

CA B-WET FY 20: Monterey Bay Watershed		
Grant Recipient	Project Description	Funded Amount
Watsonville Wetlands Watch (Student MWEE)	<p><b>“Building Capacity in Environmental Literacy in the Pájaro Valley”-</b>            Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW) will collaborate with Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (ESNERR), Save Our Shores (SOS), and the Pájaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) to build capacity in environmental literacy in the Pájaro Valley. This collaboration will work primarily with Latino children from low-income families in the Pájaro Valley enabling them to become knowledgeable about watershed ecology so that they grow to become part of an informed community practicing stewardship behaviors towards protecting their watersheds. The Pájaro River and Elkhorn Slough watersheds contain 3,000 acres of freshwater and saltwater wetlands that filter the water that drains into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS).</p>	\$60,000
Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Student and Teacher MWEE)	<p><b>“Relevant Action and Learning for Science (REAL Science)”-</b> REAL Science will incorporate all elements of a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE). REAL Science will increase the scientific and environmental literacy of teachers and students by integrating classroom curriculum with outdoor science and stewardship activities. This will be achieved by providing high quality professional learning opportunities to prepare teacher leaders throughout Santa Cruz County school districts to implement MWEEs with students and share resulting programs with teacher teams at all school sites in the county.</p>	\$100,000
Coastal Watershed Council (Student MWEE)	<p><b>“Watershed Rangers”-</b> This project is driven by rigorous academic standards that meet Next Generation Science Standards, the Watershed Rangers program reaches students within the Santa Cruz City Schools District who need the greatest support in understanding complex environmental issues and their own role in preserving and protecting local natural resources. Two Coastal Watershed Council (CWC) educators, in ongoing partnership with two non-formal educators from Bay View Elementary and Gault Elementary, will plan and implement programs, lead program development and evaluate the success of this evidence-based, learner-centered program.</p>	\$32,210
Ventana Wildlife Society (Student MWEE)	<p><b>“MBNMS Watershed Exploration Program for Teenagers”-</b> The Ventana Wildlife Society will provide planning, curriculum, resources, and transportation for 28 recurring weekly outdoor education classes for five different classes and their teachers. Program curriculum focuses on the Salinas Valley, the Carmel River Valley, and the central coast region as a primary watershed of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The project will serve 112 students at schools that</p>	\$59,983

	specialize in serving at-risk teens. Teachers will receive pre-program training and support throughout the year.	
One Cool Earth (Student and Teacher MWEE)	<p><b>“San Luis Obispo County Watershed Education Project”</b>- One Cool Earth, a nonprofit based in San Luis Obispo County, will expand programming at 16 underserved schools to provide weekly, year-round, garden-based MWEEs. Each school garden will be improved and maintained as a living laboratory for the study of watershed-related topics. 2,325 students will receive a 15-hour, 15-part watershed education program focused on hands-on, project-based learning, and enhanced by field trips to NOAA’s Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The program will also provide 24 hours of coaching, training, and resources for each of the 30 public school teachers involved.</p>	\$60,000