

## *Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District*

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### **Morro Bay Agricultural Water Quality Enhancement Program**

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CSLRCD) has a technical assistance program for landowners in the Los Osos Valley and Chorro Valley.

The purpose of the program is to provide the design and installation of water quality improvement projects **at little to no cost to the landowner**. This, in turn, will result in reductions to nutrient and sediment runoff into Chorro Creek, Los Osos Creek, Warden Creek and Morro Bay.

Farm projects will include field evaluations (including mobile irrigation lab), technical assistance in the development of irrigation and nutrient management, engineering design for infrastructure improvements, and assistance in successful implementation. We can also help you develop or revise your farm plans and implement strategies for complying with the new Irrigated Ag Order including farm operations in tier 1, 2 & 3. Projects can range from runoff treatment and reduction to irrigation system upgrades.

Growers can improve the efficiency of operations, leading to water savings and improvements to surface and ground water quality, while providing yield and cost benefits through efficient input management. These simple management measures can save you money, increase yield, comply with new water quality requirements and provide support in meeting the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Ag Order.

Ranch projects will include riparian fencing and off-creek watering systems, manure management systems, and other techniques for reducing nutrient and sediment runoff.

Call our full time staff engineer, G. W. Bates, Registered Engineer and Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control, at 772-4391.