

Pismo Creek Arundo Removal Project



Arundo infestations on West Corral de Piedra Creek

The Pismo Creek Arundo Removal Project will improve spawning and rearing steelhead habitat, fish passage, and riparian canopy by removing Arundo (*Arundo donax*) along 4.0 miles of West Corral de Piedra Creek (tributary to Pismo Creek). Arundo is a large invasive grass similar to bamboo that displaces native riparian plants and changes the microclimate in associated waterways. The work funded by this effort supplements an ongoing project and part of a much larger watershed-wide restoration effort being undertaken by Central Coast Salmon Enhancement (CCSE) and restoration partners.

This work will contribute to the county-wide Arundo eradication that the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County has been undertaking. The removal of these additional stands will be entered into the Land Conservancy's invasive species database which is shared with the County Agricultural Commissioner's office and contributes to the regional Weed Management Area knowledge base.

Central Coast Salmon Enhancement (CCSE) is an organization founded by fishermen and dedicated to the ultimate goal of ensuring quality salmon fishing opportunities on California's central coast. The work done by CCSE can ultimately improve local flood issues, preserve agriculture land, ensure water sources for years to come and provide recreational opportunities for future generations.