Upcoming PRWRP Workshops

Develop Watershed Vision
March 2025

Prioritize Vulnerabilities
June 2025

Identify Initial Adaptation Strategies
August 2025

Prioritize Adaptation Strategies
October 2025

Draft Watershed Resilience Plan
February 2026

PRWRP Advisory Group

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and Land Trust
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
City of Gilroy
City of Hollister
City of Morgan Hill
City of San Juan Bautista
City of Watsonville
Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan
Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
Regeneración
San Benito County Health & Human Services Agency
San Benito County Water District
Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Nature Conservancy

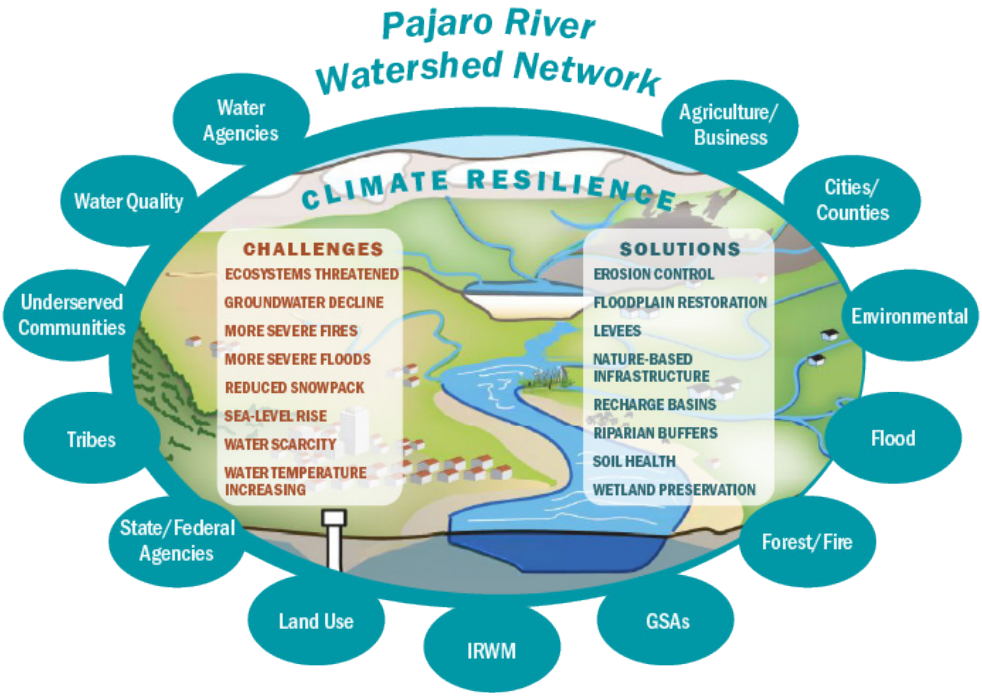
Building Resilience for the Pajaro River Watershed to Adapt to Climate Extremes

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) selected the **Pajaro River Watershed** as one of just five watersheds to pilot the Watershed Resilience Program. This initiative, which is supported by a $2 million grant from DWR, will help the watershed better prepare for future climate extremes.

The **Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Program** (PRWRP) will convene a watershed-wide network and develop a Watershed Resilience Plan to:

- Holistically plan resiliency at a watershed scale.
- Integrate and prioritize equity and inclusiveness.
- Analyze climate vulnerabilities/risks and develop adaptation strategies.
- Collaborate across water resource systems.
- Develop and apply performance indicators and metrics to measure, track, and report on outcomes.

The figure below illustrates examples of the Watershed Network's interested parties, as well as climate challenges and strategies that will be investigated.



Pajaro River Watershed

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) is the grant recipient leading PRWRP efforts. Interested parties in all areas of the Pajaro River watershed (map below) are encouraged to participate in the planning process.

1 Pajaro River Watershed
collaborating for resiliency

1,300/232
square landscape miles/linear miles of main rivers and creeks

4 Counties
Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey

5 Cities
Gilroy, Hollister, Morgan Hill, San Juan Bautista, Watsonville

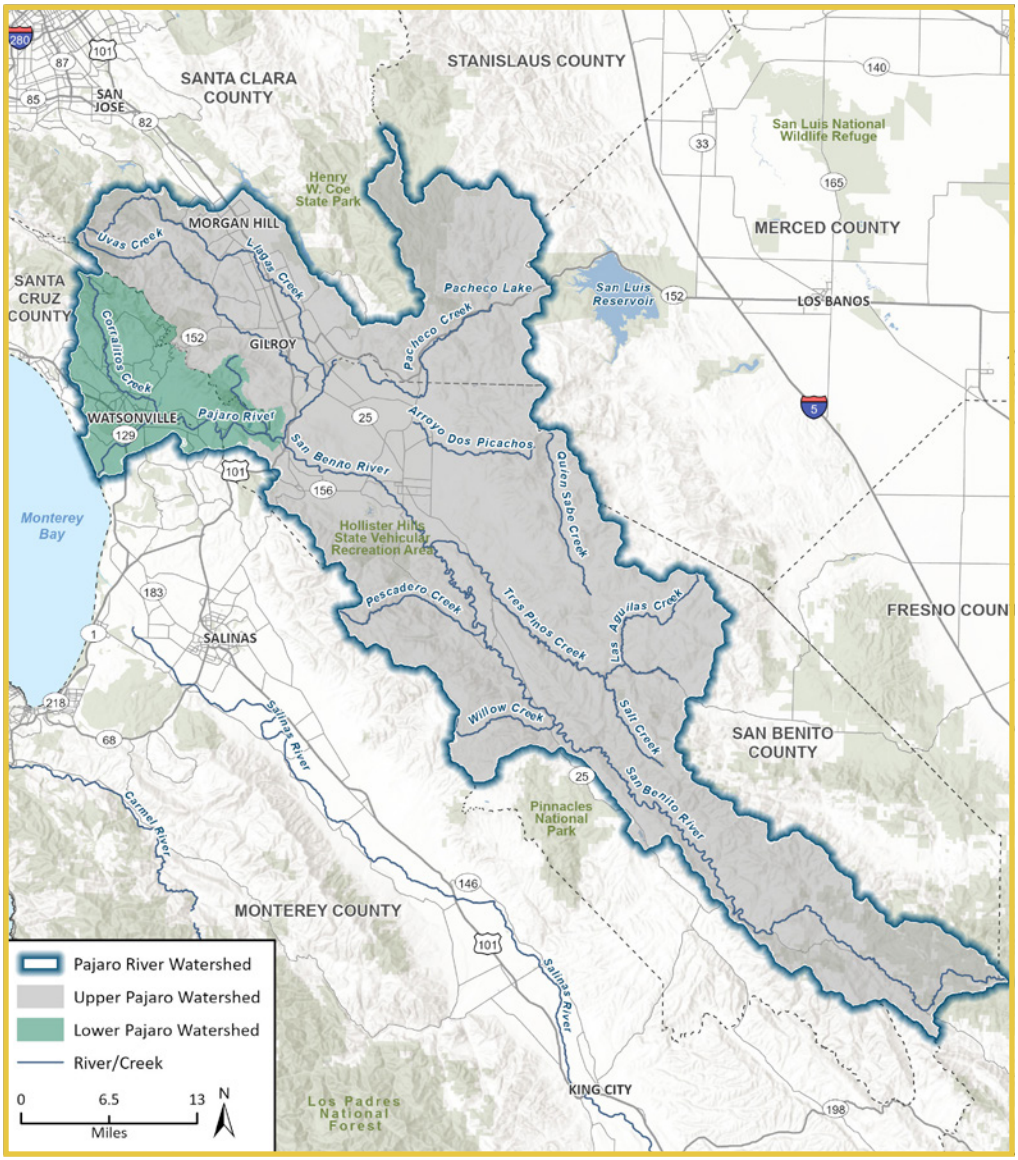
35+ Communities
designated as disadvantaged by the Census American Community Survey 2016-2020

2 Connected Areas
Upper and Lower to understand unique drivers and interactions

63 Species of Special Concern
including the Western snowy plover, the California Condor, and the California red legged frog

200,000 people
with diverse needs that demand equitable solutions

$1B+ economy
creating a sustainable workforce to support businesses and livelihoods



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