

Watsonville California Environment Areas Of Concern



As a coastal community, we are aware of the impact our actions have on the nearby wetlands and ocean. One of the things that concern us are the things we do which contribute to the polluting of our waterways and the habitats surrounding us.

Pajaro Valley High is built on **environmentally sensitive habitat areas**. The closest of these are the **wetlands, beach and dunes, and coastal waters** habitat areas.

In the environmental piece of the Odyssey Project we are examining the current habits, needs for improvement, & long term change needed in the following areas:

- 1) Trash and Waste-Recycling and/or waste reduction, composting
- 2) Healthy Living and Eating Practices with the view into organic foods
- 3) Transportation & future improvements to travel, reduction of traffic through alternative or better modes of travel
- 4) Energy Use & look into alternative fuels or practices

All the above affect the habitats surrounding us. If we destroy our wetlands and thus the habitats beyond this, we in essence are harming ourselves as well in the process. As

a school, one of our goals is to promote environmental stewardship.

A quote from The Monterey Bay Aquarium aptly puts this into perspective:

“It is not the survival of the fittest which is important now, but the survival of compassion.”

