

## Independent Monitoring Committee Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Report Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program General Recommendations

Subject:	Comments:	Staff Response:
Annual Project Status	The IMC for the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program should consider reviewing and refining, as needed, the project status rating, namely "On Target," "Adjusted," "Not on Target," "Modified," and "Completed." The IMC's charge is to measure the implementation of the intended results of the program.	Staff will internally review, assess and refine, as needed, the definition of project status ratings and how it is applied. Staff will share the outcome with the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program (Program) IMC at the FY22 annual kick-off meeting of the IMC in December 2022.
KPIs	We further recommend that the new IMC conduct an early review of the goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) to ensure complete consistency with the ballot measure and to assure that the IMC is comfortable that their application remains transparent to the public.	<p>KPIs are Valley Water's commitment to the voters as these are contained in the election resolution approved by the voters. Each project in the renewed Program that voters approved in November 2020 has one or more KPIs to monitor the progress and completion of the projects. The renewed Safe, Clean Water 5-Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 (5-Year Implementation Plan), which the new IMC reviewed in May 2021, describes how the KPIs will be measured during the 5-year implementation cycle.</p> <p>As the Program progresses, Valley Water may need to modify or adjust it due to regulatory, economic and technological changes outside the scope of Valley Water activities. Valley Water takes a very cautious approach to making changes to the Program. It has established a Change Control Process requiring that the Board make all Safe, Clean Water Program adjustments</p>

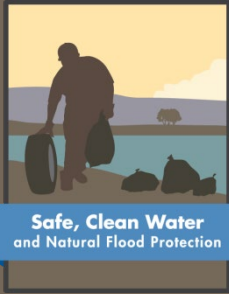
		<p>or modifications during publicly held board meetings. The process conforms with the election resolution, requiring that before adopting any project modification, the Board must have a formal, public hearing on the matter, which is noticed by publication and notification to interested parties.</p> <p>Valley Water followed the Change Control Process when it made text adjustments and modified one of the KPIs for Project F5: Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanups in July 2021. Valley Water also presented the proposed project adjustments and modifications to the new IMC as part of its review of the 5-Year Implementation Plan. The IMC expressed its support of the proposed changes. The modification was necessitated because of COVID-19 related restrictions and case laws highlighting legal limitations relating to removing illegal encampments. All other KPIs in the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program have been reviewed and verified for complete consistency with the language that was approved by the voters.</p> <p>If the IMC determines the need to modify a KPI during its review, it can recommend it to the Board for consideration and decision.</p>
IMC Transition	As we conclude our work as IMC members, we want to let the new IMC for the renewed measure know that we are available to attend, if requested, the first meeting in December 2022 to help with the transition.	<p>Currently, there are 12 Board-appointed members on the new IMC. Of the 12 members, five members are from the 2012 Program IMC. The new IMC will significantly benefit from the knowledge and experience of these five members and their participation will help with the transition from the 2012 Program. Furthermore, full-IMC meetings, including the first annual review meeting in December 2022, are public meetings that other former IMC members are welcome to attend.</p>

Grants	<p>The IMC supports the consolidation of grants programs under a single Priority F. We recommend through the renewed Safe, Clean Water IMC that Valley Water make additional efforts to better reach disadvantaged communities, especially Native American communities. We recommend that other forms of non-traditional and non-restrictive outreach are implemented when reaching out to these communities.</p>	<p>The Safe, Clean Water Grants &amp; Partnerships team will work very closely with the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) to ensure meaningful and proactive outreach with Native/Indigenous communities in Santa Clara County to keep them informed and engaged in Valley Water's grant opportunities. The Office of REDI has a designated tribal liaison with whom the Grants &amp; Partnerships team will work to ensure grant opportunities are shared through the most effective platform to reach the tribal communities.</p>
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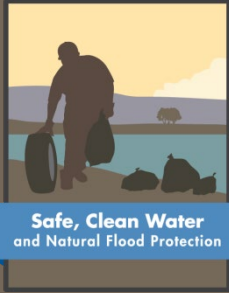
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 Priority A - Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
A1	Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines Restoration	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
A2	Safe, Clean Water Partnerships and Grants	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
A3	Pipeline Reliability Project	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



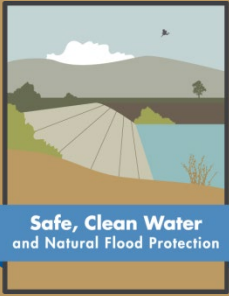
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**Priority B - Reduce Toxins, Hazards and Contaminants in our Waterways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
B1	Impaired Water Bodies Improvement	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B2	Interagency Urban Runoff Program	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B3	Pollution Prevention Partnerships and Grants	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B4	Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup	Not on Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B5	Hazardous Materials Management and Response	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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**Priority B - Reduce Toxins, Hazards and Contaminants in our Waterways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
B6	Good Neighbor Program: Remove Graffiti and Litter	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
B7	Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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**Priority C - Protect our Water Supply from Earthquakes and Natural Disasters**

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
C1	Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
C2	Emergency Response Upgrades	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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#### Priority D - Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space

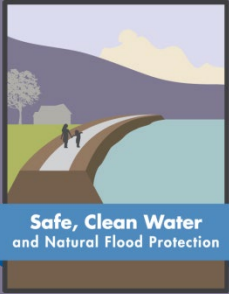
Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
D1	Management of Revegetation Projects	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D2	Revitalize Stream, Upland and Wetland Habitat	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D3	Grants and Partnerships to Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Trails	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D4	Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D5	Ecological Data Collection and Analysis	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D6	Creek Restoration and Stabilization	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
D7	Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.





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Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
D8	South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Partnership	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



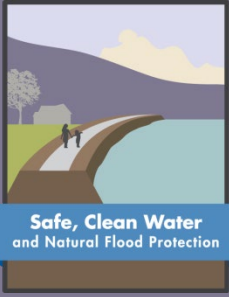
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Priority E - Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways

Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
E1	Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Flood Protection	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E2	Emergency Response Planning	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E3	Flood Risk Reduction Studies	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E4	Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection - Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E5	San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection - San Francisco Bay to Middlefield Road – Palo Alto	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E6	Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection- Buena Vista Avenue to Wright Avenue – Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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Project:		Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
E7	San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection- Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San José, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
E8	Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection- Highway 280 to Blossom Hill Road – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.



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#### Other Capital Flood Protection Projects and Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Projects

Project:	Status:	Comment:	Staff Response:
Permanente Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Foothill Expressway – Mountain View	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channel Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Inverness Way and Almanor Avenue – Sunnyvale	Adjusted	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Calaveras Boulevard to Interstate 680 – Milpitas and San José	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Coyote Creek Flood Protection Montague Expressway to Tully Road – San José	On Target	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Calabazas Creek Flood Protection Miller Avenue to Wardell Road	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.
Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Projects	Completed	IMC agrees with the project status. No recommendations.	No response required.