

# Legislative Breakfast

January 27, 2023



# Agenda

- **Mayor's Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Staff Presentations**
  - **City Manager "State of Watsonville"**
  - **Infrastructure - Jackie**
  - **Roads - Murray**
  - **Homeless - Jorge**
  - **Cyber security - Brandon**
- **Legislators Presentation & Questions**
- **Concludes**







# *Mayor's Welcome*

**Eduardo Montesino**

# *Introductions*



# State of Watsonville

- Recent Floods
- A Community with Assets
  - Engagement
  - Financial and fiscal stability
  - Investing in community image
  - Resilient
- Hospital in Community Ownership





# Watsonville Moving Forward

- Economic Development -Enhancement and Opportunity
- Voter approved Tax Measure will increase community investment in parks, streets, after school, youth and community programs, and library services.
- 2050 General Plan - Planning to shape the future of the City.
- Revision of our Housing Element - to meet the Community's future housing needs
- Adoption of the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan - will help build a more vibrant downtown.
- Building Community Resilience and Equitable Access to Services



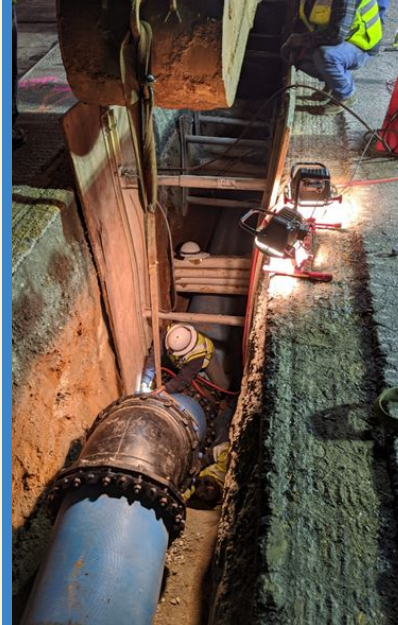
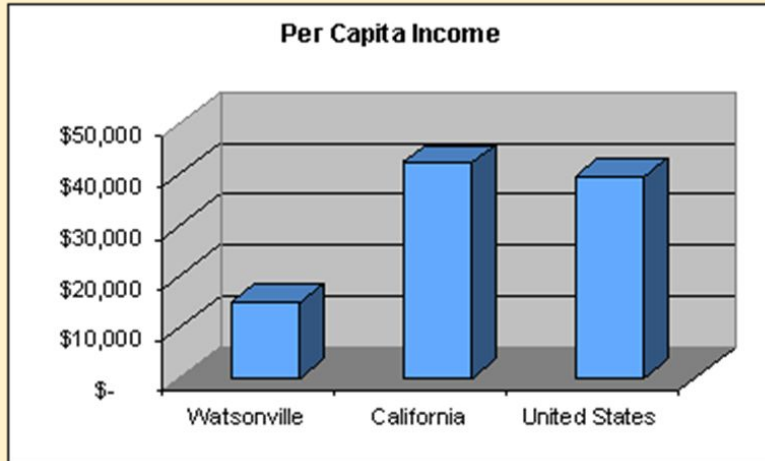
# *Infrastructure & Climate Resilience*

**Public Works**



# Water Resources Programs Legislative Priorities 2023

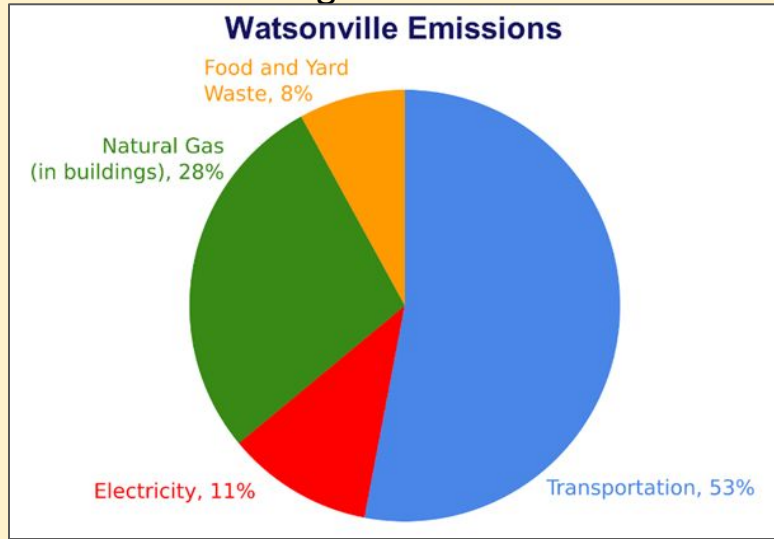
- Water and Water Resources Infrastructure
- Pajaro River Levee Project
- Climate Resilience and Environmental Mandates





# Climate Resilience & Environmental Mandates

- Equitable Funding
- Environmental Justice for vulnerable communities
- Natural Hazard Resilience in the built and natural environment through nature based solutions



# Roads





# Transportation Funding

## Two Forms of Funding

- Formula - Annual, Based on Taxes
- Competitive - One Time, Generates Additional Costs

## Federal IIJA Funding

- Competitive among agencies
- Formula allocated to State

Less administrative requirements





# City Formula Funds

## Formula Funds (FY 21/22)

- Gas Tax        \$1.2M
  - SB1            \$1.0M
  - Measure D    \$1.2M
- \$3.4M

Stabilize fuel based funding



# Partners

## Collaboration on Hwy 152

- Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan
- \$25M SHOPP project
- Continue working together

Encourage Caltrans staff to continue to work with City on the Hwy 152 improvements



# Homelessness





# *In Watsonville*

**Most challenging for us as community have been those who suffer from severe/untreated mental illness and late stage addiction.**



# What we know

Most of the people we encounter will not take the services offered. So, the mere offering of services or jail time alone can be deleterious to a person.

**Those suffering from late stage addiction and mental illness rarely have the mental stability to make the right choice in service of a better life.**





# Cybersecurity

58% of state and local government organizations were hit by ransomware in 2021, up from 34% in 2020

Smaller counties and municipalities represented the majority of victimized local government agencies, “likely indicative of their cybersecurity resource and budget limitations,” the FBI says.





# Cybersecurity

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides funds to local municipalities for cybersecurity through a State managed process.

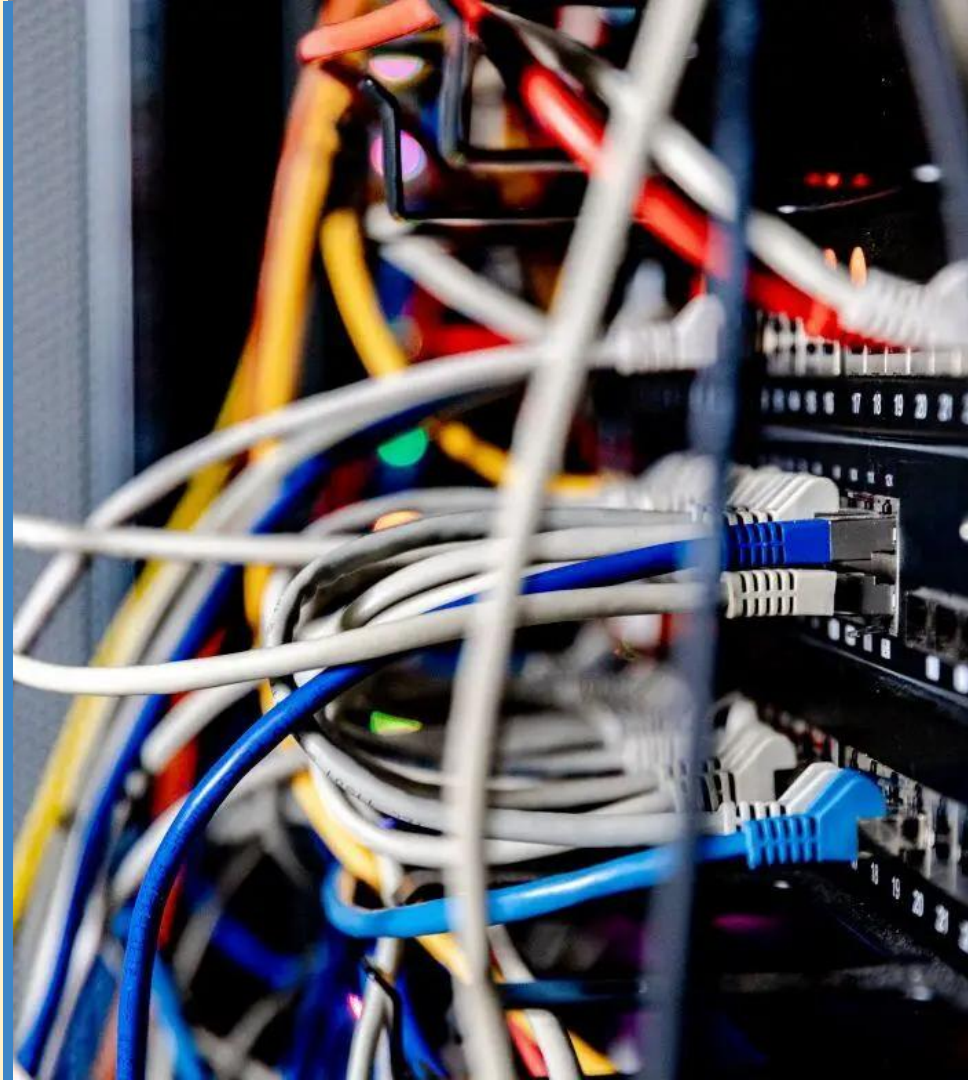
With limited IIJA funding to share across the state, Watsonville is concerned that fund distribution will be consumed by larger agencies.



# Cybersecurity

Watsonville has a strategic plan of items to meet minimum cybersecurity requirements.

While the State may not have received the funds or be prepared to distribute, it would be beneficial to know the requirements for Watsonville to request IIJA funds from the State.



# *Discussion, Presentation & Questions*