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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
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SUBJECT:

Receive the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
(*Previously listed as Item 3.6)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

SUMMARY:

The Safe, Clean Water Program requires that the Valley Water Board establish an external Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC) responsible for conducting an annual review and providing an annual report regarding the implementation of the program's intended results. The Board established the IMC in February 2021 by adopting Resolution No. 21-10, PROVIDING FOR A SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT.

The enclosed report details the IMC's evaluation, findings, and recommendations following the review of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Report of the Safe, Clean Water Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice and equity impacts associated with this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Letter to the Board

Attachment 2: IMC Annual Report

Attachment 3: Notes for Future Annual Reports

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February 19, 2025

To: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors
Subject: Independent Monitoring Committee Report of Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection FY2023-2024 Annual Report

SUMMARY

The Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC) presents its annual review of the renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Program) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors (Board). The IMC members wish to state their appreciation and recognition of Staff for their timely responses and assistance in preparing this report.

PROCESS

The IMC met on December 4, 2024, to begin its FY2023-2024 Program review process and elected a Chair and Vice Chair. The IMC set up subcommittees to review the Safe, Clean Water Program progress by reviewing Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water Program Annual report for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24. The IMC set up subcommittees for priorities A and C, B, D, E, and F. It also established a Finance Subcommittee to review program-level financial information contained in "Appendix A: Financial Information" and "Appendix B: Inflation Assumptions."

The six subcommittees met with Valley Water Staff from January 6 to 10, 2025. Each subcommittee elected a Chair, heard presentations by Staff, asked questions, and held discussions. The subcommittee chairs presented their findings to the full IMC on January 31, 2025.

IMC members agreed that the subcommittee chairs, led by the Chair of the IMC, would draft the IMC report to the Board. The draft report was presented to the IMC on February 19, 2025, for final edits and approval. The IMC report consists of three parts: overview concerns/recommendations about the Program (included in this letter), specific project recommendations for Board review (Attachment 1), and notes for Staff for future Program reports (Attachment 2).

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This section is divided into three parts: A. Procedural Recommendations; B. Program Recommendations; and C. Specific Recommendations. Measure S expressly authorizes the IMC to

make recommendations to the Board regarding reasonably necessary measures to meet the Priorities of the Program.

Overall, the IMC members agreed with the status of the projects as reported in the FY2023-24 Safe, Clean Water Program Annual Report.

A. Procedural Recommendations

As previously noted in our 2024 report, the IMC encourages the Directors to take steps to make sure that each District has two representatives appointed and actively participating on the Committee. Due to vacancies, coupled with the inherent scheduling challenges faced by individual members who are often very involved and busy with other activities in their respective communities, securing a quorum to conduct the tasks mandated by Measure S becomes an issue, and invariably shifts the workload burden to the other members. The Committee urges each Director to do their part to ensure both the spirit and intent of the voter-approved measure is achieved as intended.

Overall, the Committee acknowledged that Staff had responded to prior requests to explain and clarify more specifically how the benefits of several of the individual projects addressed climate change. This resulted in a number of text adjustments to the projects but did not affect their status. The Committee continues to recommend, as a general matter, that as the public is becoming more and more aware of the impacts of climate change, Staff should provide more specific details on how some of these projects are actually beneficial in this context. The Committee feels that providing more specific details would serve to highlight and explain the significance of the ongoing work of Valley Water in this regard.

The Committee felt it would be helpful if the Annual Report included some additional information concerning Anderson Reservoir, including that it can provide water directly to a treatment plant, and its significant role in terms of providing water supply to Santa Clara Valley. The Committee felt that this explanation would help to emphasize the importance of the seismic retrofit project.

The Committee continues to recommend that Staff work on improving the presentation of the Annual Report. Some of the graphs and charts were confusing, as indicated in the Notes, and in some cases, the selection of colors made it difficult for some members to read. In the same sense, some of the fonts used were exceptionally small and difficult to read. Overall, the Committee recommended that steps be taken to improve the accessibility elements of the presentation of the Report. In some instances, the Committee noted that additional photos, for example depicting examples of invasive species rather than broad landscape scenes, would be helpful for the reader. Staff also noted that the majority of individuals who access the Annual Report do so online, which allows for the individual reader to enlarge the text for greater legibility. Staff responded that they will continue to work on the optimum balance of providing information and graphics in the most legible and comprehensive format.

B. Program Recommendations

In 2023, the IMC recommended that an audit be scheduled in order to maintain the five-year schedule as originally adopted by the voters in the 2012 Program. On December 4, 2024, an audit performed in conjunction with the closeout of the 2012 Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program was presented to the Committee. As reflected in the Minutes of that meeting, the Committee received the information and took no formal action. The Revised Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program was approved by the voters in 2020, and the Committee anticipates that a five-year audit will be provided to the Committee by the time it reconvenes in December 2025.

Generally, the Committee recommends that the Annual Report should provide greater clarity as to the specific sources of funding for the different projects and include a more detailed explanation or description of these sources, such as the Water Utility Enterprise Fund, the Watershed Stream Stewardship Fund, as well as the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Fund. In addition, the Committee noted that there are several references to the WIFIA loan program. However, the term is not defined in the List of Abbreviations in the Report, and although Valley Water touts the low interest rates as one of the benefits of this program, the rates are not provided. In response to a question from the Committee, staff responded that the WIFIA rate for the Anderson Dam Retrofit Project was 3.77%, and for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, 5.08%. Since these costs are borne by the taxpayers, the Committee recommends overall that additional details about the funds and costs associated with the various projects and programs funded, in whole or in part by Measure S, should be spelled out.

C. Specific Recommendations

Again, this year, the Safe, Clean Water Annual Report describes Opportunities and Challenges associated with “Jurisdictional Complexities,” including permitting, external funding, and inflationary factors. Based on their ongoing impact on the cost and time for completion of diverse Safe, Clean Water projects, it is apparent that these challenges are a systemic obstacle to achieving the Safe, Clean Water Priorities. The Committee requests a presentation from Staff about the relative overall impact of “Jurisdictional Complexities” on progress toward Safe, Clean Water priorities and about the innovative approaches that the Committee understands Valley Water is already taking to address those complexities.

With respect to the Financial Appendices, the Committee requested that the summary chapter include information explaining the purpose and importance of long-term debts, repayment timeline, debt costs, the different financing options available, and how they support the program goals.

February 19, 2025

TOURS AND PRESENTATIONS

IMC members gain a greater understanding of Safe, Clean Water projects through tours and presentations. For FY2024-25, the IMC suggests the following:

Site Tours

1. Saratoga Creek Hazard Tree Removal and Restoration Project
2. Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project
3. Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project
4. Hale Creek Enhancement Pilot Project

Presentation:

1. Jurisdictional Complexities

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Hare, Chair
Independent Monitoring Committee

Attachments:

1. IMC Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report
2. IMC Notes for Future Program Annual Reports

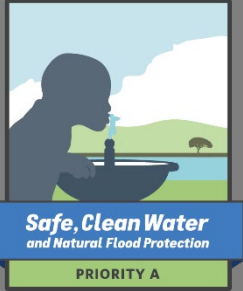
cc: Independent Monitoring Committee Members



Independent Monitoring Committee Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Financial and Overall General Recommendations

| Topic: | Comments: |
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| Maps and Graphs | Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In maps, graphs, and presentations, use more differentiated colors, lines, symbols, etc., to improve accessibility.• Explain the differences between the different funding sources. |
| Capital Projects | Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Appendix C and individual project reports, include and highlight any change in confidence levels from the previous year; Provide an explanation regarding the change in the project text. |
| Financial Appendices | Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include information in the summary chapter explaining the purpose and importance of long-term debts, repayment timeline, debt costs, the different financing options available, and how they support the program goals. |
| Annual Report Paper | Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore the use of recycled paper for reports. |

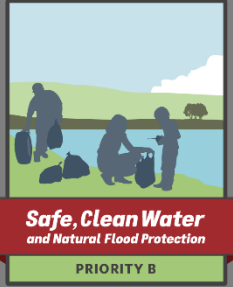


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Project Recommendations

Priority A - Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply

| Project: | | KPI: | Status | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual: | Adjustment/ Modification: | |
| A1 | Pacheco Reservoir Expansion | 1. Provide a portion of funds, up to \$10 million, to help construct the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. | Scheduled to Start | Not Implement & Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| A2 | Water Conservation Rebates and Programs | 1. Award up to \$1 million per year toward specified water conservation program activities, including rebates, technical assistance, and public education, within the first seven (7) years of the Program. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| A3 | Pipeline Reliability | 1. Install four (4) new line valves on treated water distribution pipelines. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

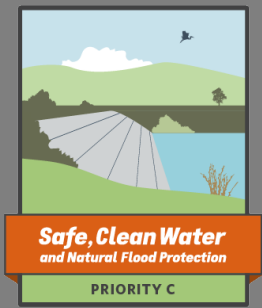


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Project Recommendations

Priority B – Reduce Toxins, Hazards, and Contaminants in Our Waterways

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| B1 | Impaired Water Bodies Improvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Investigate, develop, and implement actions to reduce methylmercury in fish and other organisms in the Guadalupe River Watershed.2. Prepare and update a plan for the prioritization of surface water quality improvement activities, such as addressing trash and other pollutants.3. Implement at least two (2) priority surface water quality improvement activities identified in the plan per 5-year implementation period. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| B2 | Inter-Agency Urban Runoff Program | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Address trash in creeks by maintaining trash capture devices or other litter control programs.2. Maintain Valley Water’s municipal stormwater compliance program and partner with cities to address surface water quality improvements, including participation in at least three (3) countywide, regional, or statewide stormwater program committees to help guide regulatory development, compliance, and monitoring.3. Support at least one (1) stormwater quality improvement activity per 5-year implementation period in Santa Clara County, including providing up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to support implementation of green stormwater infrastructure consistent with Santa Clara Basin and South County Stormwater Resource Plans. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| B3 | Hazardous Materials Management and Response | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Respond to 100% of hazardous materials reports requiring urgent on-site inspection in two (2) hours or less. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| B4 | Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fund Valley Water’s creek stewardship program to support volunteer cleanup activities, such as annual National River Cleanup Day, California Coastal Cleanup Day, the Great American Litter Pick Up, and the Adopt-A-Creek Program. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

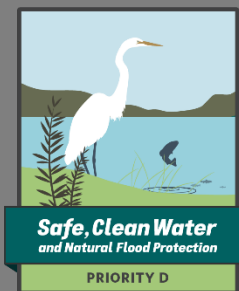


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Project Recommendations

Priority C - Protect Our Water Supply and Dams from Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| C1 | Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit | 1. Provide portion of funds, up to \$54.1 million, to help restore full operating reservoir capacity of 90,373 acre-feet. | Scheduled to Start | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

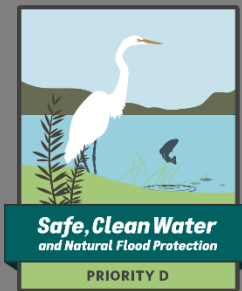


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Project Recommendations

Priority D - Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| D1 | Management of Riparian Planting and Invasive Plant Removal | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of riparian planting projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions.2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions.3. Remove 25 acres of Arundo donax throughout the county over a 15-year period. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| D2 | Revitalize Riparian, Upland and Wetland Habitat | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revitalize at least 21 acres over a 15-year period through native plant revegetation and/or removal of invasive exotic species.2. Develop an Early Detection and Rapid Response Program Manual.3. Identify and treat at least 100 occurrences of emergent invasive species over a 15-year period, as identified through the Early Detection and Rapid Response Program.4. Develop at least eight (8) information sheets for Early Detection of Invasive Plant Species. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| D3 | Sediment Reuse to Support Restoration Projects | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reuse sediment meeting applicable screening criteria at available Valley Water or partnership project sites to support restoration.2. Provide up to \$4 million per 15-year period to support activities necessary for sediment reuse. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| D4 | Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete planning and design for one (1) creek/lake separation.2. Partially fund the construction of one (1) creek/lake separation project in partnership with local agencies.3. Use \$8 million for fish passage improvements by June 30, 2028.4. Update study of all major steelhead streams in the county to identify priority locations for fish migration barrier removal and installation of large woody debris and gravel as appropriate.5. Complete five (5) habitat enhancement projects based on studies that identify high priority locations for large wood, boulders, gravel, and/or other habitat enhancement features. | Active | Adjusted (text & schedule) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

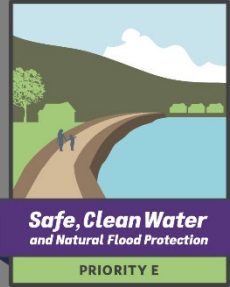


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Project Recommendations

Priority D - Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| D5 | Ecological Data Collection and Analysis | <div>1. Reassess and track stream ecological conditions and habitats in each of the county’s five (5) watersheds every 15 years.</div> <div>2. Provide up to \$500,000 per 15-year period toward the development and updates of five (5) watershed plans that include identifying priority habitat enhancement opportunities in Santa Clara County.</div> | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| D6 | Restoration of Natural Creek Functions | <div>1. Construct the Hale Creek Enhancement Pilot Project, which includes restoration and stabilization of a 650-foot section of concrete-lined channel on Hale Creek, between Marilyn Drive and North Sunshine Drive on the border of Mountain View and Los Altos.</div> <div>2. Construct the Bolsa Road Fish Passage Project along 1,700 linear feet of Uvas-Carnadero Creek in unincorporated Santa Clara County, which includes geomorphic design features that will restore stability and stream function.</div> | Completed | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| D7 | Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands | <div>1. Provide up to \$8 million per 15-year period for the acquisition or enhancement of property for the conservation of habitat lands.</div> | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

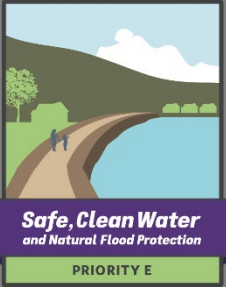


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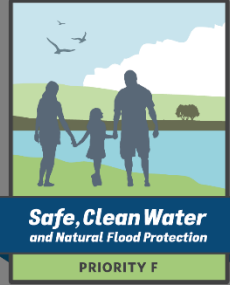
Priority E - Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools, Streets, and Highways

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| E1 | Coyote Creek Flood Protection | 1. Construct flood protection improvements along Coyote Creek between Montague Expressway and Tully Road to provide protection from floods up to the level that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 5% (20-year) flood event. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E2 | Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channels Flood Protection | 1. Provide 1% (100-year) flood protection for 1,618 properties and 47 acres (11 parcels) of industrial land, while improving stream water quality and working with other agencies to incorporate recreational opportunities. | Active | Adjusted (text & schedule) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E3 | Lower Berryessa Flood Protection, including Tularcitos and Upper Calera Creeks (Phase 3) | 1. With local funding only: Complete the design phase of the 1% (100-year) flood protection project to protect an estimated 1,420 parcels. | Scheduled to Start | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E4 | Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection | 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% (100-year) flood protection to 8,000 parcels. 2. With local funding only: Construct a 1% (100-year) flood protection project from Coyote Creek confluence to Capital Avenue to provide 1% (100-year) flood protection to 1,250 parcels, including the new Berryessa BART station. | Active | Adjusted (text & schedule) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E5 | San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection | 1. Preferred project with federal, state and local funding: Protect more than 3,000 parcels by providing 1% (100-year) flood protection. 2. With state and local funding only: Protect approximately 3,000 parcels by providing 1% (100-year) flood protection downstream of Highway 101, and approximately 1.4% (70-year) protection upstream of Highway 101. | Active | Adjusted (text & schedule) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E6 | Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection | 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Plan, design and construct flood protection improvements along 13.9 miles of Upper Llagas Creek from Buena Vista Avenue to Llagas Road to provide flood protection to 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and 1,300 agricultural acres, while improving stream habitat. 2. With local funding only: Construct flood protection improvements along Llagas Creek from Buena Vista Avenue to Highway 101 in San Martin (Reaches 4 and 5 (portion)), Monterey Road to Watsonville Road in Morgan Hill (Reach 7a), approximately W. Dunne Avenue to W. Main Avenue (portion of Reach 8), and onsite compensatory mitigation at Lake Silveira. | Active | Adjusted (text & schedule) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |



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Project Recommendations
Priority E - Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools, Streets, and Highways

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| E7 | San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection | <div>1. Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning, design and construction phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area, EIAs 1-4.</div> <div>2. Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning and design phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area, EIAs 5-9.</div> | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| E8 | Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection | <div>1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% (100-year) flood protection to 6,280 homes, 320 businesses and 10 schools and institutions.</div> <div>2. With local funding only: Construct flood protection improvements along 4,100 feet of Guadalupe River between the Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) crossing, downstream of Willow Street, to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, downstream of Padres Drive, and provide gravel augmentation along approximately 800 linear feet of the Upper Guadalupe River in San José, from approximately the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge to West Virginia Street Bridge to improve aquatic habitat for migrating steelhead and all native fish species and channel stability.</div> | Active | Modified & Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

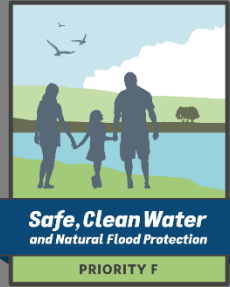


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Project Recommendations

Priority F – Support Public Health and Public Safety for Our Community

| Project: | | KPI: | Status: | | Comment: |
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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| F1 | Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Capacity | 1. Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F2 | Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness | 1. Coordinate with local municipalities to merge Valley Water-endorsed flood emergency processes with their own emergency response plans and processes. 2. Complete five (5) flood management plans/procedures per 5-year period, selected by risk priorities. 3. Train Valley Water staff and partner municipalities annually on disaster procedures via drills and exercises before testing the plans and procedures. 4. Test flood management plans/procedures annually to ensure effectiveness. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F3 | Flood Risk Assessment Studies | 1. Complete engineering studies on three (3) creek reaches to address 1% (100-year) flood risk. 2. Annually, update floodplain maps on a minimum of three (3) creek reaches in accordance with new FEMA standards. | Active | Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F4 | Vegetation Management for Access and Fire Safety | 1. Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction on an average of 495 acres per year, totaling 7,425 acres along levee, property lines and maintenance roads over a 15-year period. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F5 | Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup | 1. Manage 300 acres annually to clean up trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants generated from encampments and to reduce the amount of these pollutants entering streams. 2. Provide up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with local agencies for services related to encampment cleanups, including services supporting staff safety, discouraging re-encampments along waterways or addressing the socio-environmental crisis with the goal of reducing the need for encampment cleanups. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |

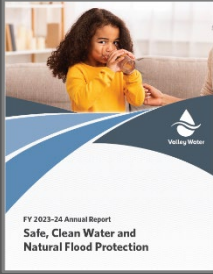


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Project Recommendations

Priority F – Support Public Health and Public Safety for Our Community

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| | | | Annual | Adjustment/ Modification | |
| F6 | Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art | <ol style="list-style-type: none">Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year.Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days.Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement public art projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F7 | Emergency Response Upgrades | <ol style="list-style-type: none">Maintain existing capabilities for flood forecasting and warning.Improve flood forecast accuracy and emergency response time working with the National Weather Service and through research and development. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F8 | Sustainable Creek Infrastructure for Continued Public Safety | <ol style="list-style-type: none">Provide up to \$7.5 million in the first 15-year period to plan, design and construct projects identified through Watersheds asset management plans. | Active | None | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |
| F9 | Grants and Partnerships for Safe, Clean Water, Flood Protection and Environmental Stewardship | <ol style="list-style-type: none">Provide a grant and partnership cycle each year for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship.Provide annual funding for bottle filling stations to increase drinking water accessibility, with priority for installations in economically disadvantaged communities and locations that serve school-age children and students.Provide annual mini-grant funding opportunity for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship.Provide up to \$3 million per 15-year period for a Creekside Neighbor Rebate Program for watershed activities, including bank repair, sediment removal, and downed tree management. | On Hold | Modified & Adjusted (text) | IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations. |



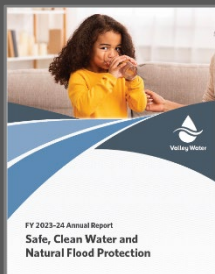
Independent Monitoring Committee Notes

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Notes for future Annual Reports

Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

| Subject: | Note: |
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| Financial Appendices A-B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Appendix A-3.1: Other Revenue, add a footnote to explain State Subventions. • In the Glossary section, change "Subventions" to "State Subventions." • Add "Step Increase" and "COLA" to the glossary. • Make the footnote font larger. • In Appendix B: Inflation Assumptions, find a better way to display the Benefits Rate. |
| Appendix I: Glossary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When using new technical terms, include the definition in the glossary. |
| A1: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State what portion of water from Pacheco comes to Santa Clara County. • Fix the typos on page 11/12 regarding the Water Utility Enterprise Fund name. • Add a link to the Project E2: Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channels Flood Protection page when mentioning the project. • Remove Figure A1.5 pie chart as the project will not be funded by Fund 26. |
| A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify how the project reduces pollution. |
| A3: Pipeline Reliability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Figure A3.1, make the project locations bigger and colors and lines easier to distinguish. |
| C1: Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the identified fish species, Rainbow Trout vs. Steelhead. • Include information about how Anderson Reservoir is unique in that it can provide water directly to a treatment plant. • Include information highlighting the importance of Anderson Reservoir in terms of water supply. |



Independent Monitoring Committee Notes

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Notes for future Annual Reports

Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

| Subject: | Note: |
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| D1: Management of Revegetation Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include in the report that shade from mature trees helps moderate the water temperature of streams. • Enlarge Figure D1.9, the Revegetation Maintenance map, to make it easier to read. |
| D2: Revitalize Riparian, Upland and Wetland Habitat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include pictures of sensitive species and targeted invasive species. • The official name of the land is the Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve. When referring to that preserve, use the full name. |
| D4: Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure D4.9 presents the financial summary of five projects displayed in five rows, each representing different KPIs. Add the corresponding KPI numbers. • Add a photo in the white space next to each location map, to provide a little bit more information, especially the fish ladder. |
| D5: Ecological Data Collection and Analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For KPI #2, include text stating how much of the 15-year allocation of \$500,000 has been expended. • In Figure D5.2 pie chart, increase the font size of the fund names printed within the pie chart. • In Figure D5.3 make it clear that the financial data is for the two KPIs combined. |
| D7: Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a vicinity property location map, to provide context regarding other preserved land and acquisitions. |
| E1: Coyote Creek Flood Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Figure E1.1, clarify the difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2. • In Figures E1.2 and E1.3, include the project phases. • In Figure E1.3 add a note similar to the one in Figure E1.2 |
| F2: Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add links to Projects F3: Flood Risk Assessment Studies and F7: Emergency Response Upgrades. |