# Pajaro Valley Community Water Dialogue



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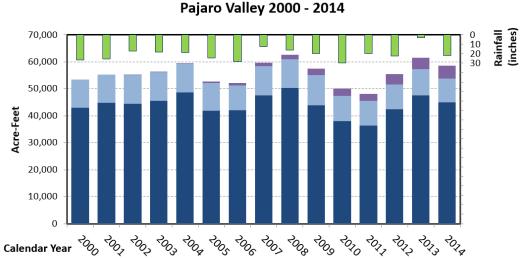
### Overview

- 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



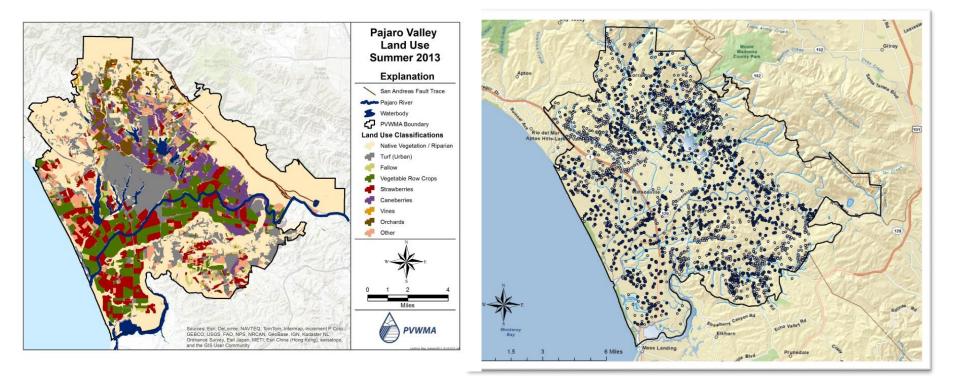
- Average Valley-Wide Water Use
  - 55,000 Acre-Feet per Year
  - 850 Ag Wells
  - 1,300 Rural Residential Wells
- Agro-Economy
  - 28,000 Irrigated Acres
  - 2013 Crop Value
     ~\$900,000,000

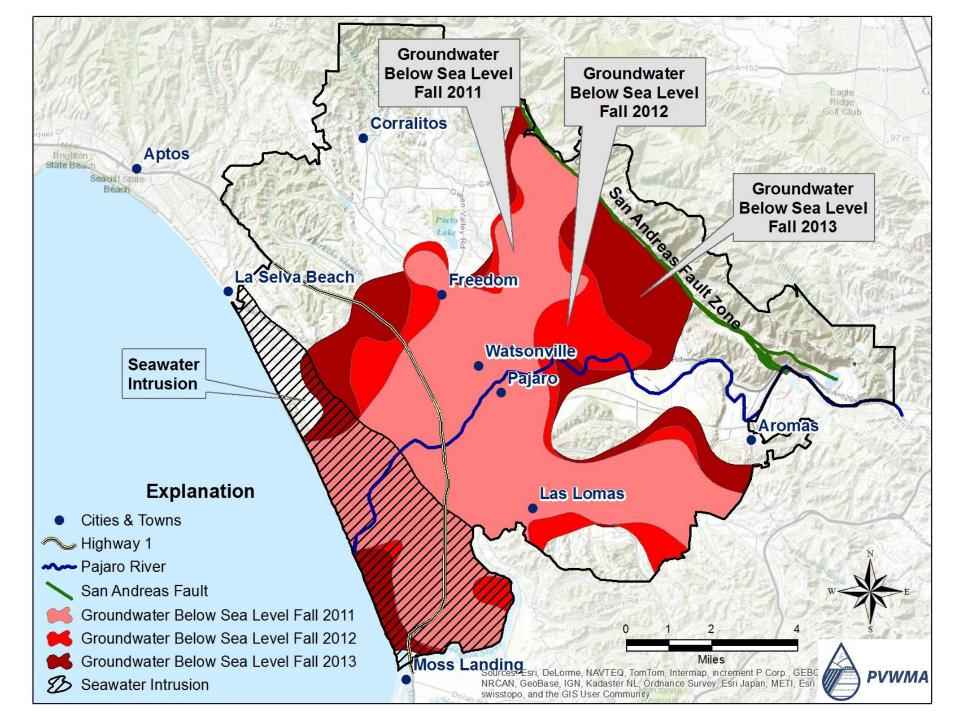


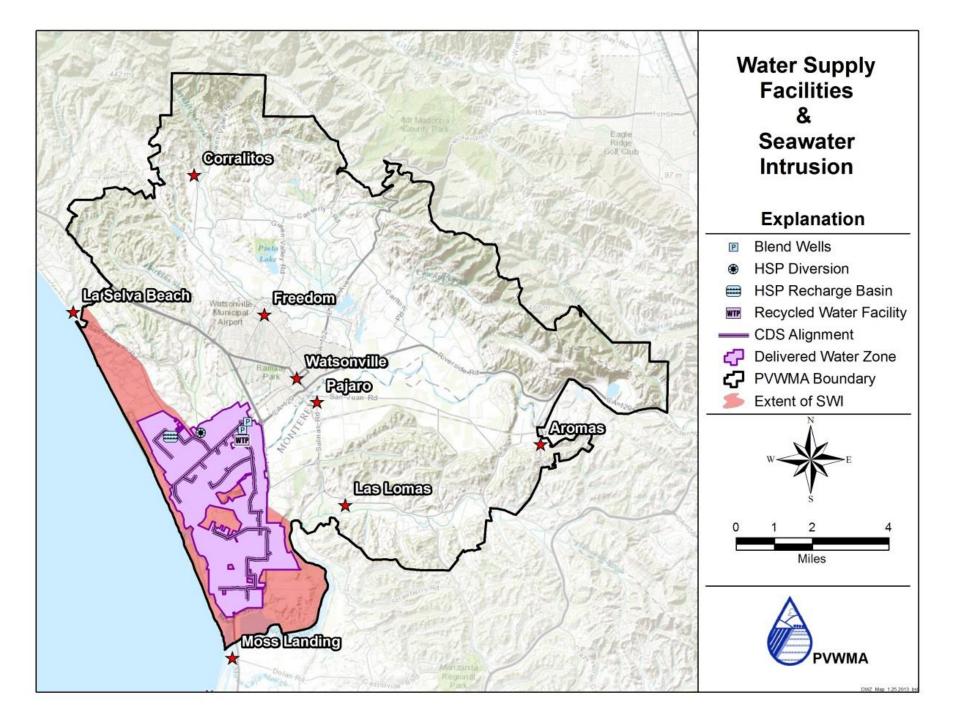
Water Use and Precipitation Trends

Delivered Ag. Irrigation Water
 Pumped Agricultural Water

Household Water
Rainfall







# 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

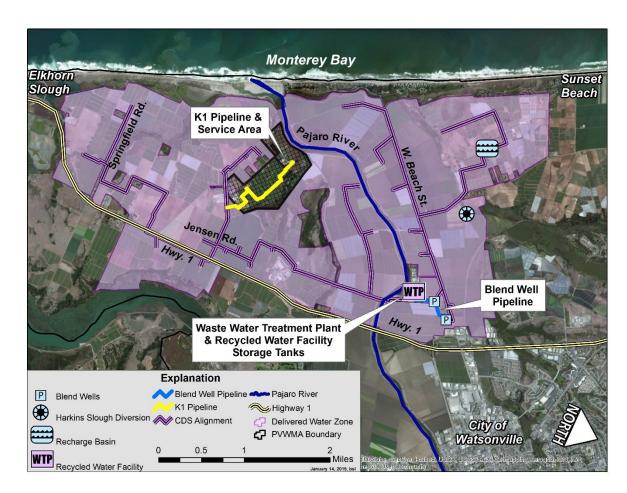


Conservation 5,000 AFY

Optimize the use of existing water supplies 3,000 AFY

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

- Recycled Water Facility Improvements
- Distribution
   System
   Improvements
  - Blend Well
     Pipeline 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
- 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

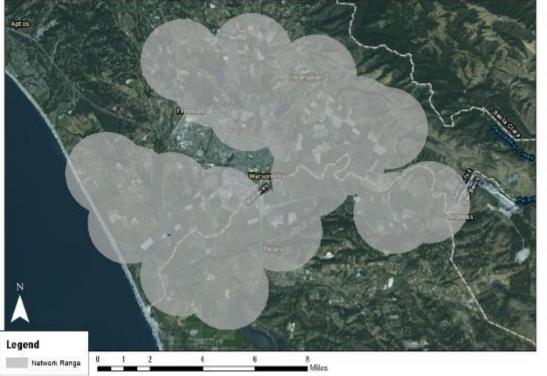


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#### Wireless Irrigation Network (WIN)



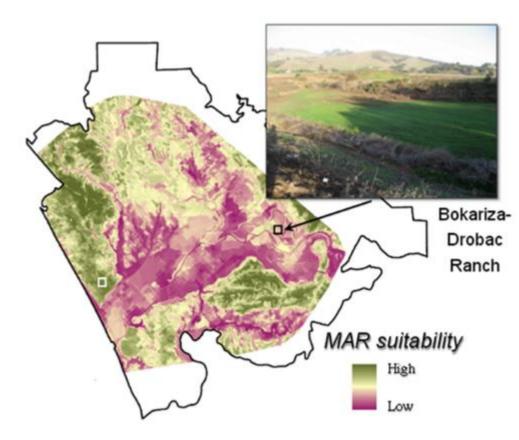




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#### Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)





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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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