



Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Modifications - Countywide



Topic: Public Hearing on Proposed Modifications to the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

When: Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA
and by Zoom Teleconference at <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/84454515597>

Valley Water invites you to a Public Hearing regarding proposed modifications to the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program or Program).

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

E5: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection, San Francisco Bay to Upstream of Highway 101 – Palo Alto (Modify Key Performance Indicators)

As part of the voter-approved Measure S, Valley Water conducted an independent professional audit of the Safe, Clean Water Program. The auditor assessed Program implementation during its first three years and evaluated governance, compliance, transparency, and progress toward meeting the Program's priorities and key performance indicators (KPIs). KPIs are measurable targets used to track project outcomes and ensure program accountability under Measure S.

Among the auditor's findings was that Project E5: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project's (E5) current KPIs do not fully align with Valley Water's role, because the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), not Valley Water, is the lead agency responsible for overall project delivery. In response, Valley Water is proposing modifications to Project E5's KPIs to better reflect Valley Water's role as a funding partner in the project.

The proposed modification replaces the existing KPIs #1 and #2 with a modified KPI #1 to focus on Valley Water's funding contributions rather than project delivery outcomes outside Valley Water's direct control.

Proposed KPI Modifications:

- ~~1. Preferred project with federal, state and local funding: Protect more than 3,000 parcels by providing 1% (100-year) flood protection.~~

- ~~2. With state and local funding only: Protect approximately 3,000 parcels by providing 1% (100-year) flood protection downstream of Highway 101, and approximately 1.4% (70-year) protection upstream of Highway 101.~~
1. Provide the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority a portion of funds commensurate with the project's benefits to Santa Clara County, to provide flood protection along San Francisquito Creek.

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

F6: Good Neighbor Program – Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art (Modify KPI and Expand Project Scope)

Staff also proposes expanding the scope of Project F6: Good Neighbor Program – Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art (F6), specifically the Public Art Program and the associated KPI #3. The proposed modification is to extend the Public Art Program beyond Valley Water-owned property and infrastructure. The proposed modification would allow funding for eligible public art projects throughout Santa Clara County, rather than limiting funding to projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure. It will better align the program with Valley Water's strategic goals, available funding, and staffing capacity. It aims to use public art to support broader community benefit, create more opportunities for public education regarding water and environmental stewardship, deter graffiti and litter, and ultimately increase community benefit.

Proposed KPI #3 Modification:

“Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement **or fund** public art projects ~~on Valley Water property and infrastructure.~~”

Proposed Description Modification (Scope)

To maintain consistency with the proposed change to KPI#3, staff recommends the following modification to the Project F6 description:

“This project allows Valley Water to continue responding to requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash and graffiti on Valley Water's property and rights-of-way. Cleanup efforts include graffiti removal from floodwalls, concrete embankments, signs, structures and other Valley Water assets, as well as maintaining, repairing and installing fences and gates so that Valley Water structures and facilities remain safe and clean. The project also funds installation and maintenance of public art projects, such as murals, ~~to beautify Valley Water property and infrastructure,~~ **to in public spaces throughout Santa Clara County to educate the public about water and environmental stewardship, which in turn will also** help deter graffiti and litter.”

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act. The 1:00 p.m., July 14, 2026, public hearing will be held during a board meeting and is accessible for public in-person participation at the time, date, and location shown above, and by public virtual participation at the Zoom link above. Document(s) associated with this hearing are available for public inspection prior to the meeting in the Clerk of the Board's Office and online at www.valleywater.org, and will be available at the meeting.

For more information, contact Luz Penilla, Assistant Officer, at **408-630-2228**.

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Thông báo quan trọng:

Valley Water, để tuân thủ Đạo luật Người Mỹ Khuyết tật (ADA), yêu cầu những cá nhân cần điều chỉnh đặc biệt để tiếp cận và/hoặc tham gia các cuộc họp của Hội đồng Valley Water vui lòng liên hệ với Văn phòng Thư ký của Hội đồng theo số (408) 630-2277, tại ít nhất 3 ngày làm việc trước cuộc họp đã lên lịch của Hội đồng Valley Water để đảm bảo rằng Valley Water có thể hỗ trợ bạn. Những nỗ lực hợp lý sẽ được thực hiện để hỗ trợ người khuyết tật.

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