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1 Preamble
The Watershed Institute is proud to submit our annual report of activities. This year marks our 26th year of collaboration between faculty, researchers, outreach specialists, undergraduate and graduate students and community members.

2 Introduction
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1) Assist CSUMB to fulfill its mission, goals, and objectives by providing community outreach and education, research, and Service Learning opportunities, environmental restoration, and resource policy development.

2) Provide an institutional base for visiting scholars, adjunct faculty, and post-doctoral and other academic fellows, thus augmenting the teaching and scholarship efforts of CSUMB faculty and students.

3) Provide research opportunities and association for CSUMB faculty, staff, and students.

The CSUMB Watershed Institute has been continuously operational and self-funded since 1994, one year before CSUMB admitted its first students. The mission of the Watershed Institute remains vital and unchanged in 26 years of operation. While the mission statement is specific to conservation and restoration of Monterey Bay watershed systems, our work influences a much broader region, and now continues to spread outward through an army of trained watershed scientists who take the values and skills of the CSUMB Watershed Systems curriculum to their various careers and graduate school experiences.

The Watershed Institute was envisioned as a center for research, education, and outreach with the simple goal of improving the flora, land, and water resources of the Monterey Bay region. Today that vision continues to be realized, and the regional scope has increased as new faculty and staff continue to bring diverse interests and expertise to the table.

This Annual Report complies with CSUMB Policy and Procedures for Centers and Institutes (Academic Affairs, 2009a, 2009b).
Annual Report Distribution

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Watershed Institute Advisory Committee
3 Activities

The 2020-2021 Watershed Institute activities are organized as annotated lists with headings that place the activity within the context of the Watershed Institute mission statement and purpose. While the individual activities usually fulfill more than one part of the mission statement, they are presented only once, under the most representative heading. These lists are renewed annually as evidence of recent mission fulfillment.

3.1 Article One of the Watershed Institute Purpose

Article one of the Watershed Institute purpose states that we will, “Assist CSUMB fulfill its mission, goals, and objectives by providing community outreach and education, research and Service Learning opportunities, environmental restoration, and resource policy development.”

3.1.1 Resource Policy Development and Community Outreach

We are very deeply involved in resource policy development in our region and beyond. We serve the community in this regard by giving lectures, developing curriculum, organizing symposia, and holding community-based watershed restoration events. We have a history of strong civic engagement in local resource management, and currently represent CSUMB at several important venues. Collectively, the Watershed Institute Faculty and Staff serve on numerous technical advisory committees (TAC) and advisory boards to foster science-based environmental decision making, and to advocate for community involvement in environmental decision making. A sample of 2020-2021 activities is presented below.

1) Alisal Vibrancy Plan Community Health and Safety Working Group
2) Big Sur Land Trust, Science and Land Management Advisory Committee
3) California Higher Education Sustainability Conference Steering Committee
   Sets policies and procedures for running the annual California Higher Education Sustainability Conference.
4) Camp SEA Lab Board
   Provides guidance for residential marine science education program.
5) Carmel Lagoon Technical Study Team
6) Carmel River Watershed Conservancy Advisory Board
   Provide guidance for actions aiming to preserve and restore the Carmel River, its watershed, and its populations of threatened species, such as steelhead and California red-legged frogs.
7) Carmel River Watershed Conservancy Board of Directors
8) Carmel River Watershed Conservancy Taskforce
9) Carr Lake Core Planning Group for Community Engagement
10) CSU Sustainability Policy Education and Engagement Working Group
    Works to establish CSU-based policies and practices to enhance sustainability.
11) **CSU Water Resources Policy Initiative**
   Participates in CSU-wide initiatives that develop water management solutions through research, partnerships, education and training that provides students with hands-on learning.

12) **Everyone’s Harvest Board of Directors**

13) **Expanded Bioreactor Project**
   Has built four new four-channel research bioreactors on campus. These research bioreactors are used for investigating different types of support matrices, elevated temperature operation, and supplemental carbon injection with the intent of improving bioreactor efficiency by a factor 10X. A larger, field-scale, comparative reactor is being constructed in collaboration with the Central Coast Wetlands Group and Waterways Consulting Inc. Additionally, an on-farm trial was conducted in summer 2019. The goal is to use a model-based approach to compare treatment systems in triplicate, simulating a 5-10-acre farm runoff volume through each reactor. The current funding is from the CSU ARI and the CA Leafy Greens.

14) **Fallowed Area Mapping Project**
   Conducts research to develop within-season maps of drought impacts on agricultural production, and map land fallowing across California, Washington and Nevada during drought events. Project partners include NASA ARC, CA DWR, the CA Department of Food and Agriculture, USGS, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Nevada State Engineer’s Office, USDA, and the Nature Conservancy. CSUMB is currently working with NASA and CA DWR to transfer the workflows developed to CA DWR for sustained operational use.

15) **FogNET research collaborative**
   Group dedicated to measuring and analyzing the impact of fog water as a resource in California coastal ecosystems. Research has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, a contract with a startup called NBD Nano, and a donation from Proximo Spirits.

16) **Fort Ord Land Use**
   Collaborates with over 70 community groups and agencies on regional planning, mapping, spatial analysis, and conservation analysis.

17) **Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)**
   Faculty conceived and act as community leaders of 31-mile trail project for which $31M in funding has been obtained to date. CEQA review and project approvals were completed in 2020. Final design is in progress for the first segment. Governmental lead agency: Transportation Agency for Monterey County. See Section 12 of this document.

18) **Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group**
   The Regional Water Management Group is the entity tasked with developing and implementing the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan, reviewing projects submitted to the plan, and choosing which projects to put forward for funding.

19) **Hilltop Park Ad Hoc Committee, City of Marina**
   Participates in public meetings under the Brown Act to address vegetation to be planted and restored at a future city park.
20) President’s Sustainability Committee
   The mission of the committee is to promote sustainability throughout CSUMB in planning, development, and operation of the campus facilities, including student support services. It also supports sustainability through curriculum innovation, faculty, staff, and student research, and outreach to the local, regional, and global community.

21) Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Regional Water Management Group

22) Moro Cojo Technical Advisory Committee

23) National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Committee

24) Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Science Advisory Council
   Guides the museum on its education and outreach displays.

25) Pythium-INSV task force
   Public-private collaborative effort to develop new information on ways to sustainably manage emerging diseases affecting the leafy greens industry.

26) Return of the Natives (RON) Advisory Board
   Meets annually to advise the RON program.

27) Salinas Trash Advisory Committee
   A group of regional stakeholders that looks at innovative methods to reduce waste runoff through storm drains.

28) Sand Gilia recovery
   Review of endangered plant status, led by WI faculty, in collaboration with USFWS.

29) Satellite Irrigation Management Support (SIMS)
   Collaborative effort to develop new information products from satellite data to support optimization of agricultural water management; project partners include NASA Ames Research Center (ARC), CA Department of Water Resources (DWR), CSU Fresno, USDA Agricultural Research Service, UC Davis, UC Cooperative Extension, USGS, Scheid Vineyards, Driscoll’s, Huntington Farms, and Western Growers Association.  [http://ecocast.arc.nasa.gov/sims/](http://ecocast.arc.nasa.gov/sims/)

30) Squirrel-Net Research Network
   Group dedicated to integrating meaningful scientific research with mammals into undergraduate biology education. Research is supported by the National Science Foundation.

31) Sustainable City Year Program
   A new campus program that began in 2015 that integrates class projects with city sustainability needs. The City of Seaside was the second city partner (2017/2018 and 2018/2019) and The City of Pacific Grove was the third city partner (2019/2020). Several of the projects with the City (taken from across campus) addressed issues of environmental education and environmental literacy, consistent with the stated purposes of the Watershed Institute.
32) Toro Trails Task Force
   Convened by Monterey County Resource Management Agency to solve trail-related resource management problems at Toro Regional Park.

33) Zambian Carnivore Programme
   Conducts research for protected area management through local capacity building including training and employment of Zambian nationals in ecological research techniques (e.g., habitat mapping).

3.1.2 Service Learning
Each semester, the Watershed Institute Staff provide many undergraduate students with Service Learning opportunities through a course called “Civic Ecology Service Learning.” In that experience, students come to understand the value of creating community events where residents can emotionally connect with the land on which they live. It is believed that through this connection individual citizens grow to become better stewards of the environment. A key component of this effort is working with K-12 students on hands-on plant ecology restoration projects that foster good stewardship at a young age. Other Service Learning courses from across campus also utilize watershed topics in their curricula with their students completing their service through the Watershed Institute’s Return of the Natives Restoration Education Project, RON. These classes include, ENSTU349S, ENSTU 369S, ENSTU384S, BIO 379S, MSCI 361S, and SL200s.

3.1.3 Environmental Restoration
Environmental restoration is the intentional, incremental improvement of natural ecological or resource function of the landscape in direct response to centuries of unintentional incremental degradation. The Watershed Institute is directly involved with environmental restoration in three ways. First, we have led community-based restoration efforts for many years in the region around CSUMB. This effort has brought thousands of hands, young and old, to work on ecological restoration of native plant communities and the eradication of non-native invasive species. Second, we design and implement river/floodplain restoration projects and review and improve the designs of others. Faculty and students have been the primary researchers monitoring the positive and negative impacts of the San Clemente dam removal (the largest such project in CA history). Faculty and students have also played a significant role in the monitoring of wildlife following removal of invasive vegetation (i.e., Arundo donax) along the Salinas River. There is a Watershed Institute presence on a variety of technical advisory committees whose purpose is to restore specific sites in California. Examples of these TAC positions are listed in the Resource Policy Development section. Less directly, we have educated hundreds of CSUMB students in the value and skills of environmental- and community based-habitat restoration and restoration monitoring.

3.1.4 Presentations to the Local Community
Dundore-Arias, J.P. Manejo Integrado de Plagas para Plantas de Viveros. Pest Management Webinar for Spanish speakers organized by the California and Oregon Association of Nurseries.


Smith, D. Another Dam Talk: A Deeper Review of Clemente Dam Removal and Carmel River Response. UCSC Women’s Club.


Smith, D. Another Dam Talk: A Deeper Review of Clemente Dam Removal and Carmel River Response. Watsonville Wetlands Watch.


3.2 Article Two of the Watershed Institute Purpose

The second article of the Watershed Institute purpose states that we will, “Provide an institutional base for visiting scholars, adjunct faculty, and post-doctoral and other academic fellows, thus augmenting the teaching and scholarship efforts of CSUMB faculty and students.”

Dr. Lars Pierce and Forrest Melton are professors currently associated with the Watershed Institute. Their research, which is briefly described below, provides multiple opportunities for CSUMB students to engage in cutting edge research in the use of satellite data and sensor networks to enhance the sustainability and efficiency of agricultural operations in California.

Dr. Pierce has led plant and fire ecology studies on Fort Ord FORA and ESCA property located adjacent to campus. These projects have involved local land management agencies, including the Ft. Ord Reuse Authority, the US Army BRAC, the BLM, and Fort Ord Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Group. Dr. Pierce is currently focused on his vineyard irrigation business, where he sends out weekly forecasts and satellite imagery to growers at 50 vineyards across CA. His work with table grape growers is helping them save 25% of their irrigation water without any changes in quality or yield. Dr. Pierce has been associated with CSUMB for over a decade and continues to serve CSUMB in a variety of ways through his association with the Watershed Institute. Dr. Pierce has continuously generated financial support and mentorship for student researchers; he maintains excellent relationships with community partners. He also helps to review the annual campus proposals submitted to the CSU Agricultural Research Initiative. Dr. Pierce can be reached at aguavu.com
Forrest Melton is leading a research mission to develop new information products from satellite data and surface sensor networks to address agricultural water management challenges in the western U.S. Ongoing work conducted in collaboration with growers in the Salinas Valley and the California Central Valley is developing near real-time estimates of crop conditions, crop water requirements, and land fallowing across millions of acres of irrigated farmland. The project is also developing web and mobile data interfaces to enhance the ability of growers to access and use satellite information in irrigation management. His work integrates CSUMB students in a variety of paid, research and technology-based internships. Forrest is also the Program Scientist for the NASA Western Water Applications Office (WWAO), which developed new applications of NASA data and technologies for addressing key water resource management challenges in the western U.S. Forrest is one of our key collaborative links with the NASA Ames Research Center research group. For more information, please see https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/about/our-team/forrest-melton.

3.3 Article Three of the Watershed Institute Purpose

The third article of the Article of the Watershed Institute purpose states that we will, “Provide research opportunities and association for CSUMB faculty, staff, and students.”

The faculty, staff, and students of the Watershed Institute have published a great number of peer-review journal articles, abstracts, technical reports, and theses as evidence of the research opportunities we enjoy. Since 2000, over 200 publications have been generated by the Watershed Institute faculty, and a great number of those have student coauthors. A nearly complete list of publications is kept up to date at the Watershed Institute Publications website http://ccows.csumb.edu/pubs/. These publications focus on serving community research needs, so they represent solid evidence of CSUMB community outreach via Watershed Institute associates. One tangible way that the Watershed Institute enables publication is through the “Watershed Institute Publication Series,” an internally reviewed and moderated technical report series that archives applied science performed by the research arm of the Watershed Institute. To date there are over 180 Watershed Institute technical reports published on the Watershed Institute Publications website; virtually all of them have at least one student co-author. The great majority of the technical reports were commissioned contract products, underscoring a strong record of grantsmanship through the CSUMB University Corporation. The Watershed Institute Publication Series has been highlighted in the Environmental Monitor, the quarterly publication of the Association of Environmental professionals http://ccows.csumb.edu/pubs/magazine_articles/EM-Summer-2012.pdf.

Publications representing activity in 2020-2021 are listed below, including CSUMB student co-authors.

3.3.1 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles 2020-2021

* denotes CSUMB undergraduate or graduate student


3.3.2 Published Abstracts/Posters 2020-2021
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### 3.3.3 Watershed Institute Technical Report Series and Misc. Publications 2020-2021


### 3.3.4 Theses and PSM Internships (Master of Science in Applied Marine and Watershed Science)

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Charlotte Brenner, Shelby Fredrick  | Sustainable Pacific Grove Water Stations  
Patrick Cox, Cinthia Kneemeyer, Sean Riley, Taylor Wills  | Public Versus Private Water  

4 Connection to University

The Watershed Institute exists to serve the CSUMB mission. That commitment is explicitly stated in the mission and purpose statements of the Watershed Institute and is demonstrated in evidence throughout the report. The Watershed Institute is fully integrated with the University because it is run by dedicated CSUMB professors and long-term staff. Additionally, Drs. Watson, Worcester, Lienk, and Duggan serve on the Habitat Working Group of the President's Sustainability Committee.

5 Impact of Activities on the Academic Program(s) of the University

The Watershed Institute positively impacts the academic programs of the university in a variety of significant ways. The Watershed Institute faculty design, continually improve, and deliver the core curriculum in the Watershed Systems concentration of the B.S. in Environmental Science, the B.A. in Environmental Studies, and the M.S. in Environmental Science. Course activities within this core curriculum are often tied to real-world projects based in the local community. We teach watershed-centric Service Learning courses and coordinate Service Learning for the Service Learning Institute. Research projects and contracts associated with The Watershed Institute provide continual student opportunities for meaningful work, internships, research, and publication. These projects provide CSUMB students with hands-on experience in real-world projects, and provide external funding to support undergraduate capstone projects and graduate theses.

The “Bob Curry Watershed Scholarship Fund” was established by the Institute in early 2012 for the annual benefit of a Watershed Science graduate student and a Watershed Concentration undergraduate student. Funds were obtained from a gift from Bob Curry and the sale of a collection of 19th Century maps. Dr. Robert Curry was the founding faculty member of the Watershed Institute. Bob also mentored numerous CSUMB faculty as they became acquainted with the unique geology and hydrology of Central California. This year, the recipient of the “Bob Curry Watershed Scholarship Fund” scholarship was Annabelle McCarthy, an undergraduate student in Duggan’s Terrestrial Wildlife Ecology lab.

The Watershed Institute is also instrumental in choosing winners of CSUMB’s annual “Garden Club of America” scholarship. 2020-2021 Winners are Gretchen Wichman and Olivia Equinoa. Both have worked with Return of the Natives.
The Watershed Institute has been a key organizer of the yearly Central Coast Invasive Plant Conference (formerly the "War on Weeds" Conference). The 2020 Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. The most recent conference (the 19th) in November 2019 was attended by 110+ agency and academic personnel. The Watershed Institute also hosts an annual welcome reception for incoming science graduate students, and an annual post-semester reception celebrating students finishing their degrees.

Watershed Institute faculty member Dr. Smith continues to mentor the student chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association.

Watershed Institute faculty member Dr. Duggan, is a faculty adviser for the CSUMB Chapter of SEEDS. SEEDS is the flagship award-winning education program of the Ecological Society of America. Its mission is to diversify and advance the ecology profession through opportunities that stimulate and nurture the interest of underrepresented students to participate, and to lead in ecology. Focused mainly at the undergraduate level, with extension services for communities, high schools, graduate students, and international collaborations, the SEEDS program promotes an ecology profession with wide representation to ensure environmental understanding and a sustainable future for all. The core SEEDS program components offer hands-on, engaging experiences with ecology that exhibit the relevance and applications of the science. Each experience also provides opportunities to interact with a diverse group of ecologists and other motivated students to both broaden and deepen students’ understanding of ecology and potential careers. In 2020, following a nomination by Dr. Duggan, CSUMB undergraduate students Annabelle McCarthy and Isaiah Woodard were selected to participate in the SEEDS Virtual Leadership Meeting Workshop Series. The workshops were led by ecologists from across the country, including the current president of the Ecological Society of America, Dr. Kathleen Weathers.

Watershed Institute faculty member Dr. Duggan also advises a student club formed in 2018, the CSUMB Wildlife Conservation Society. The mission of the club is to promote student awareness of and support for conservation of wildlife.

6 Finances

The Watershed Institute has an incentive account that was funded by the University Corporation as part of PI grant overhead. Institute activities this year were supported by The Watershed Institute Donation Fund (72038 1027). In May of 2020 remaining assets from this Fund ($5,083.85) were placed in the Bob Curry Scholarship Fund. The current balance in the Watershed Institute Incentive Fund (10002143) is now $557.31.

7 Budget Forecast

The Watershed Institute personnel continue to actively pursuing extramural finds to support ongoing, new, and future research and outreach activities. Evidence is provided in the following two lists of current and proposed contracts. None of these contracts have increased the Watershed Institute operating budget since 2007, when all grant incentive funds were pooled with SEP.org.
7.1 Research Grants Received and Current Contracts 2020-2021


Big Sur Land Trust-Restoration by RON at the BSLT Carr Lake Site 2019-2021 ($30,000) L.L. Lienk, PI.

CA Dept of Food and Agriculture HSP. 2020-2023. Integrated sustainable nitrogen management in vegetable cropping systems ($250,000 total, CSUMB allotment $106,000) de la Fuente, PD-M and A. Haffa, Co-PD.

CA Dept of Food and Agriculture HSP. 2019-2022. Demonstration & Measurement of Healthy Soils Practices & Benefits on an Organic Vegetable Farm ($146,000 total, CSUMB allotment $109,000) Pam Krone, PI and A. Haffa, Co-PI.


CA Leafy Green Research Board. 2020-2021. Advancing understanding of the biology and management of Pythium wilt of lettuce ($24,992), J.P. Dundore-Arias, PI.

CA Leafy Green Research Board. 2020-2021. Evaluate seed and soil fungicide treatments to control Pythium wilt ($7,300) J.P. Dundore-Arias, PI.


CA Garlic and Onion Research Advisory Board. 2020-2021. Evaluation of anaerobic soil disinfestation and pathogen suppressive microbial inoculants for white rot management ($13,662) J.P. Dundore-Arias, PI.

CA State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund for weekend programs in Salinas Funded through 2021 ($71,240) L.L. Lienk, PI.

CA State Parks. Watershed Assessment of Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area ($230,298). D. Smith, PI.

California American Water. 2020-2021. Post-Dam-Removal Studies of Carmel River ($25,000) D. Smith, PI.


California Regional Waterboards/Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. 2021-2022. Analysis of Ionic Concentrations and Effects on Biological Condition (Region 8 – SWAMP) ($81,223) J.R. Olson, PI.

Central California Alliance for Health Healthy Food Access (Awarded to Everyone’s Harvest) 2020-2021. ($155,000) H. Parker and R. Norris, Co-PIs; V. Lopez-Littleton and E. Mosqueda, Collaborators.


CSU Agricultural Research Initiative. 2020-2021. Optimizing management of soilborne pathogens of leafy and allium vegetables to increase soil health and crop productivity ($49,374) J.P. Dundore-Arias, PI.

CSU Campus Agricultural Research Initiative. 2020-2021. Impact of AMF application on soil and nutrient utilization in an organic crop production system ($55K) A. Haffa, PI. and M. Hynes, Co-PI.


CSU Campus Agricultural Research Initiative. 2018-2021. In situ Monitoring of Pathogen Suppressing Volatiles to Determine Efficacy of Anaerobic Soil Disinfestation in Pot Trials and Strawberry Fields ($270,000) A. Haffa, PI.


CSU COAST. 2020-2021. Post-fire impact on spawning gravels in Carmel River” ($5,000). D. Smith, PI.

CSUMB College of Science Discover, Creation, and Integration grant ($6,035) J.M. Duggan, PI.

CSUMB Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity. 2020-2021. Manuscript Preparation for Post-fire impact on spawning gravels in Carmel River ($6,200). D. Smith, PI.

Monterey County Gives: a project of the Community Foundation for Monterey County 2019. ($10,177) L.L. Lienk, PI.

Monterey County Resource Conservation District 2020-2021. Restoration on Salinas River/Soledad Area ($30,000) L.L. Lienk, PI.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. 2020-2021. Baseline data of post-fire vegetation recovery” ($5,000) D. Smith, PI.

Monterey Peninsula Unified Applied Environmental Science Department District in support of 4th and 5th grade Eco-Ambassadors Program with Return of the Natives. Extended thru June 2021 ($15,000) L.L. Lienk, PI.
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. 2020-2021. Restoration at Marina Dunes ($39,999) L.L. Lienk, PI.

National Science Foundation. 2020-2023. Collaborative research: squirreling around for science: scaffolding ecological field research into the undergraduate curriculum through a networked CURE ($400,000 awarded, $149,464 to CSUMB). J.M. Duggan, E.A. Flaherty, H.C. Lanier, and J. Varner, Co-PIs.


San Jose Research Foundation/USDA, Evaluation of agricultural management practices and water quality. Awarded 2019 ($13,458) J.R. Olson, PI.

Sean Parker Conservation Fund. 2014-2020. Bringing Marginalized Students to Monterey Coast ($200,000) Active until 12/31/2020 L.L. Lienk, PI.

Tetra Tech/US EPA. U.S. 2020-2021. Phosphorus Model Development ($20,000) J.R. Olson, PI.

USDA Agricultural Research Service. Site-specific soil pest management in strawberry and vegetable cropping systems using crop rotation and a needs-based variable rate fumigation strategy. 2019-2024 ($429,547). F. Melton, PI.

USDA-Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP), Awarded 2019 to Everyone’s Harvest. 2020-2022 ($184,390) H. Parker and R. Norris, Co-PIs.


US Dept of Interior/BLM. 2019-2020. For Return of the Natives’ community-based restoration programs in Applied Environmental Science Departments and with general public, includes plant production and out-planting. (Many student assistant positions $30,000) L.L. Lienk, PI.

US Dept of Interior/BLM. 2019-2020. Hire CSUMB science grads as Weed Interns working under BLM supervision ($50,000) L.L. Lienk, PI.


US Fish & Wildlife Service. Status assessment of Monterey Gilia (Gilia tenuiflora ssp. arenaria) ($19,706) F. Watson, PI.


Zambian Carnivore Programme & IUCN-SOS. Conservation Science in Zambia 2 ($6,000) F. Watson, PI.

Zambian Carnivore Programme & WWF Netherlands. Conservation Science in Zambia 3 ($3,840) F. Watson, PI.
7.2 Research Grants and Contract Proposals Submitted 2020-2021

Bureau of Land Management. Return of the Natives to BLM/FONM Ensuring Native Plant Success and Future Conservation Leaders ($272,869) L.L. Lienk, PI.

Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR). ($450,000). Awarded March 2021. Dundore-Arias, PI

Ocean Protection Council. Eco-Ambassadors Protect the Coast and their Communities ($275,398) L.L. Lienk, PI.

8 Current Income

As reported above, the Watershed Institute has a small source of residual funds in the Watershed Institute Incentive Account.

9 Personnel

The following list includes CSUMB faculty and staff who identify themselves with the Mission of the Watershed Institute via grant-funded activities, unfunded service, or by providing mission-specific curriculum in AES courses during the 2020-2021 year in review.

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10 Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of the Watershed Institute includes a director (or two co-directors) nominated and elected by simple majority of the College of Science faculty who actively lead, or participate in, Watershed Institute activities (Figure 2). The directorship involves oversight of Watershed Institute incentive and donation accounts, setting meeting agendas, scheduling meetings, research and writing of the annual report, and fostering periodic institute review. In collaboration with the Watershed Institute Advisory Board, the director fosters work leading toward achieving the Institute Mission.

While not officially part of the Institute Structure, several “programs” have emerged as distinct entities. These programs are shown schematically below. The research arm represents faculty, staff, and students involved in applied science driven by community needs. The community outreach arm includes faculty and staff involved in several long-term initiatives to improve the environment through community education and community-based restoration projects.
Figure 2 The Watershed Institute Organizational Chart

College of Science, (COS; Dean)

Department of Applied Environmental Science (Chair)

Local Community (e.g., Resource Management, Agriculture, Education, etc.)

Watershed Institute Advisory Board (COS Dean, AES chair, AES faculty, Community members)

The Watershed Institute (Laura Lee Lienk, Jennifer Duggan co-directors)
Watershed-based AES faculty, staff, students, alumni

Environmental Ed & Service Learning

Conservation & Restoration

Central Coast Watershed Studies

Crop Water & Nutrient Management
11 Facilities

Between 1994 and 2003, the Watershed institute housed many of its core faculty, researchers, and operations in Building 42. Building 42 provides 2400 ft² of space for offices, restroom, utility room and hallway. It also provides a 760 ft² teaching space. The Watershed Institute nursery, occupies approximately 3000 ft² of open land. The nursery is essential to cornerstones of the Watershed Institute mission--community outreach, education, and restoration. The native plant nursery is used to grow thousands of plants every year in support of WI restoration projects and provide meaningful activities for a variety of community members, including a developmentally disabled adult group “Green Thumbs.”

The 7+ acre field where the Watershed Institute nursery, the CSUMB Garden Club garden, and the Bio-Reactors are located was renamed the “Sustainability Commons” in late 2015 after a name vetting process involving all members of the WI team. The name “Sustainability Commons” can now be found on campus planning documents and maps.

In 2003, simultaneous overcrowding in Building 42, and opportunities for office and teaching lab space in the new Chapman Science Center (Bldg. 53) led to decentralization of Watershed Institute operations and faculty. In essence, the research arm of the Watershed Institute moved offices to building 53 and expanded the research and teaching laboratory operations to available space in Building 13 and the new capstone laboratory spaces in Building 53.

It is now very difficult to judge how much space the Watershed Institute operations occupy, since faculty activities are inextricably integrated with everyday operations of SEP and State teaching space and State offices. While we distinguish State-funded and Corporation-funded activities and equipment, they occur seamlessly in shared spaces across campus, including Building 42, where the Institute was founded and still thrives today.

The space needs of the Watershed Institute are forecast to increase as new science analytical equipment is purchased. Nursery operations will need to expand in response to funded community needs. In 2015 the addition of space for the Bio-reactor complex and its assorted structures has been absorbed into the WI Greenhouse Area. Building 13 space is efficiently utilized to employ 2 staff and a number of graduate and undergraduate students who work on externally funded projects. Currently, all the available office space is being used, and there remains a critical need for more office space, especially if more students are to benefit from grant-funded research.

12 Community Service

The CSUMB Watershed Institute has a very strong presence in the community. Community service is central to the Watershed Institute mission, and is embodied in its support of the CSUMB mission statement. The community we serve includes students, local, state, federal, and international resource agencies, NGOs, municipalities, other academic institutions, and individual stakeholders.

As detailed in section 2.1 of this report, the faculty volunteer on several regional technical advisory committees and advisory boards. In that role, we provide scientific input aimed at sound environmental policy decisions. As detailed in section 2 of this report we serve the community’s environmental needs through funded research, technical reports, and very substantially through community-based restoration projects (Tables 3 and 4).
Table 3: Return of the Natives (RON) participants. May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the following hands-on programs did not occur in this reporting period. We are keeping this chart in the report to remind readers of the number of community outreach programs conducted by RON during a “normal” year.

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<td>General public Involved in watershed restoration with Return of the Natives</td>
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<td>K-12 school children contact experience in watershed restoration with Return of the Natives single activities</td>
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<td>K-12 individual children involved in multiple activities, including Eco-Ambassadors with MPUSD.</td>
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<td>Number of Classroom Teachers Involved in RON Programs. This includes 54 MPUSD teacher with Eco-Ambassadors</td>
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Table 4: Return of the Natives Brings CSUMB students to Community Service 2020-2021.

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<th>Annual Activity</th>
<th>Hours of Community Service</th>
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<td>Return of the Natives staff supervises CSUMB Learning Students from courses across campus</td>
<td>68 students x 30 hours = 2040 hours</td>
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<td>Return of the Natives hires CSUMB student assistants as mentors and leaders in the community</td>
<td>8 students x 10 hours/week x 40 weeks/year =3200 hours</td>
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<td>Return of the Natives hires CSUMB grads for Internships at BLM</td>
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<td>Return of the Natives staff supervises an AmeriCorps VIP member</td>
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Dr. Duggan engages students in monitoring and research used to inform management of the CSUMB campus, as well as natural habitats found in local parks and reserves. Examples include small mammal monitoring at both the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and the University of California Fort Ord Natural Reserve, research on wildlife responses to urbanization (including study sites on the Fort Ord National Monument and the Santa Lucia Preserve) and research on wildlife responses to the removal of invasive vegetation along the Salinas River. See csumb.edu/twe
Dr. Duggan led a capstone class that used an ecosystem service approach to inform management of natural resources in the city of Pacific Grove as part of the Sustainable City Year Program. Dr. Duggan works with diverse stakeholders to explore options for co-management of water quality and food safety in local agricultural landscapes. An example includes monitoring of small mammals and amphibians in agricultural ditches with various vegetation management strategies employed to promote water quality.

Dr. Dundore-Arias works with numerous stakeholders in addressing biotic and abiotic issues that threaten the regional agricultural production and sustainability, in particular, identifying, optimizing, and implementing novel and environmentally-friendly disease, crop, and soil management strategies. [https://dundoreariaslab.weebly.com/research-focus.html](https://dundoreariaslab.weebly.com/research-focus.html)

Dr. Dundore-Arias engages students in basic and applied agricultural research aimed at elucidating the role that biotic and abiotic factors play in shaping plant-microbiome interactions, and to develop practical applications for enhancing plant and soil health, and promoting biological suppression of plant pathogens. Examples include characterization of indigenous soil microbial communities with plant beneficial capacities, testing non-chemical disease management approaches that can serve as alternatives to replace synthetic pesticides, and deciphering co-management strategies that can concurrently contribute to control crop diseases and promote water conservation.

Dr. Fernandez coordinates the Environmental Studies program and engages students in 3 classes in the Environmental Studies Program, namely, capstone, systems thinking and sustainability, and infrastructure systems. He also coordinates the campus-wide Sustainable City Year Program, which engages campus classes and regional city and county sustainability-related projects. He integrates his work on collection of water from fog within his research, teaching, and some of his professional activities within the community. See [csumb.edu/fernandezlab](http://csumb.edu/fernandezlab)

Dr. Olson led a graduate class that analyzed the prevalence and ecological effects of neonicotinoid pesticides in rivers for the Central Coast Regional Waterboard. The work produced an online report and data set, and a presentation to the Regional Waterboard.

Dr. Olson engages students in data collection and analysis for a variety of regional projects including developing models of fish distributions to assist in managing estuaries for CalTrout; evaluating the effects of agricultural management practices on water quality in the Salinas and Pajaro Rivers for the USDA and Monterey National Marine Sanctuary; monitoring stream flows in the Santa Lucia Preserve to ensure adequate flows to meet legal requirements; compiling data, analyzing, and writing a report summarizing nutrient monitoring of rivers for a consortium of local growers participating in the Cooperative Monitoring Program; and supporting development of bioassessment methods for the State Waterboard’s Surface Ambient Water quality Monitoring Program (SWAMP).

Dr. Parker engages students in community-based environmental projects with local non-profit organizations throughout the region through her teaching of Social and Ecological Justice Service Learning. She has also mentored the Independent Capstone students in the Environmental Studies major and teaches Critical Thinking and Communication in Environmental Studies. In her capacity as President of the Board of Everyone’s Harvest, Dr. Parker has acquired grant funding for Everyone’s Harvest’s to expand their collaboration with area medical professionals to prescribe
produce for patients with diet related illnesses and food insecurity. Dr. Parker is collaborating with Dr. Lopez-Littleton and Dr. Mosqueda to conduct a CBPR evaluation of the program’s efficacy.

Dr. Parker co-founded the Monterey County Coalition for Agriculture (MC-COA) in March 2020 with Dr. Brenda Eskenazi of UC Berkeley and PI of the CHAMACOS study, Dr. Pedro Moreno of the Alisal Health Clinic, and Aaron Voit, Esq. of California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. to address farmworker health and work safety issues associated with COVID-19. Since March 2020, the coalition has been meeting weekly, acting as a clearinghouse for information, and has grown to 75 members, including members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and staff, the County Public Health Officer and staff, the Mexican Consulate in San Jose, the Monterey and Santa Cruz Agricultural Commissioners, the Farm Bureau, Grower Shipper Association, Strawberry Commission, Monterey County Vintners, and other agricultural industry leaders, medical, public health, and legal professionals, academics and students from UC Berkeley, CSUMB, and Stanford, and farmworker advocacy organizations. Group members have successfully requested, acquired, and disseminated PPE for farmworkers from state and private resources, increased testing capacity for farmworker communities in the county, increased information for farmworkers through print, visual media and in-person informational sessions in Spanish and indigenous languages, and members of the group are initiating seroprevalence studies of COVID-19 in farmworking communities. Since May 2020, the MC-COA has been coordinating with Santa Cruz County Agricultural and Public Health staff and medical professionals to share resources and best practices.

Dr. Pierce works with growers on the North Coast and Central Coast, as well as in the San Joaquin Valley, applying remote sensing and water balance modeling towards the design and development of efficient irrigation schedules in wine grape vineyards. He also works with local resource agency personnel (US Army, BLM, FORA) in assessing the effects of prescribed fire on the Fort Ord Maritime Chaparral plant community.

Dr. Smith engages students in data collection and analysis for a variety of regional resource managers including helping Fort Ord BLM and State parks managers quantify erosion magnitudes and management. Students are also working to monitor the extreme environmental changes occurring near the former San Clemente dam site. They are also assessing the use of beach nourishment to protect Monterey’s coastal development.

Dr. Smith regularly trains regional environmental docents. Recent activity includes several hours of training on regional geology and natural history interpretation for 30 Docents in training at Pacific Grove Natural History Museum’s “California Naturalists” class.

Dr. Watson works with numerous stakeholders in the reuse of the Former Fort Ord, most actively with respect to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. Dr Watson co-created and co-leads the FORTAG initiative with Dr Scott Waltz (also at CSUMB). To date, the team has worked with 88 local organizations, convened over 350 FORTAG meetings, given 46 public presentations & tours, been highlighted in 19 media articles, and – with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as lead agency - secured $31M in funding for FORTAG via a voter-approved county sales tax increment (Nov 2016) and three allocations of State transportation funds. See: http://www.fortag.org

Dr. Watson has also created a series of trans-jurisdictional trail maps of the region encompassing the former Fort Ord. See: http://www.fortord.info
Dr. Watson is a founding member of the nascent Park It! Initiative, a collaboration of about 15 agencies with a goal to revolutionize vehicular transportation to recreational destinations in the Big Sur and Monterey Peninsula region.

Dr. Watson is conducting a status review of the endangered Sand Gilia in collaboration with USFWS and with the cooperation of about 10 landowner organizations. This began as a voluntary effort in 2017 and 2018, with funding sought for the first time in 2019. The team has surveyed over 400 miles of field transects. One graduate student has joined the project via an internship with BSLT; and another joined in 2019 and is completing a PSM Internship with the project, funded by USFWS. A 400/500-level class completed a class research project on related work (weed mapping).

Dr. Watson was appointed by Marina City Council to serve on the Hilltop Park Ad Hoc Committee to provide expertise relating to native vegetation. He also serves on the Big Sur Land Trust, Science and Land Management Advisory Committee.

Dr. Watson led a graduate class that completed vegetation mapping at Garrapata State Park by invitation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The work produced an online report and data set, and a presentation to State Parks.

Dr. Worcester works with the BLM on effectively managing grasslands to reduce fire hazard, increase species of interest, and increase biodiversity overall. This includes evaluating the effectiveness of using sheep or goats to manage grasslands for specific goals. This collaborative partnership has led to joint academic-agency presentations at local, state-wide and national conferences on the use of goats to maintain grassland habitats.

13 New for 2019-2020

Sustainability Commons

The 7+ acre field where the Watershed Institute nursery, the CSUMB Garden Club garden, and the Bio-Reactors are located was renamed the “Sustainability Commons” in late 2015 after a name vetting process involving all members of the WI team. The name “Sustainability Commons” can now be found on campus planning documents and maps. In keeping with the underlying theme of sustainability in the renaming of the space, for the past years, members of the WI have been gathering data through focus groups of students from a cross-section of majors on campus, as well as meetings with Associated Students and faculty in Environmental Studies and the College of Science to discuss the design of a comprehensive outdoor space for sustainability-related activities. The emphasis of these initial discussions has been the identification and inclusion of potential stakeholders’ ideas for the future use of the space and the development of a core mission for the Sustainability Commons in order to eventually seek funding for the planning and infrastructure needs of the area. The mission is to provide experiential course-based learning, research, and co-curricular opportunities for CSUMB undergraduates and community members in sustainable and healthful living practices, habitat restoration, hands-on environmental and informal science education, and small-scale urban and peri-urban agriculture. This project is led by Adjunct Faculty, Dr. Hester Parker who has developed a research opportunity for a UROC Researcher to collaborate with her on further planning of the Sustainability Commons. Dr. Parker co-mentored the UROC Scholar with Dr. Tori Derr during the summer of 2019 and the student completed a data analysis of the focus groups conducted by Hester during the previous semesters, but the student was unable to present her work at the UROC Symposium. Her presentation was postponed until a later symposium.
Expanded Research into Bioreactors

In the past year, we have expanded our original research on woodchip bioreactors for remediation of agricultural runoff. Four 4 channel bioreactors are now operational at research site on campus, near our existing greenhouse facility. The new complex also consists of outdoor classroom space. The site also has supported ~half a dozen funded undergraduates working on bioreactor projects since its inception. Funding for the group has come from the CSUMB Undergraduate Research Opportunity Center (UROC), the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation, the CSU Agricultural Research Institute (ARI), Water Resources Policy Institute (WRPI), and the CA Leafy Greens.

Sustainable City Year Program partnership with City of Pacific Grove

Beginning Fall 2019, CSUMB classes will work with the City of Pacific Grove to address some of their desired sustainability-related projects through campus course-based projects.

Unique Partnership with CA State Parks

California State Parks and CSUMB have developed an internship program focusing on research and data analysis that is focused on answering specific natural resource management issues at Pt. Lobos State Natural Reserve. including helping Fort Ord BLM and State parks managers quantify erosion magnitudes and management. We are also working to monitor the extreme environmental changes occurring near the former San Clemente dam site. Students are also assessing the longevity of a beach nourishment project in Monterey. Data collected will help state park staff manage these critical natural resources while providing a balance between human recreation and natural resource protection.

14 Plans for Future Activities

We anticipate that the next year will closely follow the success of the past 26 years of operation. The following un-prioritized bullet points provide insight into topical areas where we anticipate expansion of current initiatives and development of new work.

- Continue pro-bono trail & greenway master planning, GIS, & land-use mapping activities on Fort Ord (and surrounding areas) for the general benefit of open-space planning
- Continue to work with the Army, BLM, FORA, and the Ft. Ord CRMP Group to assist with the transition of former Ft. Ord Army lands to the public and private sectors. This will also include subcontract work with numerous Army restoration sub-contractors.
- Include increasing numbers of Environmental Studies undergraduate major students in RON outreach programs.
- Increase restoration work on CSUMB Campus in conjunction with Campus Planning and the Habitat Working Group of the President's Sustainability Committee.
- Initiate opportunities for Environmental Science graduate students to become more fully involved in strengthening the Watershed Institute infrastructure, i.e., through the recreation of the Watershed Institute website, or, in representing the Watershed Institute in local and regional meetings/events.
- Increase the number of volunteers working with Return of the Natives through the RON’s DONs and RON Restorers Volunteer Programs.
- Expand the use of GIS and modeling tools in the local agricultural community to enhance grower-understanding of crop water needs and to improve irrigation efficiency.
- Continue to expand the Watershed Institute role in the new CSU-Water Resources Policy Initiative.
- Continue to influence emerging water supply policy along the Central Coast.
- Increase the collaboration with the agricultural industry to promote practices that protect the region's water quality and water supply, and soil health using external sponsored funds (e.g., USDA, CSU ARI, FFAR)
- Continue collaboration with organizations working on wildlife-landscape interactions in primarily international developing regions.
- Develop environmental service and outreach programs for youth in Salinas both for CSUMB outreach but also to address issues of marginalization and violence.
- Expand existing network of regional fog water collection instruments to document the relationships between the fog and the local flora, fauna, geography, and climate change.
- Continue to build linkages to the local agricultural community by providing access to summaries of satellite imagery and weather data, as well as modeling, for use in irrigation planning and assessment.
- Continue collaborations with the US Army, BLM, FORA, and local community to better understand the need for and the effects of fire on plant species composition in maritime chaparral, a special-status plant community with a limited distribution.
- Continue collaboration with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County to implement and monitor restoration along the Salinas River.
- Continue collaborations with the BLM on ways to effectively monitor grasslands to determine if resource management goals are being met.
- Develop closer ties to the Salinas Valley agricultural community by providing funded internships for students through the USDA NIFA grant, as well as commodity board (CLGRB, CAGORAB) funded grants.
- Continue the MC-COA’s unique collaboration between Monterey County and Santa Cruz public officials and staff, Salinas Valley agricultural community leaders, public health, medical, legal, and academic professionals and farmworker advocates to continue sharing resources and best practices for maintaining the health of farmworkers.

15 Problems to be Addressed and being addressed

The following bullets identify areas that we would like to improve or explore.

- Advocate for a new building as CSUMB renovates the campus.
- Keep WI vehicle use consistent so that per mile charge is reasonable.
- Purchase new WI vehicle to replace aged vehicles.
- Maintain ability to use Pro-cards.
- Gain CSU-support (buyout or overload) for faculty leading the newly mandated annual reports and periodic program reviews.
- Improve website review and revise Mission Statement and Purpose – working with AES staff.
- Attract post docs (from UCSC and elsewhere).
- Solicit community advisory board member(s).
- Update all computers utilized for grants.
- Continue funding for WI greenhouse equipment and supplies not allowed to be charged to grant budgets.
- Clarify and strengthen identity of WI affiliation with existing faculty and students, including those who are not necessarily directly funded by WI, but still participate in WI-relevant activities.
- Work with University Police and Campus Planning in the implementation of practices and infrastructure (i.e., fencing) that will protect the WI greenhouse area from theft in times when few people are on campus.

16 Advisory Board

The Founding Agreement between WI and CSUMB (CSUMB, 1999) dictates that we maintain an advisory board that guides the Watershed Institute toward fulfilling its mission to the university and community (Table 1). The Steve Bachman (Monterey District Planner, CA State Parks) indicate interest has become the community member of the advisory board.

Table 1: Advisory Board.

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<td>One community member</td>
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The Watershed Institute Executive Committee is a subset of the Advisory Board (Table 2). The Executive Committee selects the community member and AES faculty members of the Advisory Board by simple majority vote.

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