



Rural Roads Workshop – Spring 2025

Number of In Person Evaluations: 12
Number of In Person Attendees: 19

Number of Evaluations for Virtual Zoom Meeting: 10
Number of Attendees for Virtual Zoom Meeting: 31

Valley Water Board Room – 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose

March 6, 2025

1. Video – Overview of the Handbook for Forest, Ranch and Rural Roads for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

Very Useful 18 Somewhat Useful 3 Not useful 1

Comments:

- Good video. Very informative. The visuals really helped show how the BMPs operate (2)
- Helpful meeting, I appreciated the video covering best practices for rural roads.
- Excellent, but could use more information on erosion control in areas.
- Great examples!
- It was useful just needed a bit more in the specification on the length of rolling dips.
- Good information
- Next time, avoiding ads will be better.

2. Panel Discussion – Municipal Rural Road Inspection – Anthony Guzman, Valley Water and Edgar Orre, Division Chief, CalFire

Very Useful 11 Somewhat Useful 11 Not useful 0

Comments:

- Helpful segment to know when maintaining rural roads.
- Good information from those with firsthand experience.
- Edgar’s presentation was very useful
- Interesting hearing how each agency deals with different land owners and inspections.

3. MRP Rural Road BMPs and Temporary BMPs for Erosion/ Sediment Control – Peter Schultze-Allen, Program Staff

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Comments:

- Excellent information, particularly the method comparisons.
- Good use of CASQA BMP Handbook
- Really liked the photos showing how each BMP worked

- It was good to see the new products that are out there

6. **Did this training meet your expectations?** Yes 22 No 0

Comments:

- Lots of good information
- Very useful
- Would appreciate or learn more if we talk about or go through a sample project from start to end and discuss how BMPs were selected.

7. **What parts of the training were most useful to you?**

- The video was really good. (7)
- Introducing me to rolling dips. Details about the various BMPs.
- Erosion control measures (2)
- Erosion control method comparisons.
- Details on advanced slope stabilization
- BMP examples (2)
- The training on best practices with fire and flooding
- Case study
- Descriptions of common misuses of BMPs
- All was good

8. **What would have made this training more useful?**

- Erosion control methods in rural road areas.
- The video can be downloaded or purchased ad-free for the presentation.
- Nothing. Great topics and great examples
- At least briefly talking about every BMP
- Maybe have other topics for panel discussion
- Types of materials used to repair rural roadways would have been useful
- Everything was on point
- Overall useful. Maybe to encourage more audience participation, use polls or audience engagement tools to promote discussion.
- More case studies from other partners
- Key points to look for during inspections

9. **What topics would you recommend for future training?**

- A quick time-lapsed video showing operators installing certain BMPs
- Same topics
- More information on all the BMPs
- Perhaps a section on "temporary fixes" that could be done on a rural road during a rain event (to mitigate against an imminent culvert failure, etc.)
- BMPs or Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) for roadway maintenance and construction.
- Presentations about design of culverts with specifications about pipe sizing and slope fill around pipe.

- Erosion and sediment controls in fire burn scar areas and how to protect residents that live down slope of burn scars from mudslides/debris flows.
- Discussion of how these programs are affected by other resource agencies/permits.
- Discussion of soil types and effectiveness of BMPs, or considerations when repairing eroded areas.
- Interface with other permit requirements (401, 404, etc.)

10. General Comments?

- I appreciate your effort in organizing this training.
- Great workshop!
- Good class
- Thank you for the training
- Thanks for making today possible!