

EMERGENCY WATERSHED REHABILITATION

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The objectives of the Emergency Watershed Rehabilitation program are to rehabilitate watershed lands, to conserve water and soil, and to prevent destructive floods. To accomplish this, CDF may enter into contracts with any public entity to conduct surveys and studies, formulate plans, perform all acts incidental to establishing and maintaining vegetative cover on watershed lands, and keep stream channels free of natural impediments or destructive materials during peak flood flows.

The program started because of general statewide concern demanding rehabilitation efforts to protect public and private watershed values following large wildfires. These efforts conserve the soil to prevent destructive floods, and break the frequent fire/flood cycle if favorable weather patterns are experienced.

This is an ongoing program that has been operating successfully since 1956; projects are undertaken, as needed depending on the type and location of wildfires.

The legislation for this program is located in Public Resources Code (PRC) §4675 and 4676.

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