

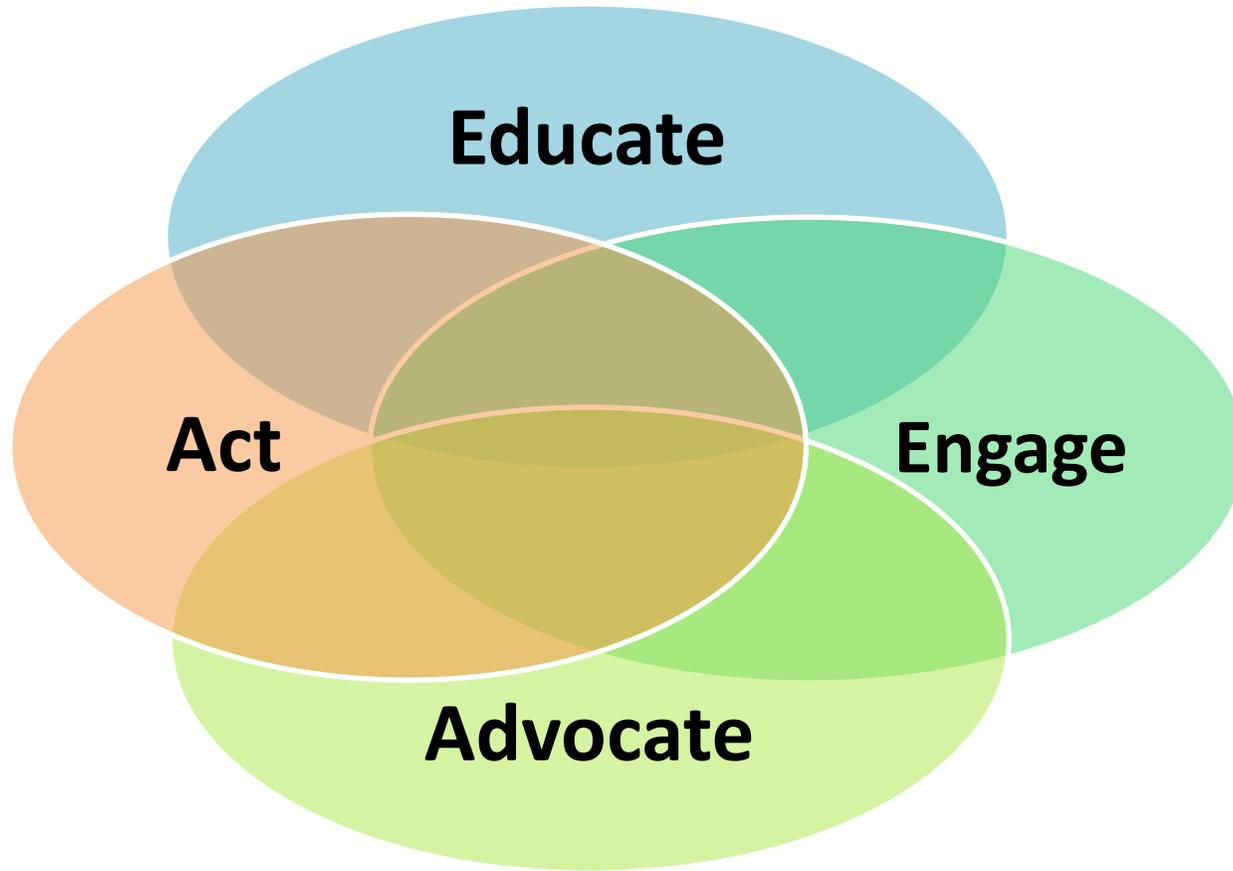


Government Relations Program Update and 2021 Legislative Outlook

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Government Relations Activities



- Emerging issues in the public realm
- Shape public and regulatory policy to advance Valley Water's mission
- Funding for Valley Water projects
- Defending against punitive legislation and regulatory initiatives
- Advocacy, strategic partnerships, and stakeholder engagement

Government Relations Program Guidance 3



**2021
Legislative Guiding Principles**

Serving 2 million people living and working in Silicon Valley, Valley Water is the primary water resources agency for Santa Clara County, California.

Valley Water acts not only as the county's water wholesaler, but also as its flood protection agency and the steward for its watersheds, streams and creeks, underground aquifers and Valley Water-built reservoirs. As the county's water wholesaler, Valley Water makes sure there is enough clean, safe water for the county's residents. As the agency responsible for local flood protection, Valley Water works diligently to protect Santa Clara Valley homes, schools, roadways, and businesses from the devastating effects of flooding. Our watershed and stream stewardship responsibilities include protection and restoration of habitats, and protection of endangered species in connection with carrying out the purposes of the District Act.

To support our efforts in managing critical water issues, Valley Water advocates for legislation that advances our key guiding principles:

- I. Ensure a reliable supply of healthy, clean drinking water.
- II. Reduce the potential for flood damages.
- III. Enhance the quality of life through the protection and enhancement of watersheds, streams, and natural resources.
- IV. Protect revenues, enhance revenues, and contain costs.
- V. Encourage opportunities for job creation, and the protection and stability of Valley Water's workforce.

Advocacy and Engagement Efforts

Legislative Delegation

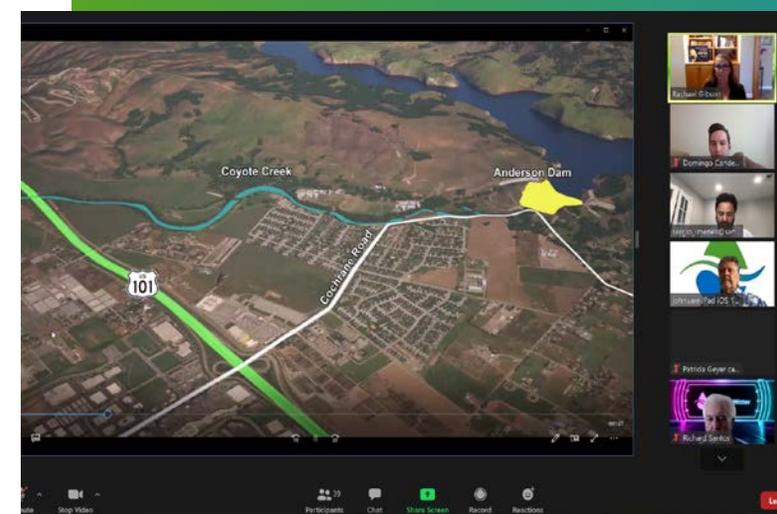
Valley Water advocates for projects and priorities with local, state, and federal legislators.



Assembly Member Robert Rivas presents AB 3005 on Assembly Floor



Director Kremen and staff provide project updates to City of Mountain View



Directors Varela and Santos present on Anderson during Councilmember Sergio Jimenez's Town Hall

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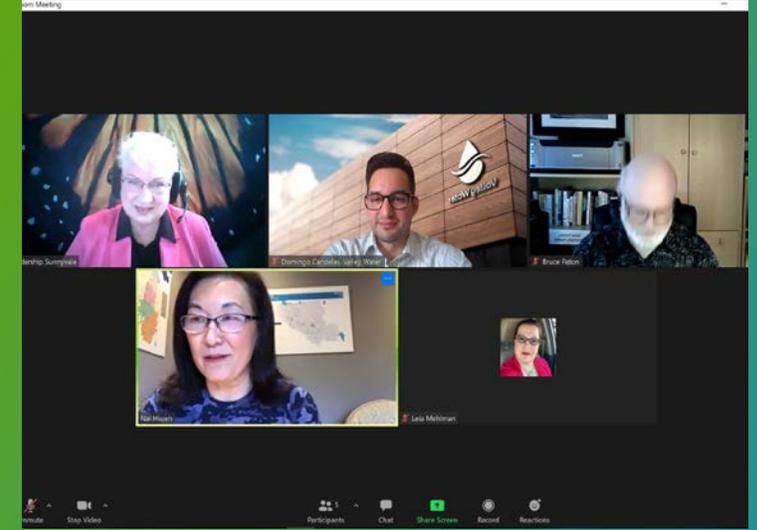
Community Partners

Valley Water advocates for our projects and priorities in the community by:

- Engaging our partners and through community events, activities, and sponsorships; and
- Educating and aligning stakeholders through strategic efforts.



Director Santos at the District 4 Health Fair



Chair Hsueh at Leadership Sunnyvale



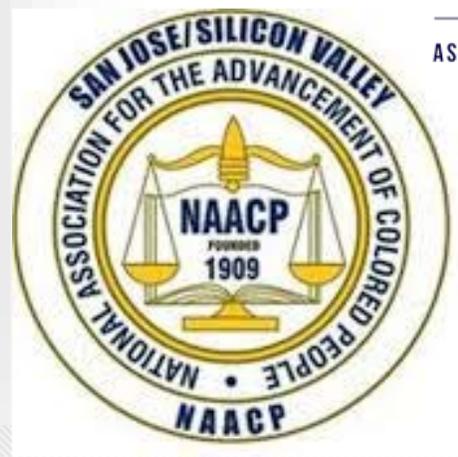
Vice Chair Estremera at a Special Districts Association Meeting



Safe, Clean Water Blue Ribbon Forum

Sponsorships and Community Events

- 44 sponsorships
- Staff participation in 42 events



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Legislation and Advocacy

Legislation and Funding



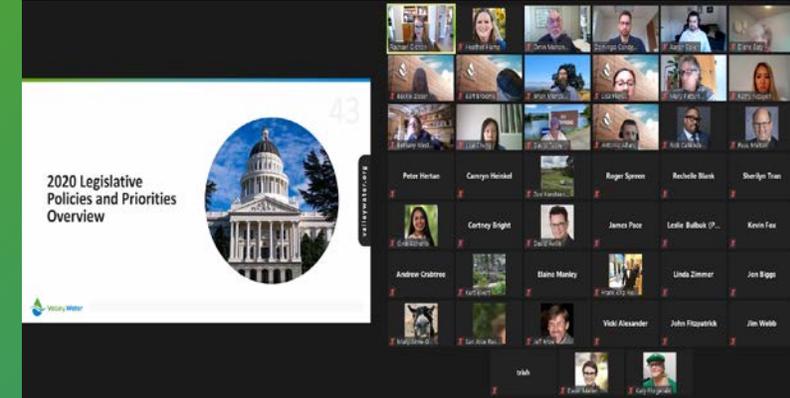
Federal Funding for Upper Guadalupe River Project Reevaluation

Advocacy Trips (Virtual)

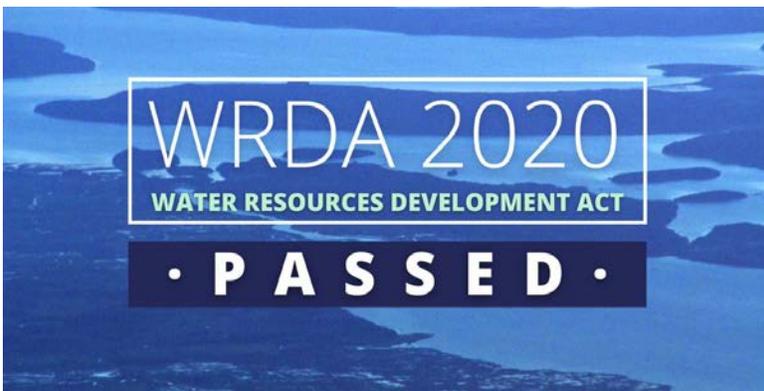


Washington, D.C.:
March 30-April 1, November 16-18

Tours (Virtual)



VIP Water Walk Tour



State Legislative Days: May 19-20

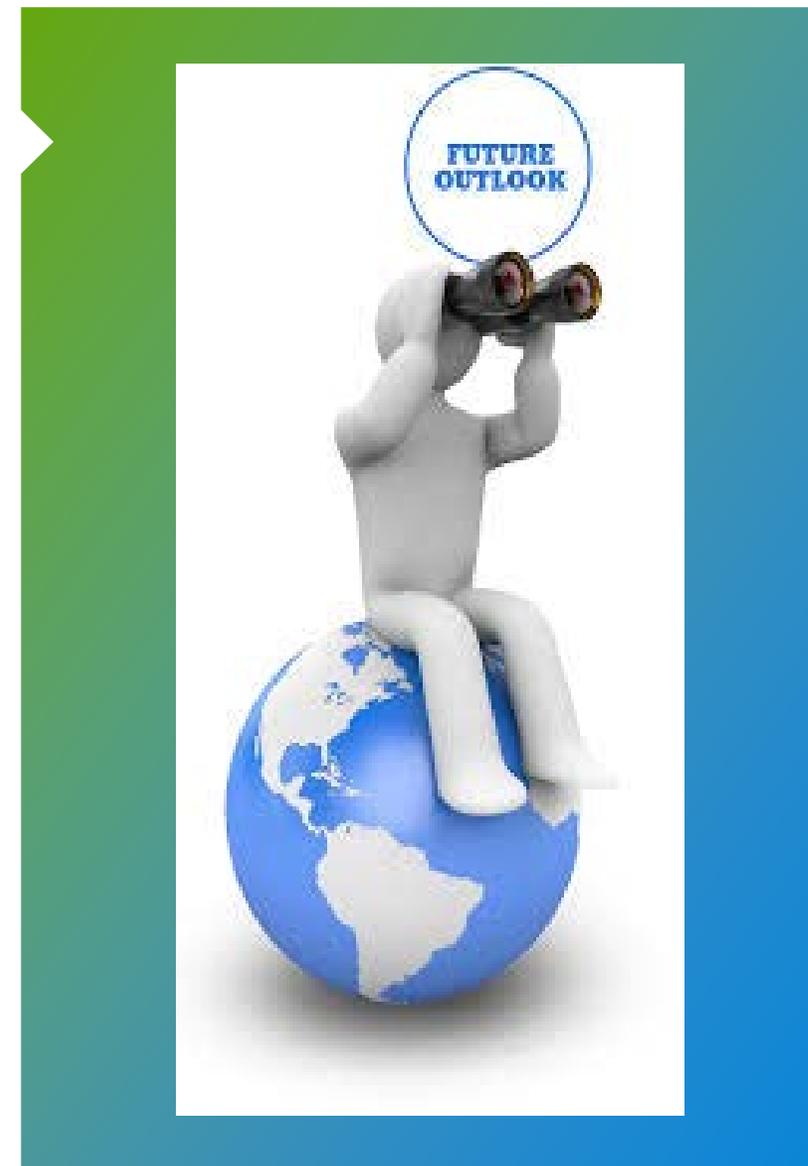


2021 Legislative Outlook

- **Monica Miller, Sacramento Advocates, LLC**
 - State Legislative Outlook

- **Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay**
 - Federal Executive Agencies Outlook

- **Mark Kadesh, Kadesh & Associates**
 - Congressional Outlook



QUESTIONS





Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection