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WATER AGENCY RECEIVES \$387,493.40 TO HELP FUND LOCAL PROJECTS

Watsonville, CA –The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) has received a grant check for \$347,493.40 from the California Department of Water Resources to help fund a group of local water and conservation projects.

The grant money comes from bonds issued under Proposition 50, a water bond measure approved by voters several years ago. This funding is part of an Integrated Regional Water Management Grant of \$25 million to cover a suite of projects in the Pajaro River watershed.

PVWMA served as the lead agency for this grant on behalf several water and conservation agencies and the funds received have been distributed to the following groups and projects:

Action Pajaro Valley - Community Consensus, Santa Cruz County Levee Reconstruction, Pajaro River Flood Prevention Authority for the Soap Lake Floodplain and the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for Erosion Control and Vegetation Treatment.

PVWMA has worked to find and distribute funds for a wide variety of water and conservation projects and often serves as the lead agency in managing these funding efforts as part of their mission to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency's jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley.

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