

Rancho Guacamole: Fish Passage Restoration Project Refugio Creek Watershed



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Refugio Creek Watershed

- Located within 3rd District
- Rated as a Core 3 Watershed by NOAA Fisheries Steelhead Recovery Plan (2012)
- Ongoing Restoration Work
 - Non-native plant (*Arundo donax*) removal effort by SB Land Trust and Channel Islands Restoration
 - Creek Mouth within State Parks
 - County Stream Crossings

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Legend

- Refugio Canyon Road
- Refugio Creek
- Watershed Boundary

US Geological Survey:
30 m Digital Elevation Model
Conception Coast Project: Barriers, Railroad, Roads, Streams, Water Bodies, Watersheds

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Project

- Barrier removal and replacement with a cast in place bridge with a natural stream bottom
- Improve steelhead trout habitat in the watershed and adjacent watersheds
- Gaviota Coast important for recovery of steelhead trout



Partnership

- Landowner
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coastal Ranches Conservancy
- Cachuma Resource Conservation District
- South Coast Habitat Restoration



Thank you!



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