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EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM CALIFORNIA SUCCESS STORY

Milliken Creek Inn, 1815 Silverado Trail, Napa. Napa River



Heavy rains and flood stage waters on the Napa River led to severe streambank erosion and land subsidence in the vicinity of the main resort building at the Milliken Creek Inn. NRCS determined that the building was imminently threatened by further rainfall and high river stage. EWP work commenced within 24 hrs. of the declaration, on December 19, and was completed January 10.



View of completed work

Over 3,000 tons of rock was placed along a 165 foot reach of the Napa River to save the Milliken Creek Inn main building. The restoration of the river bank, coupled with repairs of a city sewer pipeline totalled over \$250,000 in federal funds. The Milliken Creek Inn owners took out a 1-page add to thank NRCS and others who worked long hours through the holidays to make sure the inn was saved. The Napa Sanitation District also issued award plaques to local NRCS staff for quick assistance on restoration of the sewer line. NRCS also completed a post-EWP design to restore and protect the rest of the property river frontage.