# Pajaro Valley Community Water Dialogue





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### Overview

- Water in the Pajaro Valley (State of the Basin)
- Basin Management
- Community Water Dialogue Approach
- Dialogue to Action
- Lessons Learned and Future Projects

# Pajaro Valley





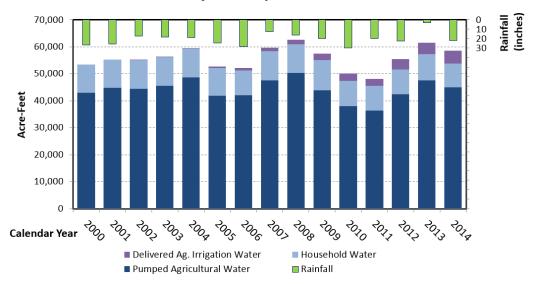
#### Average Valley-Wide Water Use

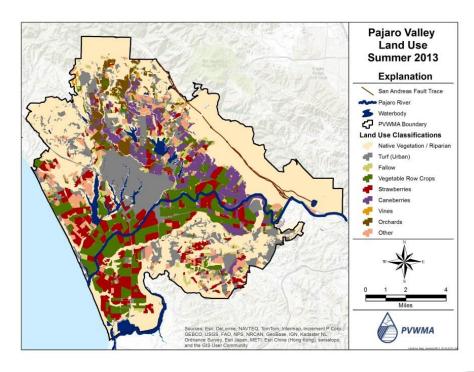
- 55,000 Acre-Feet per Year
- 850 Ag Wells
- 1,300 Rural Residential Wells

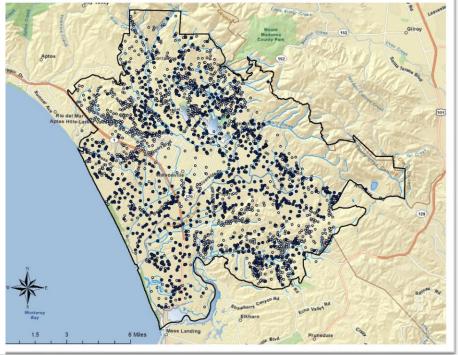
#### Agro-Economy

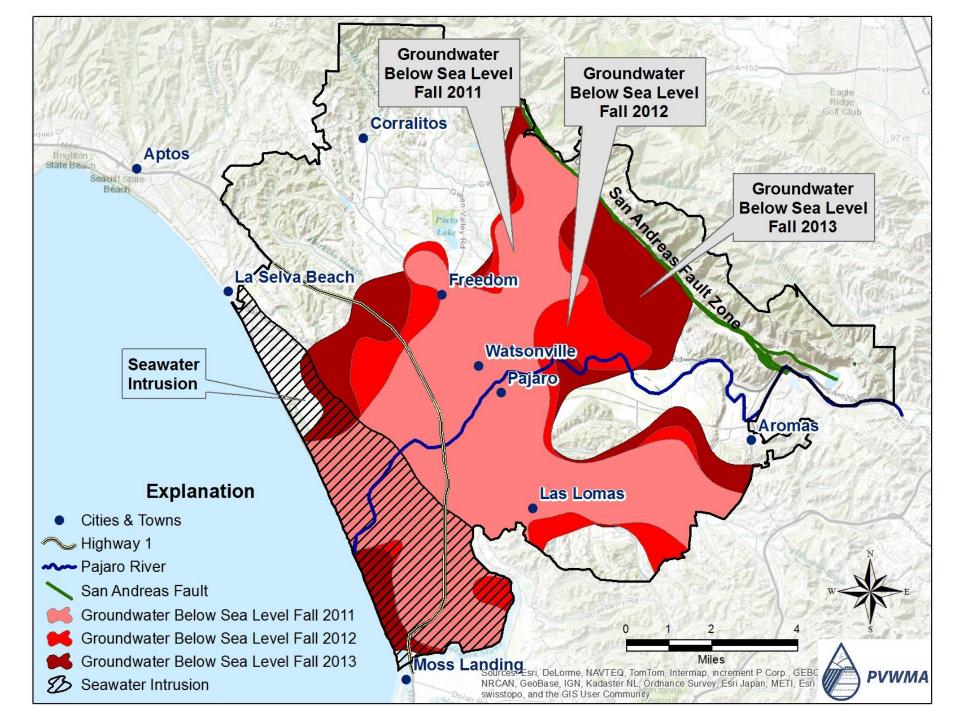
- 28,000 Irrigated Acres
- 2013 Crop Value\$900,000,000

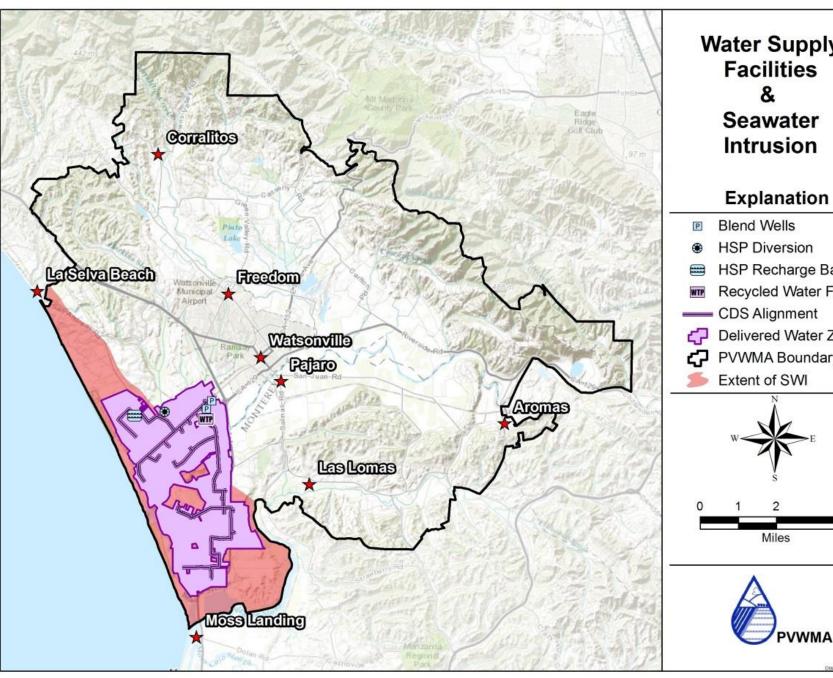
### Water Use and Precipitation Trends Pajaro Valley 2000 - 2014





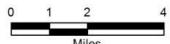






# **Water Supply**

- **HSP Recharge Basin**
- Recycled Water Facility
  - Delivered Water Zone
- **PVWMA Boundary**





# **Existing Water Supply Facilities to Stop Overdraft & Seawater Intrusion**

### Harkins Slough Facility

- Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery
- Stream flow diversion
- 7,000 AF recharged since 2002

### Recycled Water Facility

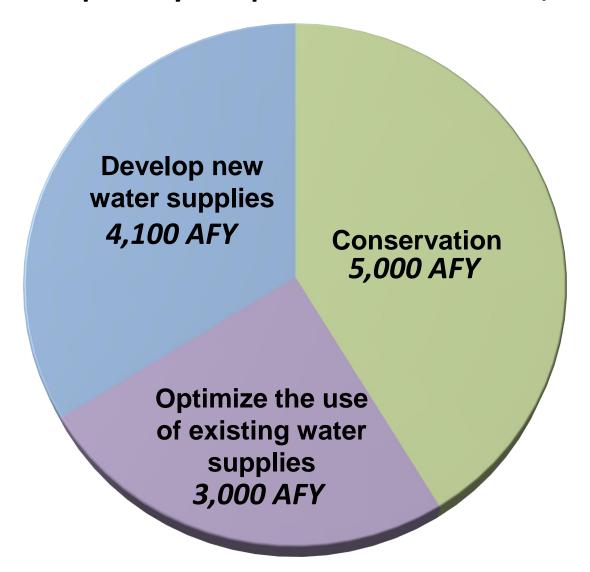
- 4,000 AFY irrigation season capacity
- Drought tolerant supply
- Reduces discharge of secondary effluent to marine sanctuary

#### Coastal Distribution System

- Over 20 miles of water conveyance pipeline
- 25,000+ Acre-Feet Delivered

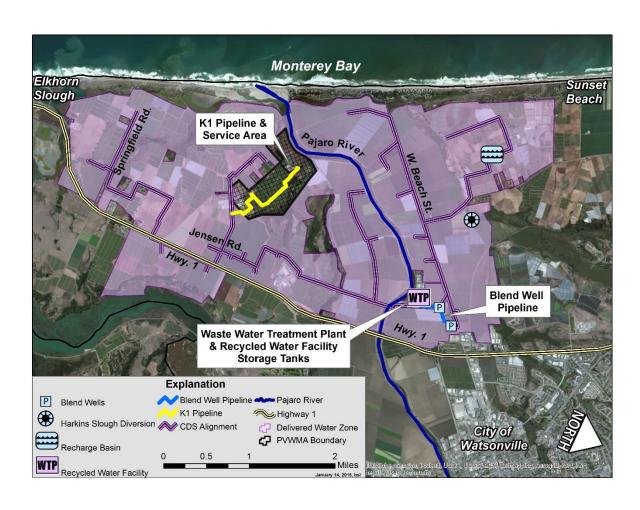


# Basin Management Plan Update contains three primary components to achieve 12,100 ac-ft/yr



# "Early Out" Grant Funded Projects, and Distribution System Improvements

- Recycled Water Facility Improvements
- Distribution System Improvements
  - Blend WellPipeline Project
  - K1 Pipeline Project
- New Monitoring Wells
- Conservation



# Community Water Dialogue Commitments

- 1. A commitment to protect the Pajaro Valley as an important agriculture resource
- 2. A recognition that the solution will not be an importation pipeline
- 3. A willingness to pursue diverse strategies which entail costs and sacrifices in order to bring our aquifer into balance

### Community Water Dialogue Structure

- Community-driven
  - Community meetings attended by 50-60
- Action Teams advance priorities
  - Land Management and Irrigation Best Practices
  - Managed Aquifer Recharge
  - Big Projects
  - Communications
- Guidance Team provides leadership
- RCD as fiscal sponsor, staff and project administration

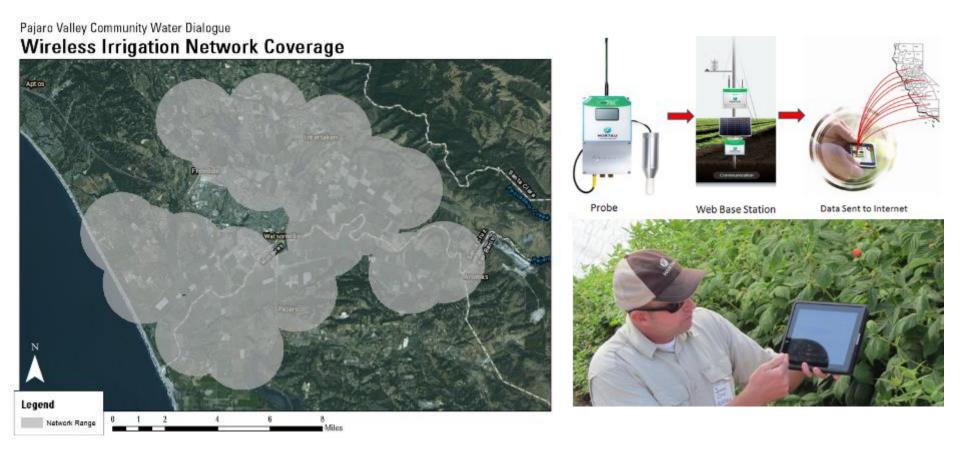
# Dialogue



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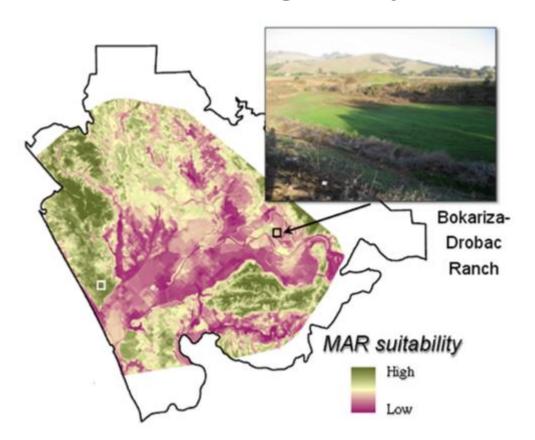
### Wireless Irrigation Network (WIN)



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### Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)





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### **Technical Assistance: Irrigation and Nutrient Management**



## Additional Project Ideas

- Rotational fallowing/Cover cropping
- Market based incentives for Managed Aquifer Recharge
- Soil health management
- Community Commitment to Groundwater

### **CWD Lessons Learned**









### Questions?

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