



COUNTY OF VENTURA
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY – WATERSHED PROTECTION
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
12/29/2025

EMERGENCY FLOOD REPAIR REGULATORY INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Under normal circumstances, construction, facility and vegetation maintenance, and repairs within the bed and banks of streams on private property requires permits from Watershed Protection (<https://www.onestoppermits.vcrma.org/departments/watercourse-encroachment>) and up to 5 state and federal agencies. Under emergency circumstances, the same regulations apply, but the permitting processing (if needed) can take place during and after the emergency activities. It is best to contact the regulators before or as soon as possible after work needs to take place to protect life and property. Emergency work includes levee, bank, road, and utility line (water, sewer, power, etc.) repairs needed to prevent structures and roads from eroding into the riverbeds as soon as it is safe to do the work.

A full guide to permitting work in streams and other waterways can be found here:
<https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/conservation/wetlands-permitting-guide.pdf>

For emergencies, a list of local regulatory agency staff and links to permitting information is on page 2 of this document. In general, private landowners will need to provide a location map, parcel number, nature of the work needed/being undertaken, dates of damage, dates of repairs, conditions of the watercourse, photos, and other pertinent information. The work should be the minimum necessary to prevent further damage. A full repair may need to wait for both complete permitting and more favorable work conditions.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a variety of programs that may help fund restoration of private properties affected by floods and other natural disasters. The local NRCS Oxnard office contacts are provided below:

Oxnard Field Office, 3550 S. Harbor Blvd., Suite 2-202, Oxnard, CA 93035-4150, phone: 805-984-2358

Brooks Engelhardt, District Conservationist 805-984-2358 x101, C: 760-217-9197

Jordan Atmore, Soil Conservationist, 805-984-2358 x109

Haejin Lee, Team Agricultural Engineer, 805-984-2358 x102, C: 760-963-4551

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AGENCY/Regulation	CONTACT	LINK
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, REGULATORY BRANCH Clean Water Act Section 404	Mr. Antal Szijj 805-585-2147 Antal.J.Szijj@usace.army.mil	https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permit-Process/ Scroll down to 'Emergency Processing Procedures' for permitting under Regional General Permit (RGP) No. 63
US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Federal Endangered Species Act (non-steelhead listed species)	Mr. Chris Dellith 805-667-3308 Chris.Dellith@fws.gov Fw8venturasection7@fws.gov	https://www.fws.gov/program/endangered-species
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE Federal Endangered Species Act (steelhead fish)	Ms. Brittany Struck 562-432-3905 Brittany.Struck@noaa.gov	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/endangered-species-conservation
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE Fish and Game Code Sections 1600 and others, CA Endangered Species Act	Notify all 3 below: Frederic.Rieman@wildlife.ca.gov Angela.Castanon@wildlife.ca.gov 626-513-6308 R5LSACompliance@wildlife.ca.gov	https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review/LSA/Agreement-Types#55230889-emergency-work
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD Clean Water Act Section 401	Notify both below: Ms. Emily Duncan Emily.Duncan@waterboards.ca.gov RB4-401Certification@waterboards.ca.gov	Regulatory requirements are integrated with US Army Corps of Engineers under Regional General Permit (RGP) No. 63 as noted above. https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permit-Process/

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