

Watershed resilience Pilot: Update to RWA Board November 2024



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One of Five Awardees



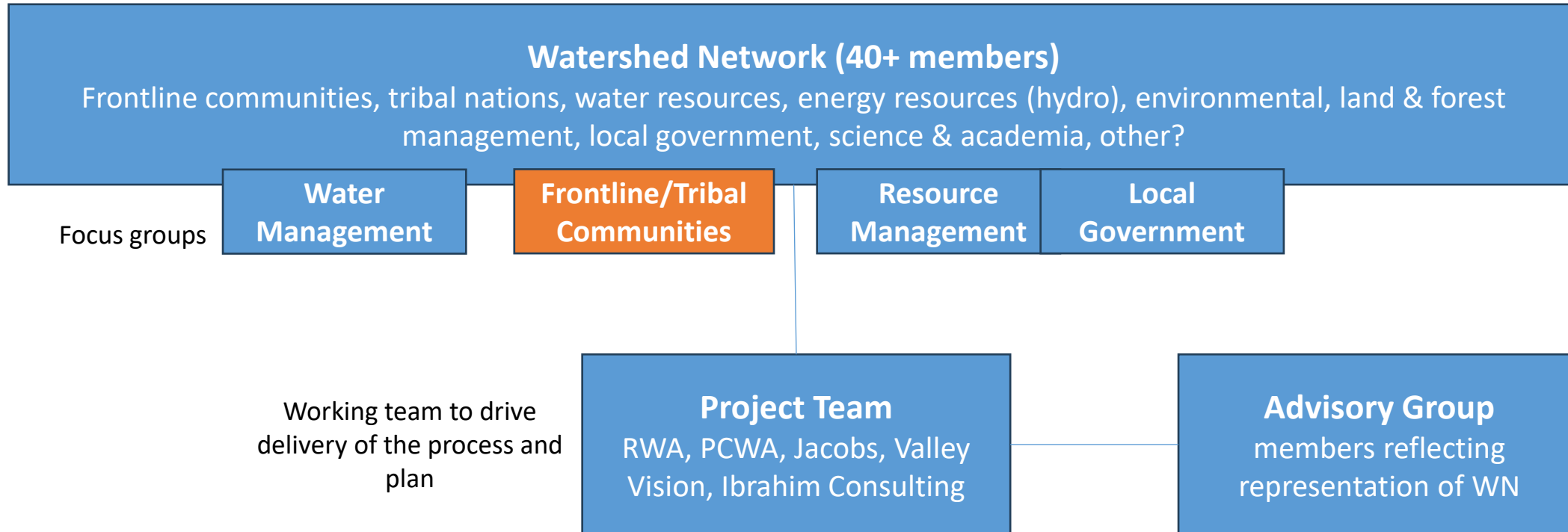
Final Awards – 2024 Watershed Resilience Pilot Program

Recipient Name	Watershed	Award
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency	Pajaro River Watershed	\$2,000,000
Regional Water Authority	Greater American River Watershed	\$2,000,000
Sonoma County Water Agency	Russian River Watershed	\$2,000,000
Stockton East Water District	Calaveras River Watershed	\$2,000,000
The Ventura County Resource Conservation	Ventura River Watershed	\$2,000,000

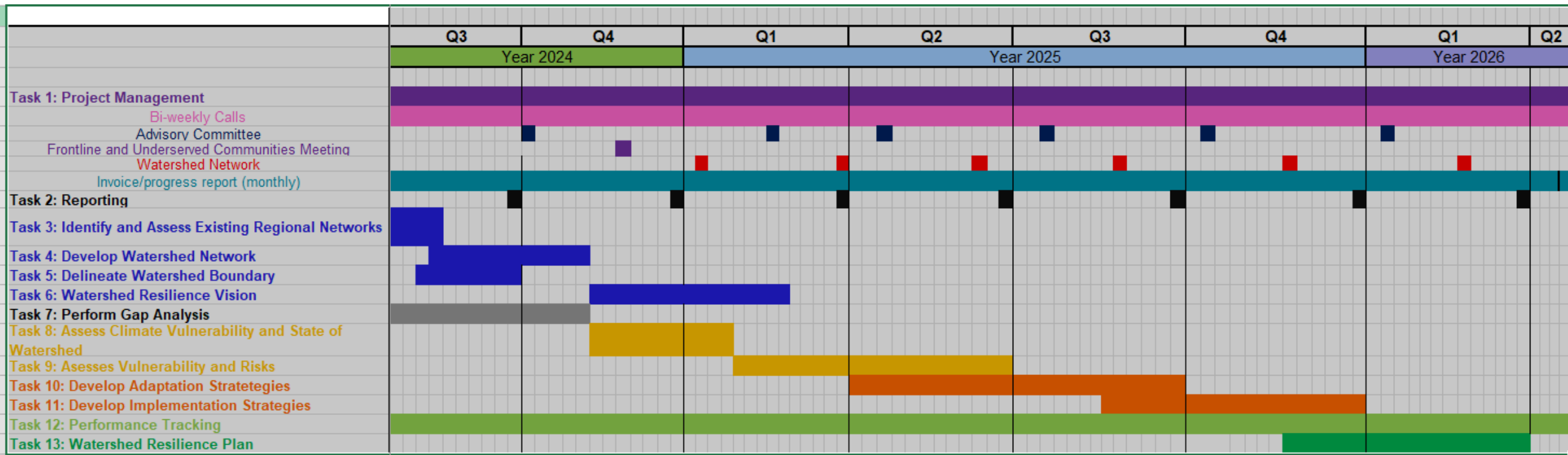
Total Awards	\$10,000,000
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Watershed Network – Organizational Structure

Broad, inclusive network of impacted groups and/or anticipated partners to support in solutions



Approximate timeline



RWA gained approval for stipends

Plan For Participant Compensation

Why Compensation Matters

The Regional Water Authority acknowledges community members and/or representatives take time out of their day from other responsibilities to attend meetings, listening sessions, or other engagement activities that inform our work. As such, participants should be compensated appropriately for their expertise and contributions. Not only does offering compensation remove potential financial barriers to participation, but also, compensation communicates respect and can help build a collaborative, positive, and lasting relationship with participants. RWA's subcontractor Valley Vision has provided compensation to event participants and community members for a number of years and has identified it as a best practice to foster effective and inclusive community engagement. RWA through the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project intends to implement this best practice.

Model for compensation for participation

- Budget of \$15,000
- Participants receive \$50 per hour up to \$100 per meeting
- Utilizing this capability to increase participation

Gap Analysis - Approach

- **Scope:** Identify knowledge gaps and areas needing additional research to inform climate change vulnerability planning and modeling
- **Methodology:** Reviewed approximately 70 reports and studies
 - Categorized studies by sector and relevance to project tasks
 - Focused on supporting key project tasks, including, existing climate vulnerability assessments for water-related sectors, updated historical watershed water budget preparation, and vulnerabilities and risks assessments

Gap Analysis - Findings

- Solid foundation of information exists for the American River Basin
- Significant gaps identified for Cosumnes River watershed and West Sacramento
- Need for updated assessments on groundwater resources, ecosystems, and wildfire impacts
- Lack of comprehensive data on equity considerations and climate vulnerabilities of underserved communities

Tribal and Frontline Community Kickoff Meeting



- Meeting last night November 13th
- Start not a finish
- Still gathering feedback

Next Steps



- Watershed Network Meeting Q1 2025
- Watershed Resilience Vision
- Build Up Relationships and Engagement

Thank you!

