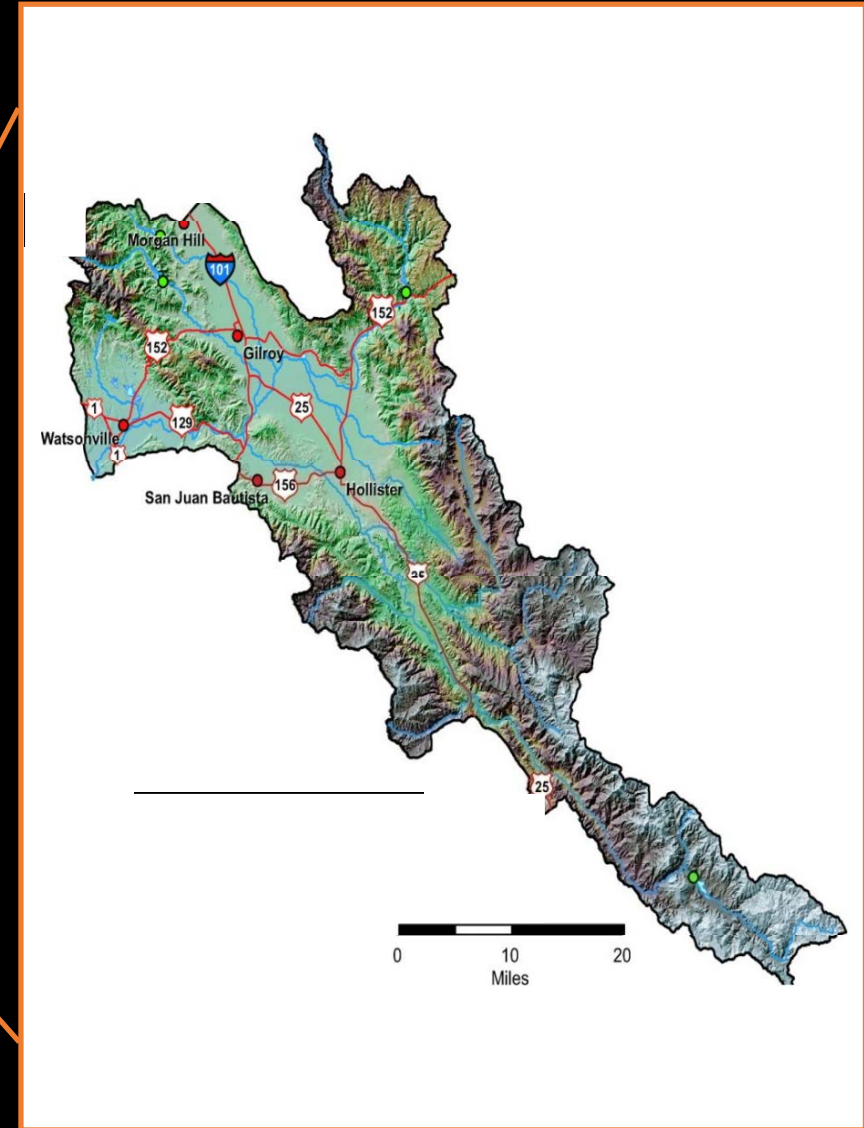


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Agenda

- Introductions
- Background on IRWM
- Summary of plan updates
- Public comments/questions
- Plan adoption
- Next steps

What is Integrated Regional Water Management Planning?

- *Integration* of water management issues to provide multiple benefits, including:
 - Water Supply
 - Groundwater Management
 - Flood Management
 - Water Quality
 - Environmental resource management, etc.

What is Integrated Regional Water Management Planning?

- *Regional* strategies to address basin-wide water management issues on a cooperative basis:
 - Multi-purpose projects and institutionally, economically viable and implementable strategies
 - Regional support for projects and strategies
 - Long-term partnerships for continued water management planning and implementation
 - Maximum funding opportunities

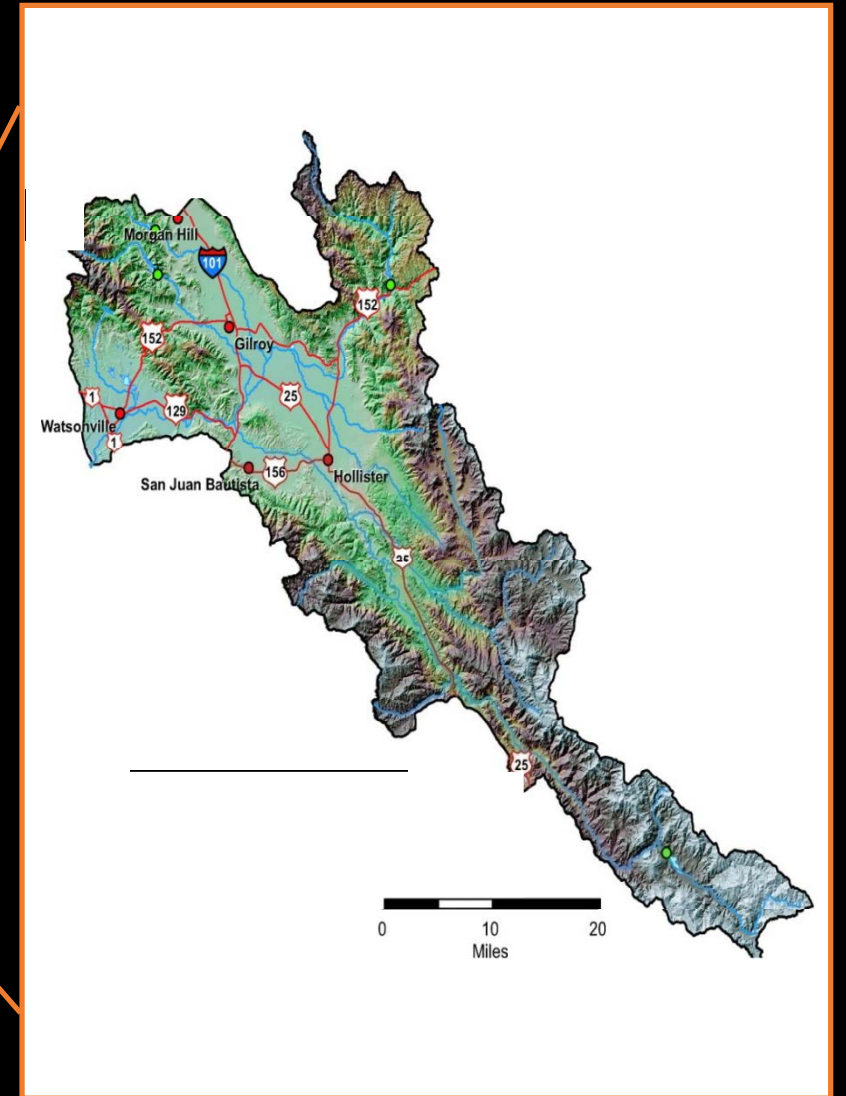
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Regional Water Management Group:

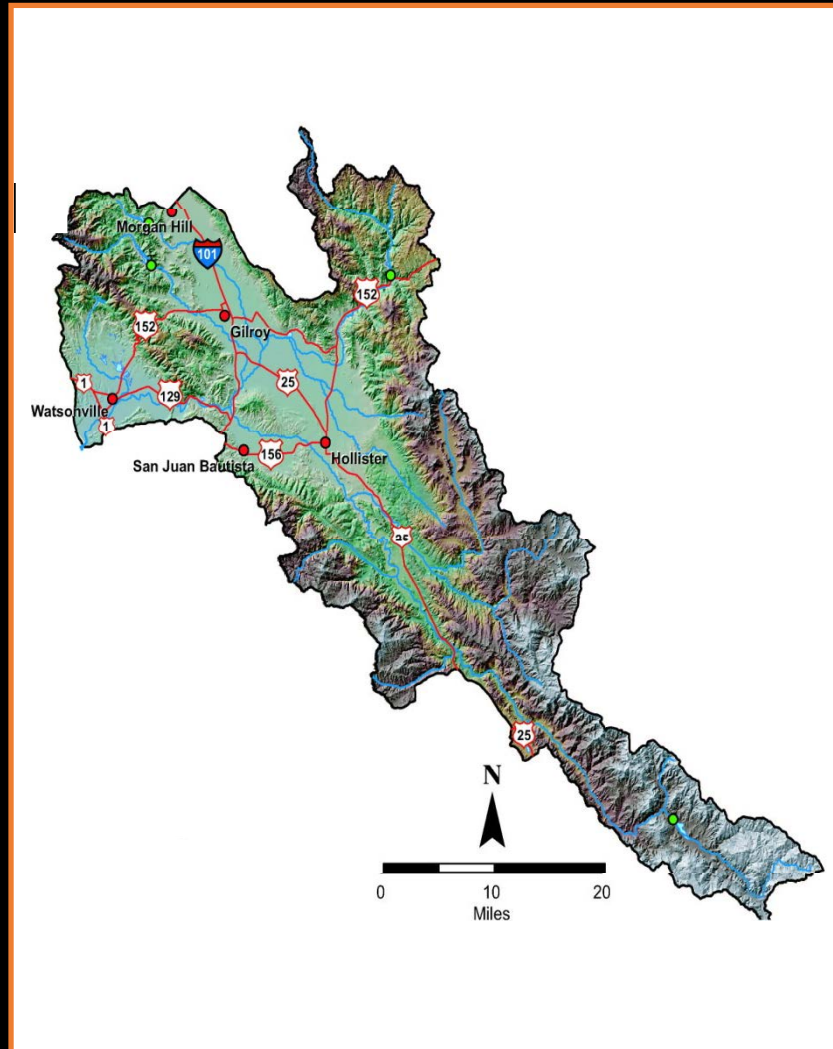
- SBCWD
- PV Water
- Valley Water

Regional Approach

- Counties
- Cities
- Water Agencies
- Flood Protection Agencies
- Resource Agencies
- Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
- Farm Bureaus
- Non-profits and non-governmental groups

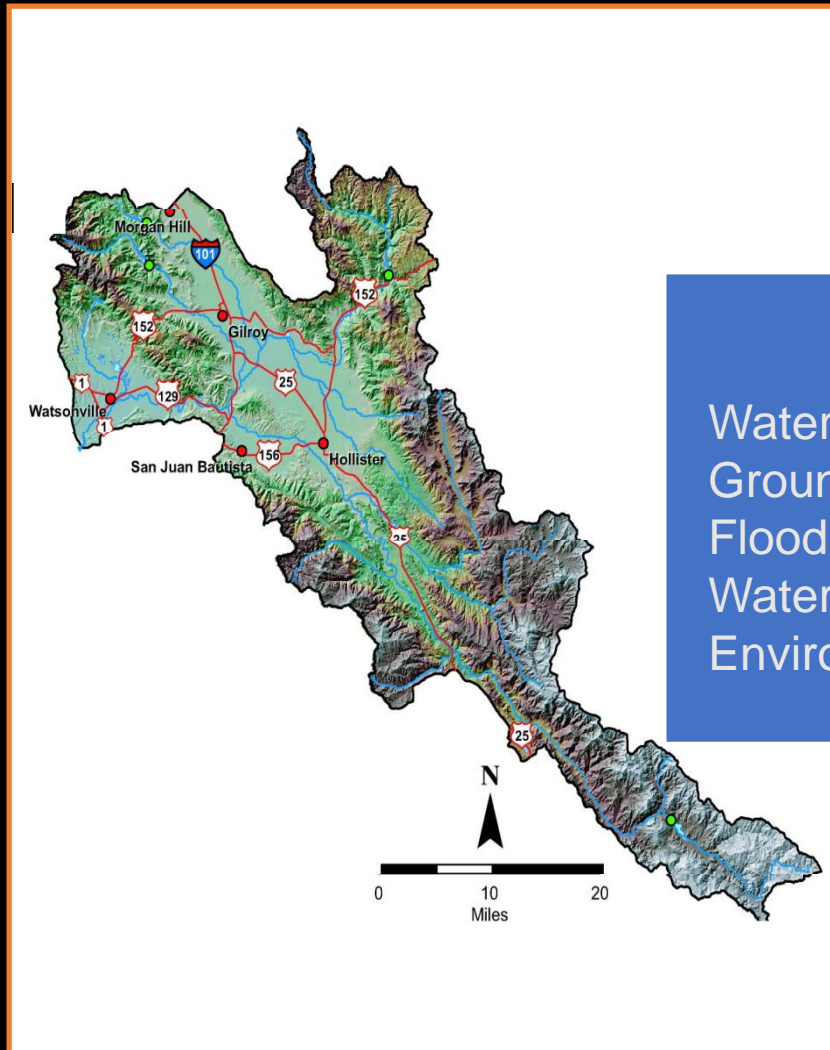


Shared Water Resources are the Basis for the Region



- **Ground Water**
 - SBCWD, Valley Water, and PV Water are the GSAs for the Pajaro River Watershed groundwater sub-basins
 - Pajaro groundwater influenced by the Pajaro River and upstream activities
- **Surface Water**
 - SBCWD & Valley Water are CVP San Felipe Division contractors
- **Storm Water**
 - Runoff collects and drains to the Pajaro River and ultimately to the Monterey Bay

Regional Water Issues and Integrated Water Projects were Incorporated into Single Document



Water Supply
Groundwater Management
Flood Management
Water Quality
Environment, etc.

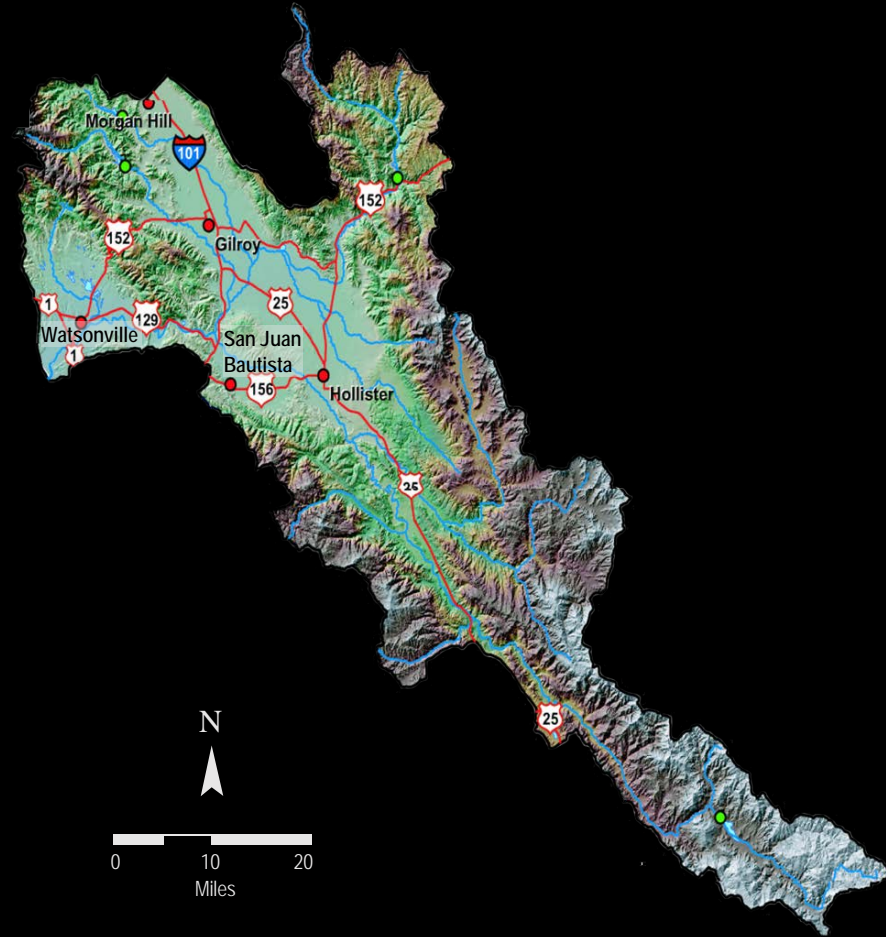


Purpose of current update

- Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued new IRWM plan guidelines in 2016, primarily requiring:
 - Incorporation of climate change considerations
 - Water quality considerations related to AB 1249
 - Improved consideration of tribal community water issues
- DWR released the final Proposition 1 Implementation Grant (round 1) Guidelines in spring 2019
 - Requires IRWM plans to meet 2016 guidelines to be eligible for funding

Benefits of a Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan Update

- Understand Water Supply Options and Constraints Regionally
- Understand Opportunities to Improve Water Quality Regionally
- Address Flood Management Needs on a Watershed Basis
- Chronicle Environmental Opportunities
- Maintain State funding eligibility
- Improve Federal funding competitiveness
- Enhance regional cost sharing opportunities

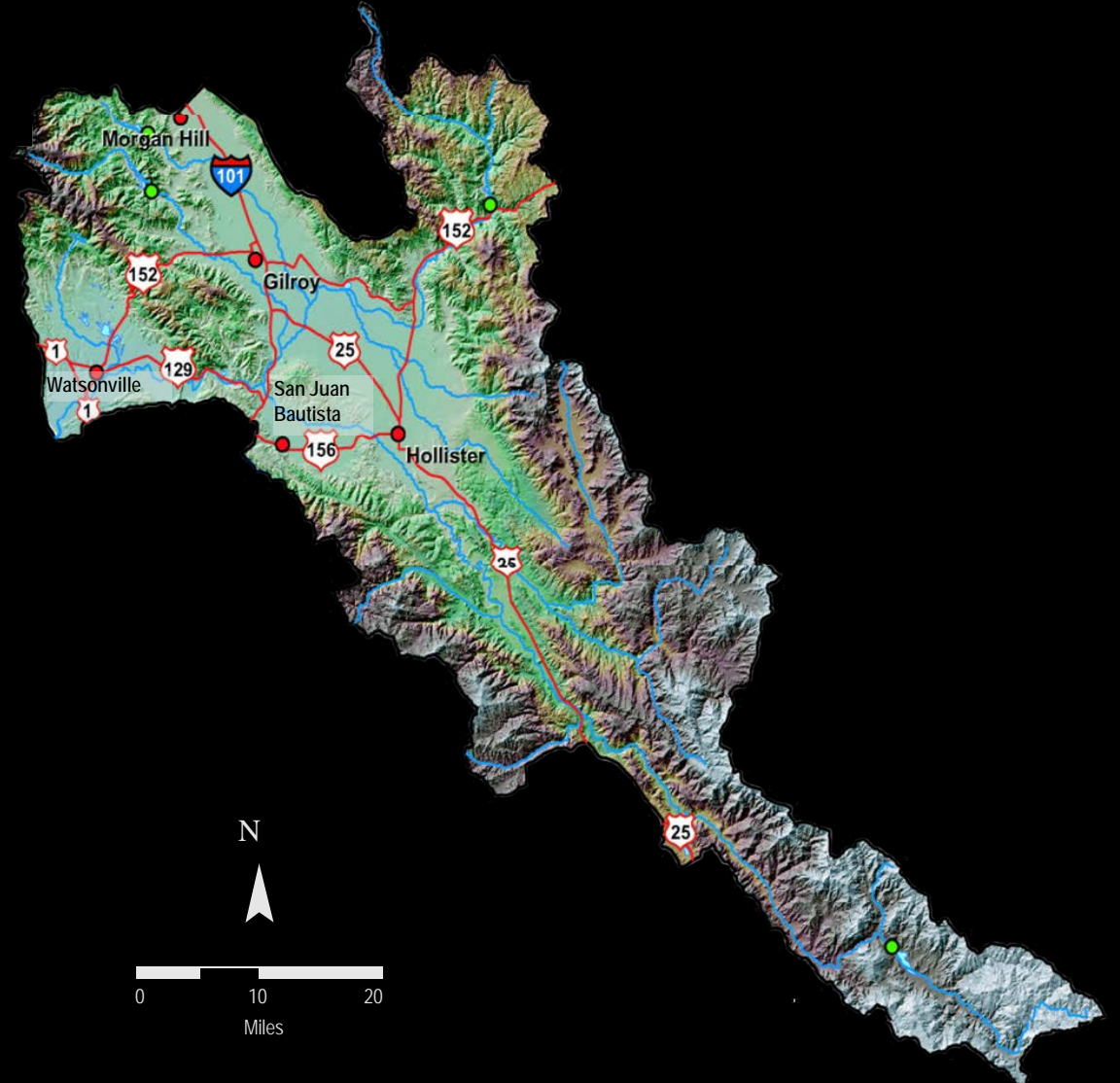


Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan Updates

- Expanded consideration of climate change in goals and objectives
- Enhanced project prioritization process
 - Simplified scoring
 - Made scoring more explicit to level of benefit
 - Provided points for projects that address climate change
- Improved and expanded tribal information
- Updated stakeholder contacts
- Updated regional water resource information
- New call for projects

Critical Needs for the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM

- Diversified water supplies to be resilient against climate change and to meet current and future demands
- Improved water quality regionally and complying with AB1249
- Flood management along the Pajaro River and in areas more susceptible to floods and sea level rise from climate change
- Restore and protect environmental resources



Project Review Process

- From the draft Plan, provided region stakeholders for review:
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Regional management strategies
 - Scoring rubric
- Call for projects
- Project review: RWMG scores and ranks projects

Project Review Metrics

- Goals and objectives (50%)
- Integration (15%)
- Social Justice (10%)
- Financial/Economic Resources (10%)
- Climate Change (10%)
- Implementation Readiness (5%)

Received 31 projects for inclusion in the plan

Plan Update Timeline and Status

- February 2019: Requested comments on regional goals, objectives, and project scoring metrics
- March 2019: Call for projects
- June 2019: Released project scores
- September 2019: Requested comment on draft plan
- October 22, 2019: Plan is being considered for adoption

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QUESTIONS?

