

April 10, 2023

MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP**TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Swanee Edwards	Loren Lewis	
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento	
District 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez	Laurel Pathman	Charles Taylor
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Mike Michitaka	
District 6	Eleni Jacobson	Jim Piazza	
District 7	Tess Byler	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.	

The regular meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee is scheduled to be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Headquarters Building Boardroom located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California. Dinner will be served.**

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on-line at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>

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Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items.

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Please confirm your attendance **no later than Thursday, April 13, 2023, Noon,** by contacting Ms. Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or gbrambill@valleywater.org.

Enclosures



Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting

**Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, April 17, 2023
6:00 PM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

Loren Lewis, Chair
Charles Ice, Vice Chair

Director Barbara F. Keegan, District 2
Director Nai Hsueh, District 5
Director Rebecca Eisenberg, District 7

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(Staff Liaisons)

Glenna Brambill (Committee
Liaison)
Management Analyst II
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Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Environmental and Water Resources Committee
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Headquarters Building Boardroom

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of Minutes.

[23-0308](#)

Recommendation: Approve the January 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 01232023 EWRC Draft Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. One Water Plan - Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans' Metrics, Targets, and Prioritization Criteria.

[23-0309](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive information on the metrics and targets, and prioritization criteria for the Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans, and
B. Provide feedback to staff.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Prioritization Criteria](#)

[Attachment 2: PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Est. Staff Time: 25 Minutes

4.2. Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations.

[23-0310](#)

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. Encampment cleanup schedule.
- B. Encampment cleanup costs and funding.
- C. Trash and debris programs costs and accomplishments.
- D. Recent encampment cleanups.
- E. Fence repairs update.
- F. Comprehensive Services MOA with City of San Jose update.
- G. Creek Safety Issues Report.
- H. Portable Toilet Facilities update.
- I. City of San Jose on Emergency Interim Housing Communities update.

Manager: Jennifer Codianne, 408-630-3876

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Est. Staff Time: 15 Minnutes

- 4.3. Provide Feedback to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on the Committee's Purpose and Accomplishments and Suggest Areas of Improvement. [23-0367](#)

Recommendation: A. Review feedback provided to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on February 6, 2023, by the Board Advisory Committees' Chairs/Vice Chairs on the Committees' purposes and accomplishments, and suggest areas of improvement; and
B. Provide additional feedback for BPPC consideration.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

- 4.4. Review and Receive Updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups. [23-0311](#)

Recommendation: A. Review and receive updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups, and
B. Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Working Groups April 2023](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

- 4.5. Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda. [23-0312](#)

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2023 EWRC Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

6. REPORTS:

6.1. Director's Report

6.2. Mannager's Report

6.3. Committee Member Report

6.4. Informational Links:

<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-committees>

- Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC)
- Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) (formerly FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee)
- Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) (formerly Homeless Encampment Committee)
- Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC)

<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>

- Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (WCaDMC)

<https://www.valleywater.org/your-water/water-supply-planning/monthly-water-tracker>

- Water Tracker

7. **ADJOURN:**

- 7.1. Adjourn to Regular at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023. *{At its January 10, 2023 board meeting, the board approved designating July 2023 as a Board and Committee meeting recess period. A special meeting can be scheduled per the request of the committee.}*



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0308

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the January 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 01232023, EWRC Draft Meeting Mins.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on January 23, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Mr. Bob Levy called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was established with 7 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Loren Lewis		
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento	
District 3	Charles Taylor		
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Mike Michitaka	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Swanee Edwards		
District 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez		
District 6	Jim Piazza		

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera (Board Representative) and Director Nai Hsueh (Board Alternate).

Staff members in attendance were: Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Brian Mendenhall, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Kristen Yasukawa, Sarah Young and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Katja Irvin, Hon. Stephen A. Jordan, and Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Loren Lewis, seconded by Mike Michitaka, and majority vote carried, to approve the October 17, 2022, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Two abstentions by Hon. Patrick S. Kwok and Charles Taylor.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Committee Chair Bob Levy opened the floor for nominations for the Chair

Hon. Patrick S. Kwok nominated Loren Lewis, second by Bob Levy, Elizabeth Sarmiento nominated Charles Ice, he declined, the nominations were closed.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee unanimously elected Loren Lewis as the 2023 Committee Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Vice Chair

Hon. Patrick S. Kwok nominated Charles Ice, second by Charles Taylor, the nominations were closed.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee unanimously elected Charles Ice as the 2023 Committee Vice Chair.

4.2 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMITTEE CHAIR)

Committee Chair Loren Lewis reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

It was moved by Bob Levy, seconded by Loren Lewis, and unanimously carried to approve the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's 2022 Accomplishments Report with the correction of Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., as the 2022 Vice Chair.

4.3 REVIEW AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS

There were no working groups update. John Bourgeois reported on the staff changes, and he will be the staff liaison for the Environmental Stewardship working group.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.4 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Possible Agenda Items for April:

Flood Mar and One Water-Watersheds.

Director Nai Hsueh suggested having an Encampment update to discuss the JPA vision and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Director Tony Estremera noted that it will take all cities and county to engage in a coordinated effort to have some measure of accountability on the unhoused concerns and issues and long-term master planning on recycling. There has been progress with FAHCE (Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort).

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

5. INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Directors Estremera and Hsueh noted this report is a great resource for information.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 4.2:

The Committee unanimously carried to approve the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's 2022 Accomplishments Report with the correction of Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., as the 2022 Vice Chair.

7. REPORTS

Moved to Agenda Item 7.2

7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kirsten Struve reported on:

- Drought Response Update (imported water, water conservation is still critical)

Public Comment:

Hon. Stephen Jordan noted that San Francisco has similar drought issues and that the water levels, questioned whether Pacheco was filled.

Committee Chair Loren Lewis left a 6:37 p.m. and did not return. Vice Chair Charles Ice facilitated the remaining of the meeting.

Don Rocha reported on Grants:

- Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants/Partnerships Program is year-round, 2 grant opportunities:
 - ✓County \$5,000 per grant towards the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a water refill station of your choice
 - County \$5,000 per grant towards the purchase, installation, and

- maintenance of a water refill station of your choice.
- ✓ Mini grants program small \$5,000 grants that are related to water conservation, environmental stewardship and flood protection located within Santa Clara County.
- Grants information is at our website:
<https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/grants-partnerships>

John Bourgeois thanked the outgoing EWRC Chair Bob Levy and Vice Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. for their commitment for 2022.

7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nai Hsueh reported on:

- Board Planning and Policy Committee (BPPC) is having a meeting in February and will be inviting the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for their input on work for the Advisory Committees

7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Elizabeth Sarmiento announced:

- The grants permaculture workshop and training, registration is February 4th.

7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

Links are contained in the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 ADJOURN

Committee Vice Chair Charles Ice adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0309

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

One Water Plan - Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans' Metrics, Targets, and Prioritization Criteria.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive information on the metrics and targets, and prioritization criteria for the Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans, and
- B. Provide feedback to staff.

SUMMARY:

One Water is a watershed master plan which aims to move Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) operations in a more sustainable direction over time, prioritize actions that meet Santa Clara County's most critical watershed needs, and develop future capital improvement programs that integrate the three aspects of Valley Water's mission. One Water comprises the One Water Countywide Framework and corresponding plans for each of Santa Clara County's five watersheds. This integrated planning process incorporates five objectives that connect to water supply, water quality, flood risk, natural ecosystems, and climate change. These objectives collectively form the foundation and organizational structure for each watershed plan. Each watershed plan includes a description of past and present watershed conditions, metrics and targets organized by objective, and a prioritized list of actions recommended to achieve the targets. Staff is currently preparing watershed plans for the Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watersheds.

Metrics and Targets

The One Water project team has worked with staff from various divisions of Valley Water, as well as San Francisco Estuary Institute, to develop sets of metrics and targets grouped by the One Water objectives. The metrics chosen to support the five objectives show current status (baseline) versus a desired end state (target). By establishing realistic targets, Valley Water strives to show how implementing an action may raise the bar from a current level toward the target condition. Staff will describe examples of metric and target pairs selected from each objective that have been developed for the Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watersheds for Committee feedback.

Potential Actions and Prioritization Process

One Water is operationalized when the actions that the watershed plans recommend are ultimately implemented, either by Valley Water or other agencies and organizations throughout the county. One Water priority actions may include assessments or feasibility studies, capital projects, or policies and programs that respond to an ongoing watershed need (e.g., an invasive plant removal program). Potential actions are identified through metric data analysis, subject matter expert guidance, and external stakeholder outreach. To effectively implement the watershed plans and work towards the targets they set, potential actions must be prioritized in a manner that reflects Valley Water's mission and organizational capacity.

To facilitate Committee and Board input into the development of priority actions, staff developed draft prioritization criteria for review and feedback (Attachment 1). The prioritization criteria are divided into 10 categories, each with one or more components. Five of the prioritization categories (Water Supply, Water Quality, Flood Risk Reduction, Environmental Stewardship, Climate Change) relate directly to the One Water objectives. The other five (environmental justice, community engagement, maintenance, readiness, and multi-benefit) reflect other Valley Water goals. Staff propose the incorporation of weighted scoring to account for Valley Water aspirations as defined by the Board Governance Ends Policies, such as advancing environmental justice, community engagement, partnerships, and prioritizing maintenance over new construction. The Committee will be invited to provide feedback on how weighting can best be incorporated into the prioritization criteria.

Next Steps

Next steps for One Water and the Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro River Watershed Plans include developing a final list of prioritized actions, including phasing and order of magnitude costs. Future opportunities for public input include additional stakeholder meetings to share priority actions, Board Committee review, and consideration of the draft watershed plans by the full Board in winter of 2023/24.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Prioritization Criteria
Attachment 2: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

One Water Prioritization Criteria

Background

The One Water Plan integrates the water supply, flood protection, and stream stewardship missions of the Valley Water at the watershed scale. Drawing from detailed existing programs and plans, One Water seeks to find the nexus between these three mission components for new opportunities in integrated water resources management. Progressing towards the vision, goals, and objectives that the One Water Countywide Framework establishes requires implementation of actions at the watershed level. Thus, the prioritization of actions that Valley Water may take to achieve One Water’s vision, goals, and objectives is a fundamental component of each subsequent One Water Watershed Plan.

The One Water Countywide Framework, Section 4.4, provides the following guidance for project prioritization:

“Actions that relate to the five One Water objectives shall be captured and tracked for future consideration. Those that address the most pressing needs and are likely to raise the bar from baseline condition toward target conditions will be evaluated and ranked for further consideration. While all actions are viewed as having merit and so will be captured in an appendix for each watershed-specific plan, Valley Water Board approval and potential resource constraints necessitate the creation of a prioritized list of projects or project portfolios.”

Prioritization Criteria

The purpose of developing prioritization criteria is to provide a systematic process to develop a ranked list of priority actions for each Watershed Plan. In developing the criteria, staff referenced the following sources:

- One Water Objectives and Metrics
- Capital Improvement Program prioritization criteria and funding filter
- Natural Flood Protection framework
- Board Ends Policies
- Subject matter expert input

Prioritization Categories

The prioritization criteria consist of 10 categories, and one or more components associated with each category, listed in **Table 1**. Definitions for all components are provided below Table 1. A description of how actions will be scored using the prioritization criteria is provided below in *Scoring Process*.

Table 1. Prioritization Categories and Action Components

Category	Component
Water Supply	Water conservation
	Water recycling and reuse
	Water supply resilience
	Water for the environment
Water Quality	Surface water quality
	Groundwater quality
	Drinking water quality
	Stormwater quality
Flood Risk Reduction	Prevents/reduces property damage
	Floodplain management
	Addresses critical vulnerability
Environmental Stewardship	Riverine and wetland buffers
	Habitat connectivity and permeability
	Habitat value and resiliency
	Sensitive habitat area
Climate Change	Adaptation
	Mitigation
	Supports sustainable development
Environmental Justice¹	Flood Risk Reduction ²
	Environmental stewardship
	Climate change
	Water quality
Community Engagement	Stakeholder outreach
	Community values and input
	Community partnership
	Recreational enhancement
Maintenance	Repairs existing asset
	Restores level of service
Readiness	Shovel-ready project
	Funding committed by Valley Water
	Cost-sharing partnership
Multi-benefit	Mutually beneficial to Valley Water partner

¹ Category only applies to an action conducted within or that would directly benefit a disadvantaged community (DAC). Valley Water’s Office of Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) has defined DACs as those communities where household income is equal to 80% or below of Area Median Income (AMI) and/or those in the 75th or higher percentile of CalEnviroScreen 4.0.

² If a flood protection project is not located within a DAC but would reduce upstream or downstream flood risk in a DAC, it would score for this component.

Component Definitions

Water Supply

- Water conservation: Action is supportive of or expands Valley Water’s ongoing water conservation initiatives for residences and businesses.
- Water recycling and reuse: Action is supportive of or expands of water recycling and reuse within the water supply portfolio.
- Water supply resilience: Action is supportive of or directly develops a new water supply source, improves storage put and take capacities, rehabilitation of water conveyance and storage infrastructure or other component that enhances resilience of the water supply and ensures that Countywide water demand is continually met.
- Water for the environment: Action maintains or expands water available for release into streams and rivers.

Water Quality

- Surface water quality: Action enhances the quality of surface water by reducing or removing pollutants present in surface water.
- Groundwater quality: Action enhances the quality of groundwater by reducing or removing the potential for pollutants to enter groundwater.
- Drinking water quality: Action supports the ability to continually provide safe, clean drinking water.
- Stormwater quality: Action enhances the quality of stormwater runoff by reducing or removing pollutants.

Flood Risk Reduction

- Prevents/reduces property damage: Action incorporates elements to reduce potential property damage from a major flood.
- Floodplain management: Action incorporates sound floodplain management practices, which include but are not limited to integration of flood project into the watershed and stream geomorphology, protection of ecological function, and minimization of maintenance and life-cycle costs.
- Addresses critical vulnerability: Action remediates an existing critical vulnerability that poses a risk to human health and safety. Critical vulnerabilities include areas subject to unsafe water depths and velocities that are more likely to cause injury and death.

Environmental Stewardship

- Riverine and wetland buffers: Action creates more space around a creek or wetland for hydrologic processes, habitat development, and buffering from developed land uses.
- Habitat connectivity and permeability³: Action increases habitat connectivity and/or permeability for fish or wildlife movement and/or ecological processes within or between natural habitat areas.

³ “In contrast to landscape connectivity – which characterizes the capacity of individual species to move between areas of habitat via corridors and linkage zones – permeability refers to the degree to which whole landscapes, encompassing a variety of natural, semi-natural and developed land cover types, are compatible with wildlife

- Habitat value and resiliency: Action improves a habitat's quality by adding or allowing for natural development and maintenance of habitat features or conditions that support native species and ecosystem services, or removing a stressor on such species and services.
- Sensitive habitat area: Action increases the net size of jurisdictional or otherwise legally protected waters, wetlands, sensitive natural communities, and special-status species habitat.

Climate Change

- Adaptation: Action addresses impact(s) to Valley Water's operations that stem from climate change, such as actions/projects that develop drought-resilient water sources, accommodate larger flood flows, mitigate wildfire risk, or enhances habitat resilience.
- Mitigation: Action reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by improving energy efficiency, reducing use of fossil fuels, enhancing carbon sequestration, or other means.
- Supports sustainable development: Action enables a form of sustainable development to occur. Examples include projects that support efficient water use or reuse, provide stormwater capture, or protect open space.

Environmental Justice

Actions/projects that score points one or more of the categories listed below and would occur within a DAC are eligible to score additional points in the components listed below.

- Health and safety: Action improves health and safety within a DAC.
- Environmental stewardship: Action provides for environmental stewardship within a DAC.
- Climate change: Action provides for climate adaptation or mitigation within in a DAC.
- Water quality: Action improves water quality within a DAC.

Community Engagement

- Stakeholder outreach: Action included or plans to include meaningful opportunity for the public, regulatory community, and/or other project stakeholders to provide input.
- Reflects community values and input: Action incorporated or has a demonstrated plan to incorporate input received from the community such that community values are reflected in the action's implementation.
- Community partnership: Action includes a partnership in which Valley Water supports an external organization to implement a program or project (e.g., grant funding, cost-sharing, or issuance of approval for a community-oriented project).
- Recreational enhancement: Action incorporates development of new a recreational facility, such as a trail, or rehabilitation of an existing facility, which would minimally impact the environment and provide enhanced public access to a natural area.

Maintenance

- Repairs existing asset: Action repairs an existing pipeline, dam, facility, or other asset.
- Restores level of service: Action restores an existing asset's level of service to its original functionality.

needs and sustain ecological processes."

(http://www.landscape.org/explore/natural_geographies/wildlife_connections/terminology/)

Readiness

- Shovel-ready project: Applicable to projects that have completed planning and design phases and have received all necessary environmental compliance (i.e., completed CEQA document, necessary permits). Not applicable to actions that do not require planning, design, and environmental compliance.
- Funding committed by Valley Water: Action must have some amount of funding committed by Valley Water.
- Cost-sharing partnership: Action must have an associated cost-sharing or grant agreement with an external entity.

Multi-Benefit

- Mutually beneficial to Valley Water partner: Action demonstrates consistency with programs or priorities of a Valley Water partner, such as a city, the County of Santa Clara, or an open space agency.



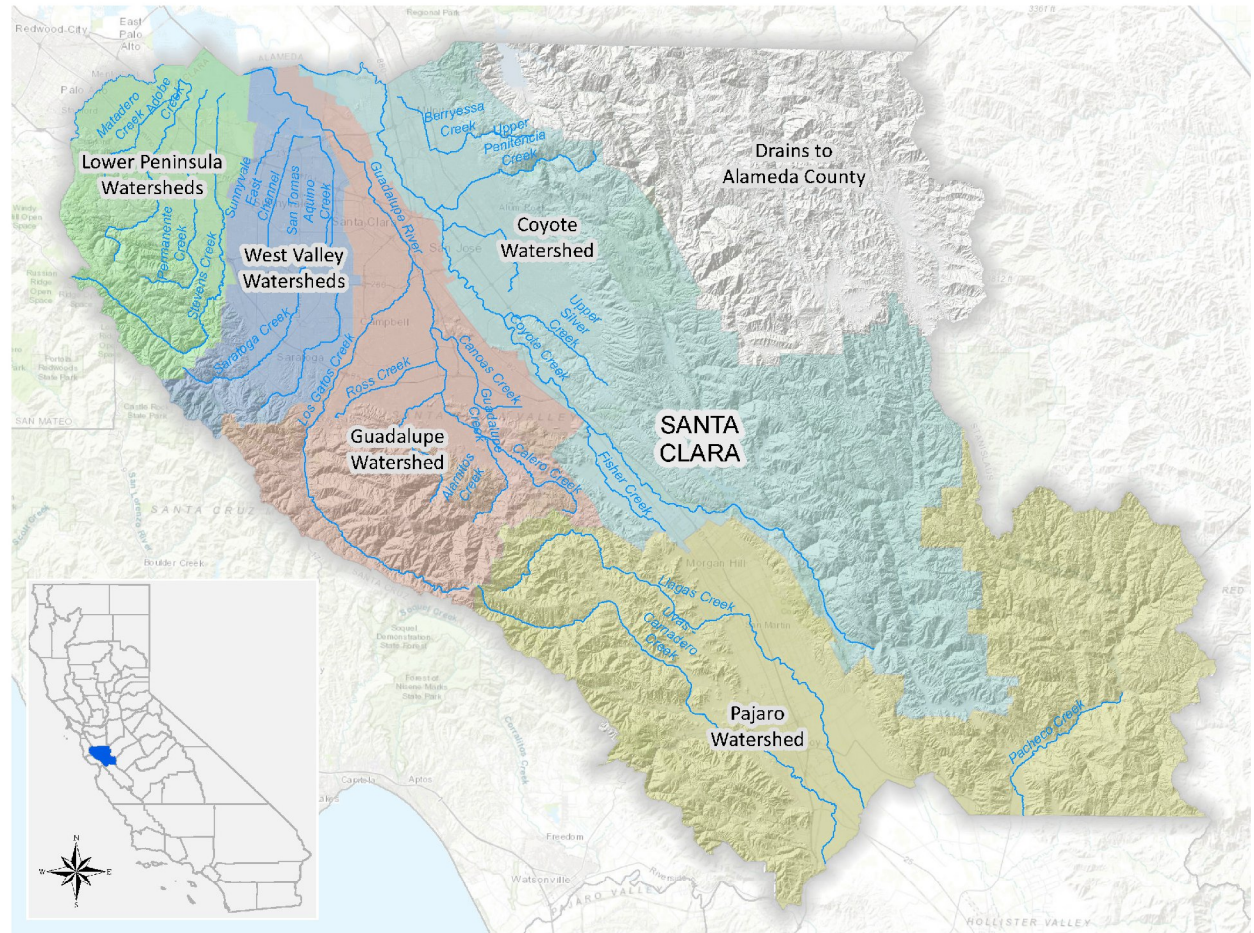
Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans

Presented by: Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resources Specialist
Nick Mascarello, Associate Water Resources Specialist
Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting, April 17, 2023





ONE WATER

*Valley Water's
long-range
integrated water
resources master
plan that will
identify priority
actions to direct
Valley Water's
resources using
measurable metrics
and targets*



One Water Overview

VISION	INTEGRATED GOALS	OBJECTIVES
<p><i>Manage Santa Clara County water resources holistically and sustainably to benefit people and the environment in a way that is informed by community values</i></p>	Reliable Water Supply	 Water Supply
	Improved Flood Protection	 Water Quality
		 Flood Risk Reduction
		 Natural Ecosystem
	Healthy and Resilient Ecosystems	 Climate Change

Countywide Framework

PROVIDES OVERALL VISION,
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS
GUIDANCE FOR ALL PLANS



Watershed Level Plans

SPECIFIC PLANS FOR EACH
WATERSHEDS IN SANTA
CLARA COUNTY

Watershed Plans



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Past, Present, and Future
Conditions

Metrics and Targets

Watershed Challenges
and Actions

Watershed Setting

- Water supply, water quality, flooding, ecological resources, land use
- Existing conditions and future opportunities

Watershed Plans



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Past, Present, and Future
Conditions

Metrics and Targets

Watershed Challenges
and Actions

Metrics and Targets

- Grouped by Objective
- Show current status (baseline) versus desired end state (target)
- Developed with subject matter experts

Watershed Plans



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Past, Present, and Future
Conditions

Metrics and Targets

Watershed Challenges
and Actions

Potential Actions

- Assessments, studies, projects, policies, and programs
- Address gaps between baseline watershed condition and target
- Potential actions reflect Valley Water's ongoing work and stakeholder input

Example – Objective A

Metrics and Targets -> Actions



Objective	Metric	Metric Value	Target	Countywide/ Watershed	Percent Complete
Protect and Maintain Water Supplies	A.1.1 Operational capacity at Valley Water reservoirs	62,326 acre-feet of storage	166,140 acre- feet of storage	Countywide	38%

Potential Actions (Guadalupe Watershed)

- Almaden Dam Improvements
- Calero Dam and Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofit

Example – Objective B

Metrics and Targets -> Actions



Objective	Metric	Metric Value	Target	Countywide/ Watershed	Percent Complete
Guadalupe Watershed					
Protect and Improve Surface and Groundwater Quality	B.2.1 Chemical integrity of surface waters (nutrients, chlorine)	48 sampling sites currently below applicable threshold	48 sampling sites below applicable threshold	Watershed	100%

Potential Actions

- Continue to monitor chemical, as well as biological and physical water quality parameters for stream health

Example – Objective C

Metrics and Targets -> Actions



Objective	Metric	Metric Value	Target	Countywide/ Watershed	Percent Complete
Guadalupe Watershed					
Reduce Flood Risk	C.3.2 Number of parcels in a disadvantaged community protected from risk of frequent flooding	40 parcels subject to 25-year flood event within disadvantaged communities out of 1,136 total	0 parcels subject to 25-year flood event within disadvantaged communities	Watershed	96%

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Potential Action (Guadalupe Watershed)

- Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project

Example – Objective D

Metrics and Targets -> Actions



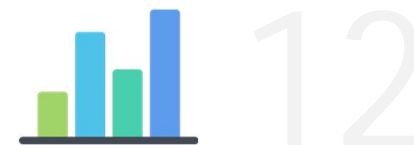
Objective	Metric	Metric Value	Target	Countywide/ Watershed	Percent Complete
Upper Pajaro Watershed					
Protect, Enhance and Sustain Natural Ecosystems	D.1.5. Number of wildlife corridor enhancement actions	15 enhancement actions implemented (2022 baseline)	90 enhancement actions implemented	Watershed	17%

Potential Actions (Upper Pajaro Watershed)

- Implement wildlife corridor enhancements, such as construction of new wildlife crossings over highways or clearing of existing culverts

Example – Objective E

Metrics and Targets -> Actions



Objective	Metric	Metric Value	Target	Countywide/ Watershed	Percent Complete
Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change	E.2.2 Volume of water supply treated by green infrastructure projects	0 acre-feet of stormwater captured by green infrastructure	1000 acre-feet of stormwater captured	Countywide	0%

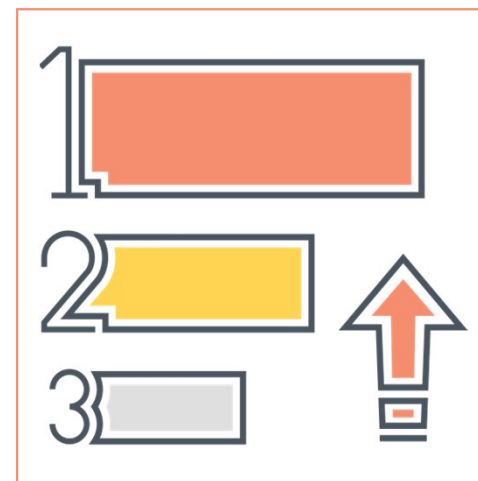
Potential Actions

- Upper Pajaro Watershed: Coordinate implementation of green stormwater infrastructure projects identified in South County Stormwater Resources Plan
- Assess feasibility of a FloodMAR program, which could potentially support target

Action Prioritization

Prioritization Criteria

- Potential actions must be prioritized in accordance with Valley Water's mission and operations
- Prioritization Criteria developed to group actions as high, medium, and low priority



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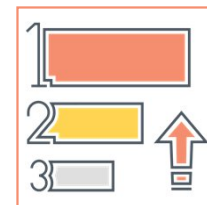
Action Prioritization

Prioritization Criteria

10 Categories

- Water Supply
- Water Quality
- Flood Risk Reduction
- Environmental Stewardship
- Climate Change
- Environmental Justice
- Community Engagement
- Maintenance
- Readiness
- Multi-benefit

- Categories: High level attributes
- Each category paired with components
- Components: Specific characteristics or outcomes



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Weighting

Prioritization Criteria



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Category	Weight
Water Supply	
Water Quality	
Flood Risk Reduction	
Environmental Stewardship	
Climate Change	
Environmental Justice	
Community Engagement	
Maintenance	
Readiness	
Multi-benefit	

- Weighting allows certain criteria to have greater bearing on results
- Are these categories comprehensive?
- Should certain categories be weighted higher than others?

Scoring Outcomes

Prioritization Criteria

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Actions assigned high, medium, or low priority

Prioritized actions further sorted by objective, type, timeframe, and CIP status

Prioritized actions presented in Watershed Plans and monitored during implementation

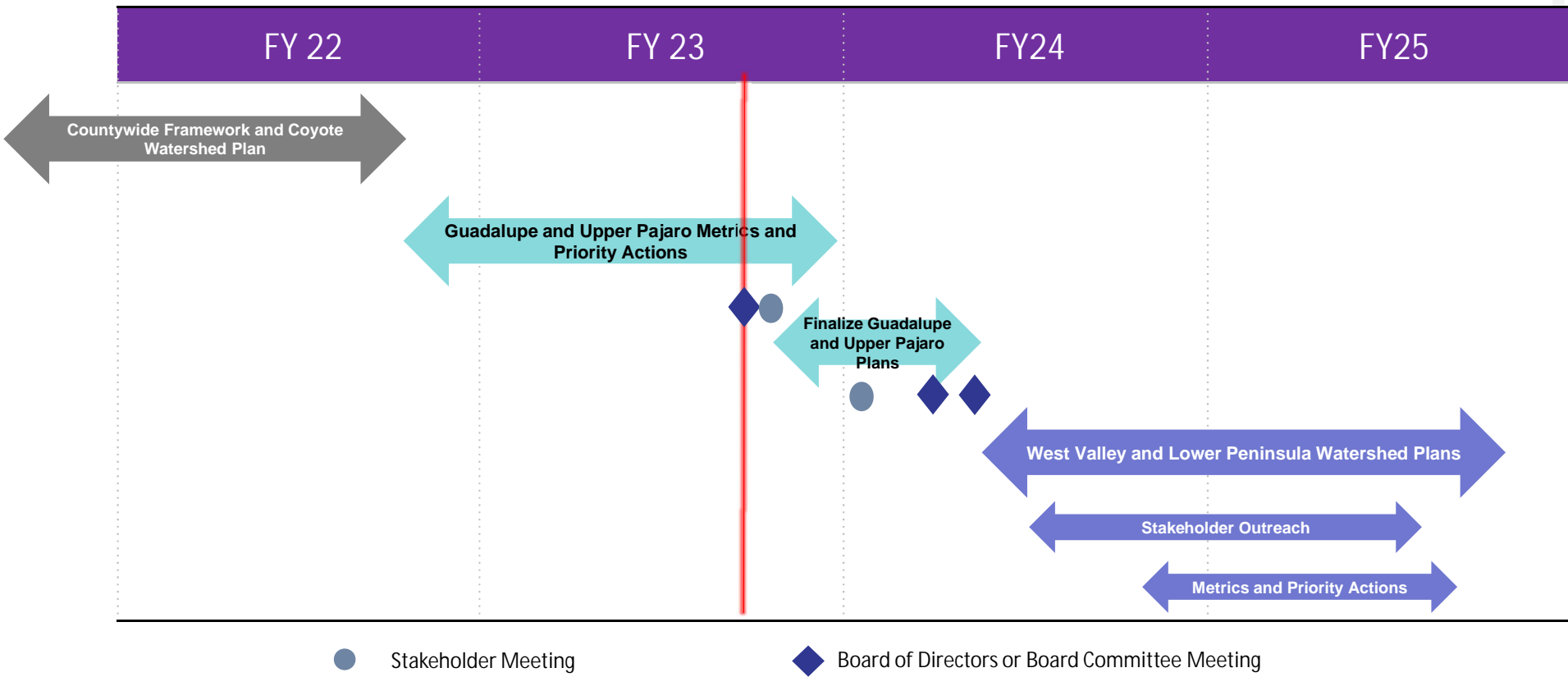
Next Steps for Upper Pajaro and Guadalupe Watershed Plans

- Incorporate feedback on potential actions and Prioritization Criteria from Committee and other stakeholders
- Refine potential actions and collect information such as implementation timeline, rough cost estimate, and CIP status prior to scoring
- Develop list of prioritized actions
- Prepare final Upper Pajaro and Guadalupe Watershed Plans

One Water Timeline

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0310

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A)

SUBJECT:

Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. Encampment cleanup schedule.
- B. Encampment cleanup costs and funding.
- C. Trash and debris programs costs and accomplishments.
- D. Recent encampment cleanups.
- E. Fence repairs update.
- F. Comprehensive Services MOA with City of San Jose update.
- G. Creek Safety Issues Report.
- H. Portable Toilet Facilities update.
- I. City of San Jose on Emergency Interim Housing Communities update.

SUMMARY:

Staff will brief the Committee and provide up-to-date information on issues related to encampment cleanups:

- A. Encampment Cleanup Schedule: Discussion of currently scheduled encampment cleanups.
- B. Encampment Cleanup Program Costs & Funding: Update on Fiscal Year 2023 encampment cleanup expenditures and prior-year comparisons.
- C. Trash & Debris Programs Costs & Accomplishments: Update on Fiscal Year 2023 expenditures and prior-year comparisons on expenditures and cubic yards for all Valley Water trash and debris removal programs.
- D. Recent Encampment Cleanups: Discussion of recent cleanups along Coyote Creek from downstream Tully Road to Umbarger Road, Upper Penitencia Creek from Capitol Expressway to Jackson Avenue, along Coyote Creek from Lower Silver Creek Confluence to Julian Street

and along West Branch Llagas Creek from Monterey Road to Llagas Creek Confluence.

- E. Fence Repairs Update: Regular update on Valley Water's fencing repairs on Guadalupe Creek along Coleman Road, Guadalupe River upstream Highway 280 and Greystone Creek.
- F. Comprehensive Services MOA with San Jose Update: Negotiating draft MOA with City of San Jose to provide outreach services, vehicle towing, temporary housing and relocation of encampments within the Coyote Creek Flood Mitigation Measures Project.
- G. Creek Safety Issues Report: Regular report on creek safety issues, including recent statistics from the San José Police Department's Stream Stewardship Law Enforcement Program and Coyote Creek Trail Patrol.
- H. Portable Toilet Facilities Update: Discuss locations, funding, staffing and implementation of portable toilet facilities on Valley Water lands.
- I. City of San Jose on Emergency Interim Housing Communities Update:
The City of San Jose has invested significant resources in the development of person-centered, supportive Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) communities. These EIH communities include high quality modular construction of individual rooms, personal bathrooms, showers, on site security and case management and connection to services. City staff will provide background, data, and ongoing planning information about how these EIH communities work, collaborative opportunities, the process for proactive community engagement with housed and unhoused neighbors and answer questions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Jennifer Codianne, 408-630-3876



Encampment Cleanup Update

124.02 Tons Removed February 3 – March 24

Environmental and Water Resources Committee
April 17, 2023



Encampment Cleanup Schedule

<p>2/6 – 2/10 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coyote Creek: Monague Expwy to McCarthy Boulevard, D/S Tully Road to Umbarger Road Lower Silver Creek – Hwy 101 to McKee Road San Tomas Aquino Creek – Payne Avenue to Williams Road, Alamos Creek – Graystone Lane Trash Hot Spots: Lower Silver Creek – McKee Road, Sunset Ave, Kammerer Ave, Hwy 680, Tully Road, Lyndale Avenue, White Road, D'Amico Drive, Aborn Road, Quimby Road, Everdale Drive 	<p>2/13 – 2/17 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calabazas Creek – Hwy 101 to Tasman Avenue Upper Penitencia Creek – Noble Avenue to Jackson Avenue, Capitol Expressway to Jackson Ave, Jackson Ave to King Road 	<p>2/20 – 2/24 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guadalupe River – Chard Drive San Francisquito Creek – D/S Hwy 101 Coyote Creek – Lower Silver Creek Confluence to Julian Street Guadalupe Creek – Almaden Expressway to Camden Avenue 	<p>2/27 – 3/1 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W. Branch Llagas Creek – Monterey Road to Llagas Creek Confluence
<p>3/6 - 3/10 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guadalupe River – Blossom Hill Road to Branham Road Lower Silver Creek – Hwy 680 to Alum Rock Road 	<p>3/13 – 3/17 – Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Gatos Creek – Bascom Avenue to Leigh Avenue 	<p>3/20 – 3/24 - Enhanced Cleanup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saratoga Creek - Central Park Stevens Creek – D/S Middlefield Road Guadalupe River – Capitol Expressway to Almaden Expressway Calabazas Creek – U/S & D/S El Camino Real, U/S Lawrence Expressway Los Gatos Creek – Lonus Street to Auzeais Avenue Lower Silver Creek – Capitol Avenue to Lyndale Avenue 	

Encampment Cleanup Costs & Funding

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Encampment Cleanup Budget	\$927,131	\$1,515,073	\$922,107	\$1,923,736	\$2,406,885
Encampment Cleanup Expenditures	\$968,819	\$845,455	\$364,895	\$2,218,126	\$ 1,579,161.00
Encampment Cleanup Budget Remaining	(\$41,688)	\$669,618	\$557,212	(\$294,390)	\$827,724.00
Encampment Cleanup Budget Expended	104%	56%	40%	115%	66%

Encampment Impacts on Waterways

Valley Water Encampment/Trash and Debris Cleanup Efforts					
Budget Year	Encampment Cleanup (CY)	Encampment Cleanup Cost	Litter Removal (CY)	Litter Removal Cost	Trash Booms, Hot Spots, Volunteer Cleanup Efforts (CY)
FY 2013-14	9,982	\$ 786,085.00	1,176	\$ 130,881.00	450
FY 2014-15	17,024	\$ 1,341,166.00	1,792	\$ 189,675.00	419.5
FY 2015-16	11,746	\$ 929,727.00	1,596	\$ 198,269.00	614.5
FY 2016-17	12,698	\$ 1,018,873.00	1,148	\$ 144,733.00	478
FY 2017-18	16,926	\$ 1,485,693.00	1,708	\$ 219,078.00	731.25
FY 2018-19	11,480	\$ 968,819.00	1,050	\$ 512,487.00	636.78
FY 2019-20	9,534	\$ 845,455.00	1,218	\$ 639,570.00	295
FY 2020-21	1,526	\$ 364,896.00	2,352	\$ 1,264,002.00	639.2
FY 2021-22	12,152	\$ 2,216,297.00	1,009	\$ 967,135.00	326
FY 2022-23 (As of 3/23/23)	8,257	\$ 1,599,524.00	936	\$ 230,319.80	633.64
Estimated Totals	111,325	\$ 11,556,535.00	13,985	\$ 4,496,149.80	5,223.87

Coyote Creek – D/S Tully Road to Umbarger Road



Before



After

Accomplishment:

- 8.25 Tons Removed
- 2.68 Acres

Upper Penitencia Creek – Capitol Expressway to Jackson Avenue



Before



After

Accomplishment:

- 17.64 Tons Removed
- 33.54 Acres

Coyote Creek – Lower Silver Creek Confluence to Julian Street



Accomplishment:

- 7.25 Tons Removed
- 5.95 Acres

W. Branch Llagas – Monterey Road to Llagas Creek Confluence



Accomplishment:

- 14.21 Tons Removed
- 71.07 Acres

Fence Repairs



- Fence repairs completed by Watersheds Operations and Maintenance staff.
- Fence Repair AVW requests responded to within 1 business day, work completed on average of 5 business days.
- 628 LF installed.

Comprehensive Services MOA with CSJ

- Provide outreach services, vehicle towing, temporary housing and relocation of unhoused persons within the Coyote Creek Flood Mitigation Measures Project.
- MOA is scheduled to go to City Council April 4.
- MOA is scheduled to go to Valley Water Board April 11.
- Encampment relocation & cleanup scheduled to begin May 15.
- CCFMM Project will be handed over to contractor to begin work approximately June 5.

Stream Stewardship Law Enforcement: (SSLE)

- February 10 Statistics: 6 arrests; 6 citations; 11 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited.
- February 24 Statistics: 5 arrests; 4 citations; 10 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited; one arrest was a convicted felon who was in possession of a Taser.
- March 17 Statistics: 6 arrests; 7 citations; 6 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited.

Safety Issues: Coyote Creek Trail Patrol



- February Statistics: 2 arrests made, 6 warrant arrests, 33 criminal citations, 0 traffic citations, 0 parking citations, 28 Impounds, 76 unhoused assistance contacts & 192 citizen contacts.

Safety Issues: Guadalupe River Trail Patrol



- SJPD began staffing the Guadalupe River Trail Patrols in March 2023. Therefore, there are currently no statistics to report.

Portable Toilet Facilities Update

- 32 portable toilet facilities with hand sanitizer stations.
- 20 reaches of creek countywide.
- \$3 million in EPA grant funding from FY24 – FY27 for water quality improvements to be used as a 50% match.
- New position FY24 to manage new programs (Clean Creeks, Clean Camps and Portable Toilet Facilities).

City of San Jose: Emergency Interim Housing Communities

- Individual rooms have personal bathrooms and showers.
- On-site security and case management, connection to services.
- City staff will provide background, data and ongoing planning information about these communities.
- Communities proactively seek community engagement with both housed and unhoused neighbors.

QUESTIONS





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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0367

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 4.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Provide Feedback to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on the Committee's Purpose and Accomplishments and Suggest Areas of Improvement.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review feedback provided to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on February 6, 2023, by the Board Advisory Committees' Chairs/Vice Chairs on the Committees' purposes and accomplishments, and suggest areas of improvement; and
- B. Provide additional feedback for BPPC consideration.

SUMMARY:

One of the tasks assigned to the Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) is to review the effectiveness of the Board's Advisory Committees. Regular feedback from the Board's Advisory Committees is an important part of ensuring that they are being productively engaged in the Board's work and District Mission.

To assist the BPPC in accomplishing this task, they invited the Board Advisory Committees' 2022 and/or 2023 Chairpersons and/or Vice Chairpersons to their February 6, 2023, meeting to provide feedback on the Committees' purposes and accomplishments and suggest areas of improvement.

The feedback that was provided has been placed into two groups - Board Advisory Committee Discussion and BPPC Discussion.

The feedback listed in the Board Advisory Committee Discussion table (below) is being presented for discussion and to obtain further feedback to present to the BPPC.

Any new information provided by the Advisory Committees will be combined with the information in the BPPC Discussion table and presented to the BPPC in May to consider and determine if there are any relevant recommendations to make to the full Board for consideration.

Board Advisory Committee Discussion

Encourage Board Advisory Committee members to considering joining the Water Ambassador Program.

EWRC working groups meeting on an ad hoc basis to address timely information to present to the full committee may work better than current structure.

BPPC Discussion

Request that an orientation be offered to incoming Board Advisory Committee members that contains information like that in the Water Ambassador Program.

Ensure new Board Advisory Committee membership appointments are timely to maximize membership time.

Bridge knowledge divide among Water Commission members by supporting less turnover of new members from appointing agencies.

When information on water rates is provided to the Water Commission, it would be helpful if it was packaged in a way that is simple and easy to communicate to constituents.

Board Advisory Committees could benefit from Board feedback on how they are performing and whether the Board is receiving what they were hoping to receive.

Create a process to timely inform Committees of Board agenda items that may be of interest.

Commission/Committee Chair/Vice Chair could benefit from direct staff support and assistance with proactively agendizing timely subjects for Committee discussion.

Growers needs to be educated on run off into creeks (Potential Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Agenda Item)

Underserved minority farmers could use help understanding conservation farming techniques. (Potential Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Agenda Item)

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0311

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 4.4.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Review and Receive Updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review and receive updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups, and
- B. Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.

SUMMARY:

At the Committee's October 2021, meeting, the Committee approved the working groups' structure to align with the issues and policies that the Board of Directors has on their work plan and calendar for the fiscal year.

The Board will continue to keep the Committee informed of the working groups' activities and results.

This will be a standing agenda item.

BACKGROUND:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Board Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board Committees will not direct

the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Board's Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: FY2022 EWRC Working Groups Spreadsheet

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

FY 2023 EWRC Working Groups

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

Working Group Number/Title		Member Name	Lead	Total Members
EWRC Oversight Manager: John Bourgeois, jbourgeois@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-2990				
1	INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:			
Valley Water Staff Liaison: Brian Mendenhall, bmendenhall@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-3093		Charles Ice Loren Lewis Elizabeth Sarmiento	Elizabeth	3
2	WATER SUPPLY:			
Valley Water Staff Liaison: Jing Wu, jwu@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-2330		Hon. Patrick S. Kwok Mike Michitaka Jim Piazza		3
3	NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION:			
Valley Water Staff Liaison: Katie Muller, kmuller@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-2934		Mike Michitaka Charles Taylor		2
4	ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:			
Valley Water Staff Liaison: John Bourgeois jbourgeois@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-2990		Swanee Edwards Bob Levy Jim Piazza	Bob	3
5	CLIMATE CHANGE:			
Valley Water Staff Liaison: Brian Mendenhall, bmendenhall@valleywater.org, 1-408-630-3093		Bob Levy Elizabeth Sarmiento Charles Taylor	Bob	3

FY 2023 EWRC Working Groups

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

Working Group Number/Title	Member Name	Lead	Total Members
Lead Member			
SPECIAL NOTES: See 2021 EWRC Working Group Restructure Guidelines. Members should limit the number of working groups they participate in because of possible Brown Act Violations (2-3 groups only). Please Note: You will be sharing your phone number and email address with the other members when signing up for a working group. When planning meetings, the Group Chair (Lead) should contact Glenna via email (gbrambill@valleywater.org) and John Bourgeois (jbourgeois@valleywater.org) with meeting date/time and location and how many members are expected to attend.			



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 23-0312

Agenda Date: 4/17/2023

Item No.: 4.5.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

SUMMARY:

The attached Work Plan outlines the topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendaized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review any work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: EWRC 2023 Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

2023 Work Plan: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: March 2023

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.	January 23	•Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 (Action)	Accomplished January 23, 2023: The Committee unanimously approved Loren Lewis as the 2023 Environmental and Water Resources Committee Chair and Charles Ice as the 2023 Environmental and Water Resources Committee Vice Chair.
2	Annual Accomplishments Report.	January 23	•Review and approve 2022 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action)	Accomplished January 23, 2023: The Committee unanimously approved the 2022 Annual Accomplishments Report.
3	Update Status of Working Groups.	January 23 April 17 October 16	•Receive updates on the status of the working groups. (Action) •Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 23, 2023: The Committee received no updates from the Working Groups.
4	Review of Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda.	January 23 April 17 October 16	•Receive and review the 2023 Board-approved Committee work plan. (Action) •Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 23, 2023: The Committee received updates and reviewed the 2023 Board-approved Committee work plan and took no action.

Yellow = Update Since Last Meeting

Blue = Action taken by the Board of Directors

Attachment 1
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2023 Work Plan: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: March 2023

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
5	Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2023 Goals and Strategies:	January 23	•Receive quarterly reports on standing items. (Information)	Accomplished January 23, 2023: The Committee received updates on the standing items and took no action.

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	FY23 TACTICS	MONITORING COMMITTEE
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT <i>"Efficiently manage water resources across business areas."</i>	<u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>The maintenance of Valley Water's infrastructure is crucial to ensuring we continue to provide safe, clean water and critical flood protection for our communities. Timely maintenance is the most cost-effective investment, whereas deferred maintenance disproportionately increases costs and causes unplanned outages and failures risking the population of the county. In addition, aging assets are reaching the end of the design life and will require major recapitalization.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Fuel Management Policy to guide the incorporation of wildfire planning efforts in an integrated and programmatic way. • Continue a robust preventive maintenance program including monitoring asset condition and risk. • Strategically plan for larger infrastructure renewal projects through Safe Clean Water Project F8 – Sustainable Creek Infrastructure for Continued Public Safety; Water Treatment Plant, Distribution System, and SCADA Implementation Plans; Watersheds and Water Utility Operations and Maintenance Plans; and various Asset Management Plans. • Advance infrastructure renewal projects identified in strategic planning efforts by initiating new Capital or Small Capital Projects, or by conducting work as part of ongoing operations projects. • Develop comprehensive infrastructure master plans for all water utility treatment plant and distribution infrastructure (e.g. pipelines and pump stations) to plan out 30-year capital investments that meet future regulatory requirements, and fold in projects identified in the Asset Management and Operations & Maintenance Plans. • Expedient execution of the adopted Capital program and projects. 	Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) CIP Committee (CIPC)
	<u>Objective #2 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>Valley Water continues to pursue legislative and administrative solutions to resolve regulatory and permitting issues at the federal and state levels. The Board's efforts will continue to focus on improving internal capacity when applying for permits, as well as continuing to build relationships with regulatory agencies and staying abreast of the regulatory environment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide for agency-wide regulatory planning and permitting effort and pursue other efforts at the state and federal level to expedite permit review. • Continue to foster better relationships with regulatory agencies and open dialogue with environmental, environmental justice and other stakeholders. • Continue to work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under the terms of our memorandum of understanding (MOU) to expedite issue resolution and prevent regulatory overreach. 	BPPC

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Collaborate with RWQCB on the Steelhead Regional Temperature Study. 	
WATER SUPPLY <i>“Provide a reliable, safe, and affordable water supply for current and future generations in all communities served.”</i>	<u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>Half of Santa Clara County's water supply is imported from outside the county. At this time, when there is a lot of water, Valley Water may not be able to take advantage of these supplies due to limitations in existing storage and transmission infrastructure as well as regulatory constraints. Having a diverse portfolio of storage options helps Valley Water be resilient. Therefore, Valley Water is evaluating whether diversifying its storage portfolio could help maximize our use of storage and stored water recovery under future conditions. Water storage in reservoirs also provides environmental, recreational, and incidental flood risk reduction benefits. Challenges include determining the appropriate level of participation for Valley Water in collaborative water storage projects and prioritizing projects within funding constraints.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Explore opportunities to develop new surface and groundwater storage projects that help Valley Water meet future water supply needs and be resilient to climate change. •Determine level of participation for projects and decisions about partnerships in accordance with the Water Supply Master Plan and water affordability. •Explore partnership opportunities for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project •Validate Valley Water's continued participation in the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project during the MAP review process, bi-annual budget development, and following review and certification of the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). 	Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC)
	<u>Objective #2 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>The Water Supply Master Plan's "Ensure Sustainability" strategy includes securing existing water supplies and infrastructure. Valley Water's local and imported water supplies are vulnerable to climate change impacts, droughts, earthquake, and regulatory requirements that may restrict the amount of available water.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Participate in and influence decisions regarding the Delta Conveyance Project. •Participate in regional water supply resilience efforts. •Build and maintain effective partnerships to increase resiliency. •Complete and implement infrastructure master plans and asset management plans. •Partner with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to ensure reliability of the South Bay Aqueduct. 	Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (WCaDMC) (Groundwater) CIPC (infrastructure projects)
	<u>Objective #3 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>Recycled and purified water is a drought resilient, locally controlled water supply important to long-term sustainability. The Water Supply Master Plan includes developing up to 24,000 acre-feet per year of purified water by 2040. Purified water is recycled water that has been treated further using reverse osmosis and other advanced treatment to make it fit for drinking. Valley Water is pursuing indirect potable reuse which would use this purified water to replenish our groundwater. Implementation challenges include securing wastewater supply contractual agreements with wastewater agencies, available land, stringent regulatory requirements, and implementation costs.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implement the first phase of the Purified Water Program, including release of a Request For Proposal (RFP) and enter into a contract for an Indirect Potable Reuse project that is implemented via a Public Private Partnership. •Implement the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan. •Develop a Comprehensive Water Reuse Agreement for South County to advance water reuse and its production, distribution, and wholesaling in South County. •Continue to actively be involved with the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) guidance and ensure Valley Water is positioned to implement a DPR project in the future. •Continue collaboration on the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center including building a strong collaborative relationship with the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility to expand the facility. 	Recycled Water Committee (RWC)
	<u>Objective #4 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>As our largest reservoir, Anderson serves not only as a critical water supply facility, but also supports Valley Water's mission of flood protection and environmental</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Maintain the Anderson Reservoir level at the FERC directed level. •Complete the construction on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP). •Complete the design of the ADSRP. •Continue to work with appropriate regulatory agencies to advance the 	CIPC Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC)

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	<p><i>stewardship. Given the reservoir's critical importance to ensuring safe, clean water for our communities and to protect public safety, it is imperative that the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) move forward expeditiously. This includes the reconstruction of the Dam and completion of the interim risk reduction measures resulting from the February 20, 2020, directive from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).</i></p>	<p>ADSRP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the ADSRP. • Obtain all necessary permits for ADSRP construction. • Continue to educate and engage the public, key stakeholders, decision makers, and elected officials of the project progress and construction timeline. • Coordinate long term ADSRP operations with the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE). 	
	<p><u>Objective #5 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>Droughts are a recurring feature of California's climate and may intensify with climate change. Water conservation is an essential component in providing a reliable water supply and Valley Water has set a water conservation goal for annual water savings of 99,000 acre-feet (AF) by 2030 and 109,000 AF by 2040. As Valley Water faces challenges from climate change and drought, water conservation will continue to be amongst the most cost-effective tools for efficiently meeting current and future demands while mitigating droughts.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue communication and educational outreach to promote Valley Water's water conservation programs. •Increase collaboration with our retailer partners to promote Valley Water's water conservation programs. •Implement new water conservation programs and engagement strategies identified within the Water Conservation Strategic Plan. •Engage and support private-sector stakeholders, local, state, and federal agencies that promote water conservation. •Develop and implement a Drought Response Plan with support and input from our retailer partners and the broader community to guide short-term behavioral changes during water shortages. 	WCaDMC
<p>NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION "Provide Natural Flood Protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety."</p>	<p><u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> <i>Valley Water is challenged to sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply. By using an integrated approach to planning and designing flood protection planning, there is an opportunity to create projects with multiple benefits.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make significant progress on One Water plans for the Guadalupe and Pajaro watersheds. •Complete construction of Reaches 1-3 of the Shoreline Phase I Project and pursue funding alternatives for Reaches 4-5 to provide 100-year coastal flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, recreational opportunities, and resiliency for sea level rise. •Complete construction of Phase 2A of the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project to provide flood protection and habitat enhancement. •Advance the Palo Alto Flood Basin Project into construction, a repair project to ensure a functional flood basin with wetland habitat. •Advance the Sunnyvale East/West Channels Project into construction to provide 100-year storm water flood protection. •Complete the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Upper Guadalupe River Project General Reevaluation Study to provide 100-year flood protection. •Advance the San Francisquito Creek upstream 101 Project into construction to provide flood protection. •Advance the Coyote Creek Flood Mitigation and Flood Protection Projects into construction to provide flood protection for an event equivalent to the 2017 storm event. 	CIPC BPPC

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	<p><u>Objective #2 Challenge/Opportunity</u> As Valley Water continues to advance flood protection projects, the Board has an opportunity to strengthen relationships and improve coordination with conservation and environmental justice groups, as well as other local jurisdictions, with a specific focus on ensuring the voices of disadvantaged communities are equitably represented.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance One Water Countywide Framework in a comprehensive manner that includes diverse community-wide stakeholders and the incorporation of environmental justice policies in all planning efforts. • Continue progress on flood protection capital projects consistent with Valley Water's commitment to the Safe, Clean Water Program and equitability in all regions. • Plan flood risk reduction projects to provide a minimum level of protection countywide. 	CIPC BPPC
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP "Sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply."	<p><u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> Valley Water's projects and programs require integrated planning to ensure capital improvements, operations, and maintenance activities are balanced with environmental stewardship goals. Valley Water strives to protect and restore habitats to support native species throughout Santa Clara County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop an integrated water resource plan for each watershed, including appropriate metrics to monitor Valley Water's impacts on and benefit to the environment. • Implement high priority actions included in the Climate Change Action Plan. • Make significant progress on the grant-funded planning study for the San Tomas Aquino Calabazas Creek Realignment Project. • Advance construction for the Bolsa Creek and Hale Creek projects to begin in Summer 2022. • Advance Almaden Lake Improvement Project to begin construction in 2023. • Continue to develop and build on partnerships with environmental organizations and tribal communities when developing projects. 	BPPC
	<p><u>Objective #2 Challenge/Opportunity</u> Valley Water continues to coordinate with local cities and agencies to improve the health of our local waterways, including pollution prevention and addressing threats to water quality. Opportunities exist to further collaborate with the County, cities, and social services agencies on encampment abatement efforts and to develop long-term solutions for the homeless to keep our creeks clean.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue efforts to protect the ecosystem and water quality of our water Bodies and the integrity of our infrastructure. Such efforts include preventing stormwater pollution, increased implementation of green stormwater infrastructure, addressing mercury pollution, and homeless encampment clean ups. • Coordinate with the County, cities, and other service providers to try to ensure the permanent removal of homeless encampments from creeks and trails. • Continue partnerships and investments on a regional scale such as the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration and Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP). 	Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) (SPOC)
	<p><u>Objective #3 Challenge/Opportunity</u> For nearly 20 years, Valley Water has been working to resolve a water rights complaint surrounding fish, wildlife, water quality, and other beneficial uses in Coyote Creek, Guadalupe River, and Stevens Creek watershed areas. Challenges include completing the environmental review process, obtaining federal and state permits from multiple regulatory agencies, refining and processing water rights change petitions, the technical complexity of the fisheries impacts analysis, coordination with other ongoing related projects and managing stakeholder expectations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the June 2021 Guadalupe River and Stevens Creek Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with existing stakeholder agreement. • Advance 10 water right change petitions for securing water right orders. • Continue to implement the pilot flow program in Guadalupe and Stevens Creek. • Continue to implement feasibility studies, monitoring activities, and Planning and construction of various fish passage improvements as identified in existing stakeholder agreement. • Continue fisheries monitoring program. • Continue to support an adaptive management program that encompasses all three creeks. 	SPOC

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CLIMATE CHANGE “Mitigate Carbon Emissions and Adapt Valley Water Operations to Climate Change Impacts.”		<u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> Valley Water’s ability to fulfill its mission will be challenged in the future by warmer temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, reduced snowpack, and rising sea levels. Valley Water has been working on greenhouse reduction efforts since 2008 and many adaptation actions over the past decade; however, with adoption of the Climate Change Action Plan there is an opportunity for greater impact.	•Update carbon accounting and establish new emissions reduction goal if needed. •Make significant progress on development of an agency-wide greenhouse gas reduction plan.		Climate Adaptation and Sustainability Committee (CAaSC)
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT “Promote effective management of water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship through responsive and socially responsible business services.”		<u>Objective #1 Challenge/Opportunity</u> Valley Water is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse, inclusive, and equitable work environment that is devoid of discrimination and harassment and provides equal opportunity employment and advancement. Valley Water aims to implement the same values in the community through its flood protection, water supply, and environmental stewardship projects, and has an opportunity to serve as a leader for racial equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout the state.	•Develop and implement a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Master Plan that institutes best practices to address internal and external disparities and builds an organizational culture that is consistent with the Board’s Resolution addressing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion. •Remain committed to environmental justice and the fair treatment and meaningful engagement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender identity, disability status, tribe, culture, income, immigration status, or English language proficiency, with respect to the planning, projects, policies, services, and operations of Valley Water. •Continue to collaborate with external stakeholders that are engaged in developing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and actively participate in and provide leadership for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts throughout the state. •Advance and foster mutually beneficial partnerships with regional tribal communities.		Diversity & Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (DIAHC)
6	One Water Plan – Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans’ Metrics, Targets, and Prioritization Criteria	April 17	•Receive information on the One Water Plan – Guadalupe and Upper Pajaro Watershed Plans’ Metrics, Targets, and Prioritization Criteria (Action) •Provide feedback on the prioritization framework.		
7	Update on Valley Water’s Encampment Cleanup Operations	April 17	•Receive an update on Valley Water’s Encampment Cleanup Operations. (Information)		
8	Provide Feedback to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on the Committee’s Purpose and Accomplishments and Suggest Areas of Improvement.	April 17	•Review feedback provided to the Board Policy and Planning Committee on February 6, 2023, by the Board Advisory Committees’ Chairs/Vice Chairs on the Committees’ purposes and accomplishments, and suggest areas of		

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			improvement; and •Provide additional feedback for BPPC consideration.	
9	Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge Preliminary Feasibility Study for Santa Clara County	TBD	•Receive a presentation on the Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge Preliminary Feasibility Study for Santa Clara County. (Information)	

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