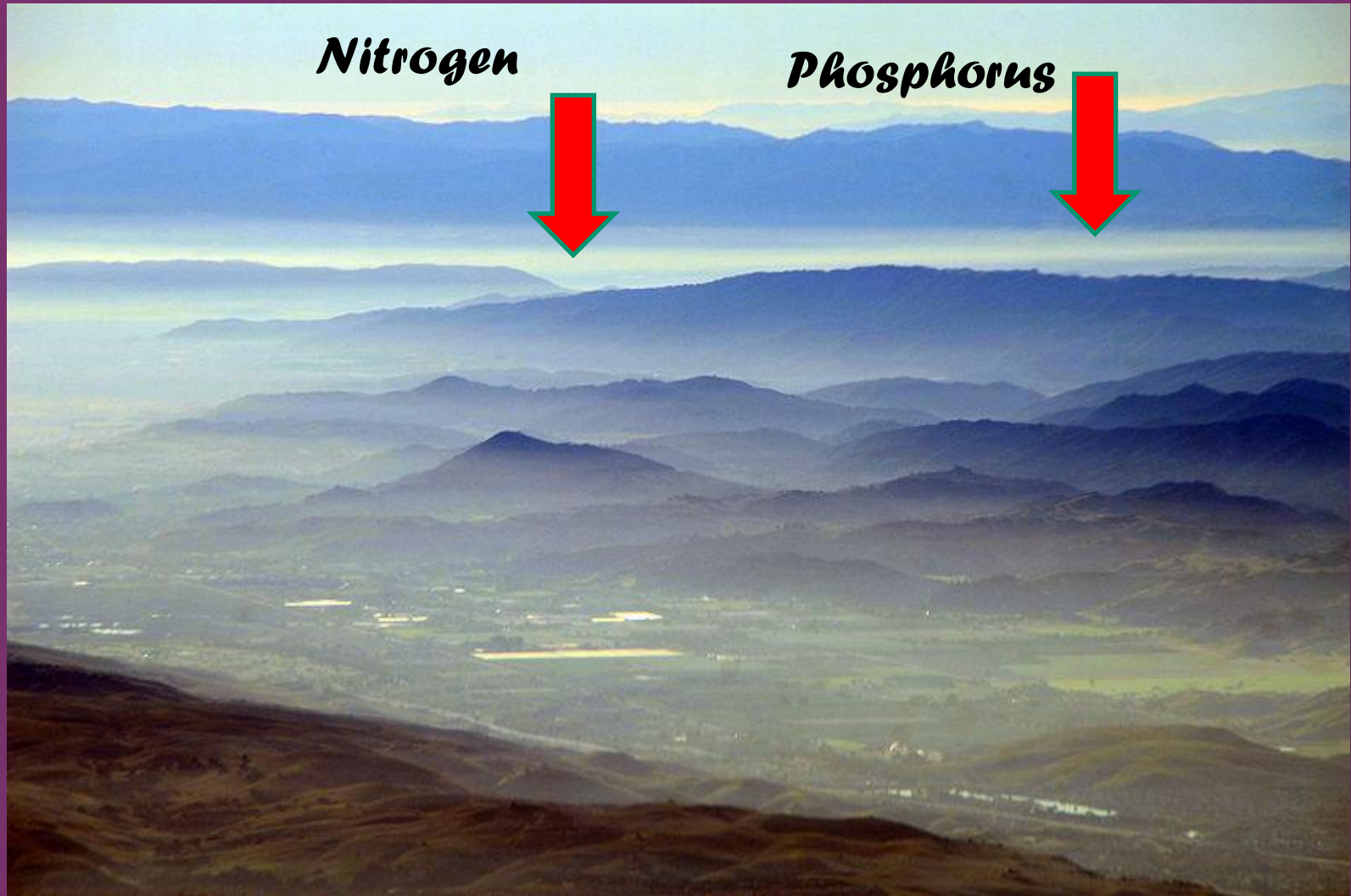
A process of understanding resource concerns coupled with the landowner's desired land use goals.

Resource Concerns

An unexpected degradation of the soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource base (SWAPA) to an extent that the sustainability or intended use of that resource is impaired.



Resource Concerns



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Environmental
Quality Incentive
Program
(EQIP)

Popular Practices

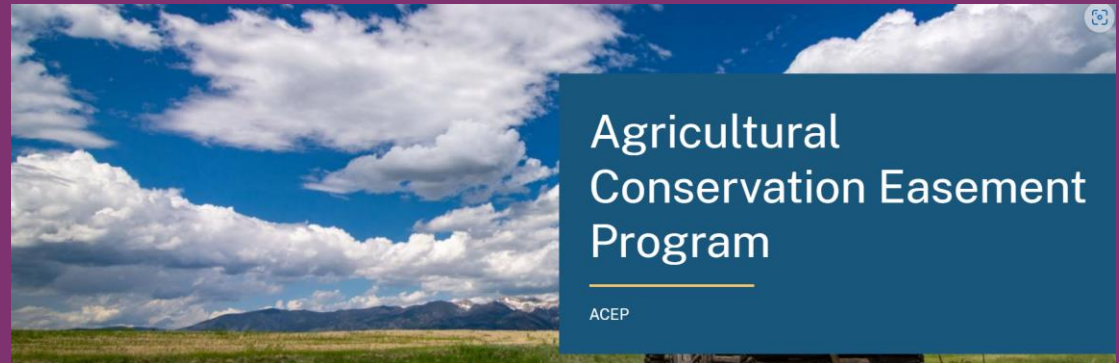


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Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP



Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

ACEP

Practices & Enhancements

Soil Carbon Amendment (Ac.) (336) Conservation Practice Standard


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Download the national conservation practice standard document and supporting documents for Soil Carbon Amendment (Ac.) (336).

National Standard Document

NOTICE - National conservation practice standards should not be used to plan, design or install a conservation practice. To find these documents at the local level, visit our [Field Office Technical Guide website](#).

Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

 [Soil Carbon Amendment \(Ac.\) \(336\) \(11/2022\) Standard Document \(75.36 KB\)](#)



Practices & Enhancements

Cover Crop (Ac.) (340) Conservation Practice Standard


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National Standard Document

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Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

 [Cover Crop \(Ac.\) \(340\) \(9/14\) Standard Document \(44.28 KB\)](#)



Practices & Enhancements

Irrigation System, Microirrigation (Ac.) (441) Conservation Practice Standard

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Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

[Irrigation System, Microirrigation \(Ac.\) \(441\) \(9/2020\) Standard Document \(82.64 KB\)](#)



Practices & Enhancements

Hedgerow Planting (Ft.) (422) Conservation Practice Standard

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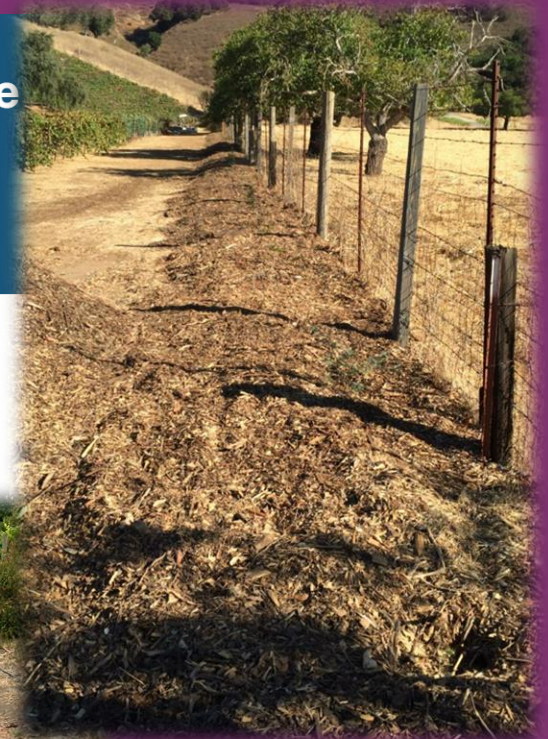
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National Standard Document

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Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

 [Hedgerow Planting \(Ft.\) \(422\) \(9/10\) Standard Document \(34.21 KB\)](#)



Practices & Enhancements

Irrigation Reservoir (Ac-Ft) (436) Conservation Practice Standard

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National Standard Document

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Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

 [Irrigation Reservoir \(Ac-Ft\) \(436\) \(9/2020\) Standard Document \(75.32 KB\)](#)



Practices & Enhancements

Structures for Wildlife (No.) (649) Conservation Practice Standard

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National Standard Document

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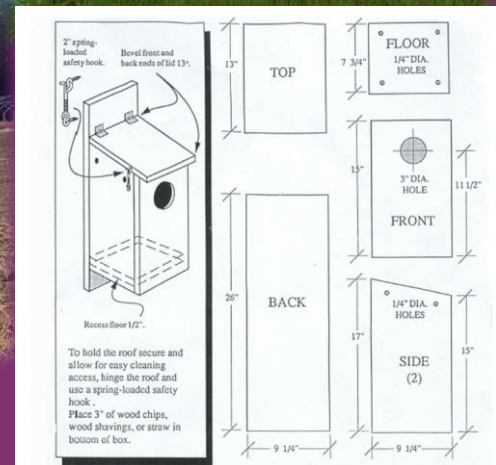
Conservation Practice Name (Units) (Code) (Date Issued)

 [Structures for Wildlife \(No.\) \(649\) \(9/14\) Standard Document \(31.17 KB\)](#)



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CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION

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Summary

Your local NRCS office has experienced staff that can help you develop a conservation plan for your vineyard.



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Contact us!

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We're co-located with the RCD of Santa Cruz County!
Thank you, RCDSCC!



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