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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 2024-2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

SUMMARY:

In November 2020, the voters of Santa Clara County overwhelmingly approved Measure S, a renewal of Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program).

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. In February 2021, the Board established the IMC 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.

In September 2025, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-59, PROVIDING FOR A SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT - SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO 21-10, to strengthen conflict-of-interest disclosure and recusal requirements for IMC members.

The enclosed report presents the IMC's evaluation, findings, and recommendations of Valley Water's FY 2024-25 Safe, Clean Water Program report.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There is no environmental justice impact 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 18, 2026

To: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors
Subject: Independent Monitoring Committee Report of Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection FY2024-2025 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 2024-2025 to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors (Board). The IMC members agreed with the status of the projects as reported in the FY2024-25 Safe, Clean Water Program Annual Report.

The IMC acknowledges and appreciates the progress staff have made in addressing prior recommendations and notes. During this annual review, the committee has no new recommendations, but it has identified notes for consideration in future annual reports to provide continuous improvement. The IMC also wishes to state its appreciation and recognition of staff for their timely responses and assistance in preparing this report. In addition, IMC requests that the filling of 3 vacant IMC positions with qualified candidates be made a top priority.

PROCESS

The IMC met on December 3, 2025, to begin its FY2024-2025 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) 2024-25. 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 5 to 9, 2026. 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 29, 2026.

IMC members agreed that the subcommittee chairs, led by the IMC Chair, would draft the IMC report to the Board. Due to a scheduling conflict, the IMC Chair delegated the authority to Vice Chair Marc Rauser. The draft report was presented to the IMC on February 18, 2026, for final edits and approval.

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REVIEW OUTCOME

Overall, the IMC members agreed with the status of the projects as reported in the FY2024-25 Safe, Clean Water Program Annual Report. The Committee has NO new Recommendations. However, here is a summary of the prior year's recommendations that were fulfilled.

Prior Recommendations Fulfilled:

Maps and Graphs - New graphs were included to show different funding sources on projects where Safe, Clean Water Program funds are not the only source. For example, Figure A3.4 shows Project A3, Pipeline Reliability Project, received nearly a third of its funding from the Water Utility Enterprise Fund. Many other improvements were also made to improve accessibility. For instance, Figure D.1.9, FY24 Revegetation Maintenance, the map of mitigation sites had 11 color-coded watersheds. In the FY25 Annual Report, this was reduced to the 5 major watersheds, with colors that are more easily distinguishable.

Capital Projects – Appendix C was revised to show confidence levels that changed from the prior year by printing them in bold font. In addition, the project text now includes explanations for these changes. An example is Project E1, the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, which had the State Grants confidence level change from Very High to Medium. As explained in the text, “this funding source has been impacted by changing Federal priorities, and the current expected award date is 2028. As a result, the confidence level has changed from Very High in FY24 to Medium in FY25.”

Financial Appendices – 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. This request was satisfied in the Program Summary chapter, under the heading “Debt Financing for Capital Projects”, on page 6.

Annual Report Paper – The FY2024-2025 Annual Report was printed on recycled paper as suggested by the IMC.

Jurisdictional Complexities – The IMC received an informational presentation by Valley Water staff on the impact of jurisdictional complexities on projects in the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program on December 3, 2025, as requested by the IMC in the prior year. Staff reported on the effect of those complexities on the cost and rate of progress of Safe, Clean Water projects. They also described Valley Water efforts to address those complexities. We believe more should be done to acknowledge the innovative steps that Valley Water is taking – and the progress it is making – to address these complexities. Those steps include strategies implemented at the organizational level as well as those taken for individual Safe, Clean Water projects. We also believe that the public needs to be better informed about these complexities and their impact on the cost and progress of Safe, Clean Water projects. Valley Water and Safe, Clean Water projects are being held accountable for the impact of these complexities. Communication about specific obstacles can be problematic. Communication about the systemic problem and the need for improvement is imperative.

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New Notes:

Overall, the IMC members agreed that the FY2024-25 Safe, Clean Water Program Annual Report is an incremental improvement over prior years. The Committee has identified some new Notes for consideration in future annual reports to provide greater clarity. Most of the notes are suggestions of minor clarifications, such as adding footnotes to provide additional information. The following items are slightly more substantial:

Financial Appendices A-B – Include in the Program’s 5-Year Implementation Plan (FY2027-31) information about the use of long-term debt in the Safe, Clean Water Program.

A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs – Under benefits, list the goal of conserving 126,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2050.

A3: Pipeline Reliability –

- Include information about the connection between the Pipeline Rehabilitation Plan and Project A3 schedule.
- Include clearer funding details, such as the Safe, Clean Water funding cap and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund contribution and cost increases and their causes, within the project update.

F2: Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness – Update the annual report that the after-action review in KPI #4 was completed.

F3: Flood Risk Assessment Studies – Through the development of the next 5-year implementation plan, specifically focus on the remaining funds available for the delivery of this project’s KPI to ensure that there is sufficient funding.

OTHER RELATED IMC ACTIVITIES

PMA Audit – In 2023, the IMC recommended that an audit be scheduled to maintain the five-year schedule as originally adopted by the voters in the 2012 Program. As stated in our last letter to the Board, 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. During the current review cycle, on December 3, 2025, the IMC received the renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Performance Audit Report for the period covering July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with Valley Water management's response. As reflected in the minutes of that meeting, the Committee received the information and took no formal action. However, during the vibrant discussion, many of the IMC members gave high praise for the thoroughness of the audit and the meaningful recommendations. Following are some findings that directly involve IMC members:

Audit Finding 3 - A Clearer Crosswalk is Needed between CIP and SCW Schedule Adjustments

Collaboration between the IMC and staff has substantially improved the reporting of progress of Safe, Clean Water projects. Still, we have again found instances this year when substantive

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departures from original projected costs have not been adequately described for the public in the annual report. One instance is related to the need to better harmonize Safe, Clean Water reporting with CIP adjustments. Again, we consider that reporting is a shared responsibility between Valley Water staff and the IMC.

Audit Finding 4 (Closed) - One of the recommendations from the audit was for Valley Water to finalize and implement a formal Conflict of Interest framework for the IMC. The conflict-of-interest procedure was updated by the Board on Sept. 23, 2025, to strengthen the IMC Members' disclosure responsibilities, especially concerning actual or potential financial conflicts of interest. It is imperative that IMC members adhere to this new procedure.

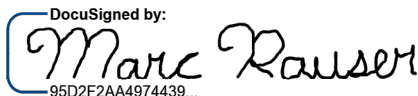
Audit Finding 5 - Another recommendation was for IMC to partner with the Board to enhance recruitment strategies, to identify, attract, and recruit qualified candidates for the IMC. As stated earlier, at the time of this letter, there are 3 vacancies, one each in Districts 1, 4, and 7. The IMC seeks to work with the Board and staff to identify and implement ways to better attract and retain IMC members. We consider this a shared responsibility. The IMC's own efforts to improve its ways of working can help to both attract and retain members.

FUTURE TOURS

The Committee also commends the staff for providing IMC members with project site tours in 2025 and recommends that these continue. For FY2025-26, the IMC suggests the following project site tours:

1. Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project
2. Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project

Sincerely,

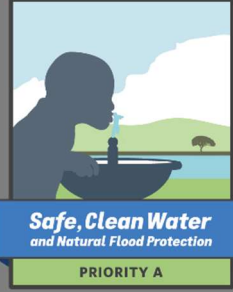
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Marc Rauser, Vice Chair
Independent Monitoring Committee

Attachments:

1. IMC Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Report
2. IMC Notes for Future Program Annual Reports

cc: Independent Monitoring Committee Members

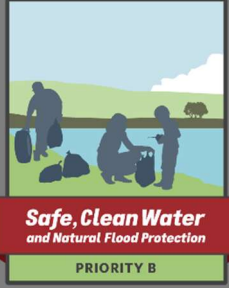


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Project Recommendations

Priority A - Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply

Project:	KPI:	Status		Comment:	
		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	
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 (schedule)	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.

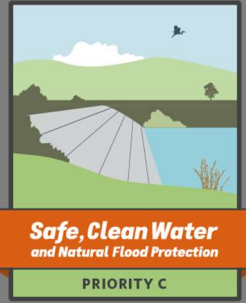


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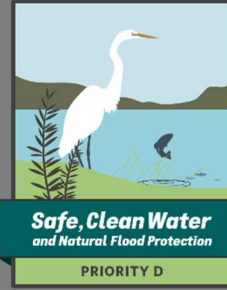
Priority B – Reduce Toxins, Hazards, and Contaminants in Our Waterways

Project:	KPI:	Status:		Comment:
		Annual	Adjustment/ Modification	
B1 Impaired Water Bodies Improvement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate, develop, and implement actions to reduce methylmercury in fish and other organisms in the Guadalupe River Watershed. Prepare and update a plan for the prioritization of surface water quality improvement activities, such as addressing trash and other pollutants. Implement at least two (2) priority surface water quality improvement activities identified in the plan per 5-year implementation period. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
B2 Inter-Agency Urban Runoff Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Address trash in creeks by maintaining trash capture devices or other litter control programs. 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. 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	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
B3 Hazardous Materials Management and Response	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> 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:
		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.	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.

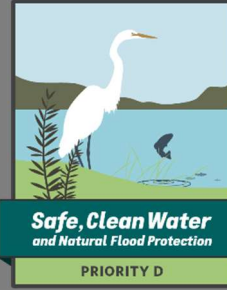


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Project Recommendations

Priority D - Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space

Project:		KPI:	Status:		Comment:
			Annual	Adjustment/Modification	
D1	Management of Riparian Planting and Invasive Plant Removal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of riparian planting projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions. 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"> Revitalize at least 21 acres over a 15-year period through native plant revegetation and/or removal of invasive exotic species. Develop an Early Detection and Rapid Response Program Manual. 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. 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"> Reuse sediment meeting applicable screening criteria at available Valley Water or partnership project sites to support restoration. Provide up to \$4 million per 15-year period to support activities necessary for sediment reuse. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
D4	Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete planning and design for one (1) creek/lake separation. Partially fund the construction of one (1) creek/lake separation project in partnership with local agencies. Use \$8 million for fish passage improvements by June 30, 2028. 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. 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.

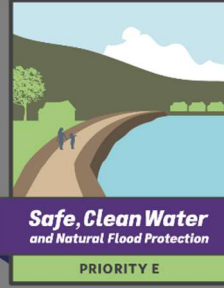


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Project Recommendations

Priority D - Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space

Project:		KPI:	Status:		Comment:
			Annual	Adjustment/ Modification	
D5	Ecological Data Collection and Analysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reassess and track stream ecological conditions and habitats in each of the county's five (5) watersheds every 15 years. 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. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
D6	Restoration of Natural Creek Functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	Completed	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
D7	Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide up to \$8 million per 15-year period for the acquisition or enhancement of property for the conservation of habitat lands. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.

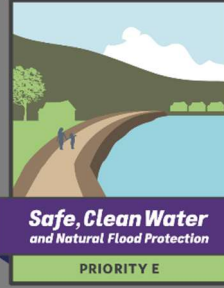


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Project Recommendations

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

Project:	KPI:	Status:		Comment:
		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 (schedule)	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 (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	None	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.	On Hold	Adjusted (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.

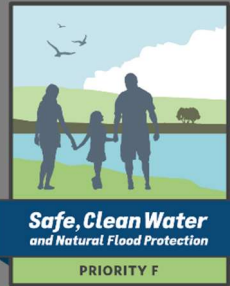


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Project Recommendations

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

Project:		KPI:	Status:		Comment:
			Annual	Adjustment/Modification	
E6	Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 (funding)	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
E7	San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning and design phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area, EIAs 5-9. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
E8	Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	Active	Modified (funding)	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.

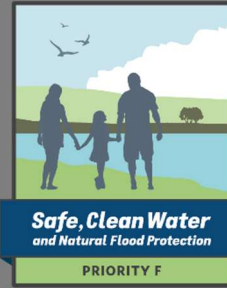


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Project Recommendations

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

Project:	KPI:	Status:		Comment:
		Annual	Adjustment/ Modification	
F1 Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Capacity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
F2 Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with local municipalities to merge Valley Water-endorsed flood emergency processes with their own emergency response plans and processes. Complete five (5) flood management plans/procedures per 5-year period, selected by risk priorities. Train Valley Water staff and partner municipalities annually on disaster procedures via drills and exercises before testing the plans and procedures. Test flood management plans/procedures annually to ensure effectiveness. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
F3 Flood Risk Assessment Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete engineering studies on three (3) creek reaches to address 1% (100-year) flood risk. Annually, update floodplain maps on a minimum of three (3) creek reaches in accordance with new FEMA standards. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.
F4 Vegetation Management for Access and Fire Safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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

Project:	KPI:	Status:		Comment:	
		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	Adjusted (schedule)	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. 	Active	None	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.

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Independent Monitoring Committee Notes

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Notes for future Annual Reports

Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Subject:	Note:
Financial Appendices A-B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A-1.2, Revenue, Beginning FY22 Reserves, there should be a footnote explaining why there is no Program-To-Date Actual. Also, perhaps insert a dash (-) or N/A instead of a zero, so it doesn't look like a number should be there. • In Appendix A-1.2, near the bottom of the table (breakdown of Total Reserve Balance), there are two columns being added to a total, but these have zeros. Find a better way to show. Perhaps insert a dash (-) or N/A. • Add a footnote to Appendix A-1.2 specifying the cost elements captured within the Planning and Development line item. • In Appendix A-1.3, Priority A, Initial Funding Allocation vs. Adjusted 15-Year Plan (graph), include either as a separate item, a clearly labeled inactive project, or a footnoted adjustment to ensure that it reconciles with the previous table showing Initial and Adjusted 15-Year Plan for all priorities. • Include in the Program's 5-Year Implementation Plan (FY2027-31) information about the use of long-term debt in the Safe, Clean Water Program.
A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under benefits, list the goal of conserving 126,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2050.
A3: Pipeline Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include information about the connection between the Pipeline Rehabilitation Plan and Project A3 schedule. • Include clearer funding details, such as the Safe, Clean Water funding cap and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund contribution, and cost increases and their causes, within the project update.
D1: Management of Revegetation Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert the acronym KPI at the first usage of Key Performance Indicator on a project page. • Restate the complete KPI at the beginning of each update section so readers can easily understand which performance measure is being referenced. • Correct the typo error in Figure D1.4 • In Figure D1.4, also display the cumulative amount removed with the goal of 25 acres at the end of 15 years. • Increase the size of the legend in Figure D1.9.



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D6: Creek Restoration and Stabilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the size of the legend in Figures D6.1 and D6.2.
F2: Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the annual report that the after-action review in KPI #4 was completed.
F3: Flood Risk Assessment Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the development of the next 5-year implementation plan, specifically take a look at the remaining funds available for the delivery of this project’s KPI to ensure that there is sufficient funding.
F7: Emergency Response Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the term “Rating curves” to the glossary.