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Initial Scope for Monterey County “Partners in Restoration” Master Permit

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The Master Permit for which we would like to prepare an application in order to reduce costs for both the County of Monterey and conservation/restoration project proponents, would be modeled after the ‘Partners in Restoration’ Master Permit that has been in effect since 2005 in Santa Cruz County. There are 15 project types with specified limits/scopes incorporated into that permit (see attached “NRCS Practices in Santa Cruz Master Permit” document attached), which we would also use along with some proposed variations and the addition of a new practice or two as briefly outlined in the table below. ***We anticipate submitting an average of 5 projects per year over the next five years for permitting under this mechanism.*** We may have additional projects that fall outside of the scope of the desired Master Permit, and will pursue permits for those separately.

Practice under Santa Cruz Master Permit for Partners in Restoration Program	Monterey County Conservation Partners proposed modifications to Santa Cruz Master Permit practice scopes and/or descriptions
1. Access Roads (Improvement) (NRCS Practice 560):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Road Decommissioning in description (or add new practice). • Double length dimension for grading and rolling dip construction
2. Planting (342, 612, 422, 391)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update referenced plant lists for Monterey County • Increase max acreage from 5 ac. to 20-30 acres
3. Stream Habitat Improvement & Management (395)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include streamside eucalyptus removal • Increase ‘Maximum dimensions for hardened crossing (fords) be removed’ from 20’ to 30’.
4. Stream Crossing (578)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add "defunct or unstable" bridge or abutments language that pose threat to stream habitat (might also fit under "Obstruction Removal (500)") - increase max length to 75'. • Include trail crossings. (If so, include language to accommodate trail construction)
5. Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As-is; No modifications desired
6. Grassed Waterway (412)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As-is; No modifications desired
7. Obstruction Removal (500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As-is; No modifications desired
8. Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase maximum acreage from 5 ac to 10-15 ac., and increase volume • Modify to provide better coverage for forest fuels management, or insert new practice for that purpose?
9. Sediment basins (350) [with or without water control (638)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include maintenance of basins
10. Streambank Protection (580)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As-is; No modifications desired
11. Stream Channel Stabilization (584)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify to include periodic sediment removal (ex. Gabilan Cr entering Carr Lake), or add additional practice?

12. Structure for Water Control (587)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 'rock armoring' to practice description
13. Underground Outlets (620)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As-is; No modifications desired
14. Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645, 382, 614, 516)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could Brush Management (314), Firebreak (394), Forest Stand Improvement (666), Fuel Break (383) and similar upland habitat modification be included? Or would that be a separate practice?
15. Wetland Management (657, 659, 356, 587, 644)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase maximum acreage from 5 ac to 30 ac • Increase maximum volume from 1,000 cy to 30,000 • Consider addition of "Pond (378)" "Pond Sealing or Lining (520)" "Wetland Creation (658)"

Possible additional practices requested:

16. Forest fuels management (Brush Management (314), Firebreak (394), Forest Stand Improvement (666), Fuel Break (383) and similar upland habitat modification as eligible)
17. Sediment management
18. Pond (378) and Bioreactor (605): Include creation and maintenance

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