

# GRANT SUMMARY

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**Grant Information:** Please use complete phrases/sentences. Fields will expand as you type.

1. **Grant Agreement Number:** 06-128-553-0

2. **Project Title:** MORRO BAY ON FARM COASTAL WATER QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT ( PROJECT CLEARWATER)

3. **Project Purpose - Problem Being Addressed:**

The primary objective of Project Clearwater was the implementation of BMPs and creek restoration projects to reduce sediment, bacteria, and nutrient loadings to Morro Bay, and to restore and protect aquatic and riparian habitat within the watershed.

- Morro Bay has been called the most biologically important estuary on the Central Coast, and is recognized as both a State and National Estuary. Watershed planning efforts have identified sedimentation, pathogens, and nutrients as significant nonpoint source pollution problems in the Morro Bay watershed. Existing watershed plans and TMDLs for the Morro Bay watershed identify Project Clearwater as having a primary role in reducing nonpoint source loads of sediment, nutrients, and pathogens in the Morro Bay watershed.
- Local watershed plans identify Project Clearwater as an important component of non-point source pollution control. The Siltation TMDL for Chorro Creek, Los Osos Creek and Morro Bay Estuary (sediment TMDL) identifies primary activities to reduce sediment in the Morro Bay Watershed." The Chorro Creek and Los Osos Creek TMDL for Nutrients and Dissolved Oxygen (nutrients TMDL) identifies implementing nutrient reduction projects as a primary goal. The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Morro Bay (CCMP), published by the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB), in cooperation with the US EPA Region IX, identifies the following seven priority issues for Morro Bay:
  - Sedimentation
  - Bacteria
  - Nutrients
  - Loss of freshwater flow
  - Heavy metals and toxic pollutants
  - Loss or degradation of habitat
  - Loss of steelhead

