



Safe, Clean Water

and Natural Flood Protection

Proposed Modifications

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Agenda

Renewed Safe, Clean Water Program

Change Control Process

Proposed Modifications

Next Steps

History of Voter-approved Measures

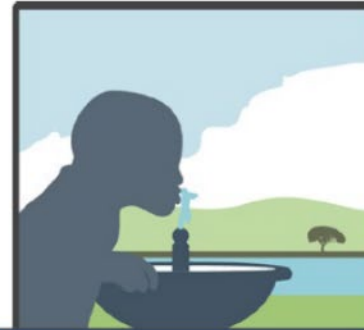


Two-thirds of voters approved the 15-year Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan

74% of voters approved the 15-year Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program focused on 5 priorities

75% of voters approved the renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, focused on 6 priorities

Community-Preferred Priorities



Priority A

Ensure a safe, reliable water supply

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Priority B

Reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants in our waterways

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Priority C

Protect our water supply and dams from earthquakes and other natural disasters

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Priority D

Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space access

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Priority E

Provide flood protection to homes, businesses, schools, streets and highways

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Priority F

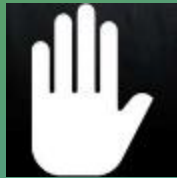
Support public health and public safety for our community

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Transparency and Accountability



Multiple
15-Year
Financial
Planning
Cycles



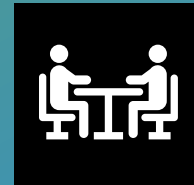
5-Year
Checkpoints and
Implementation
Plans



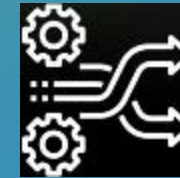
Annual Reports;
Website
Updates



Independent
Monitoring



5-Year
Professional,
Independent
Audits



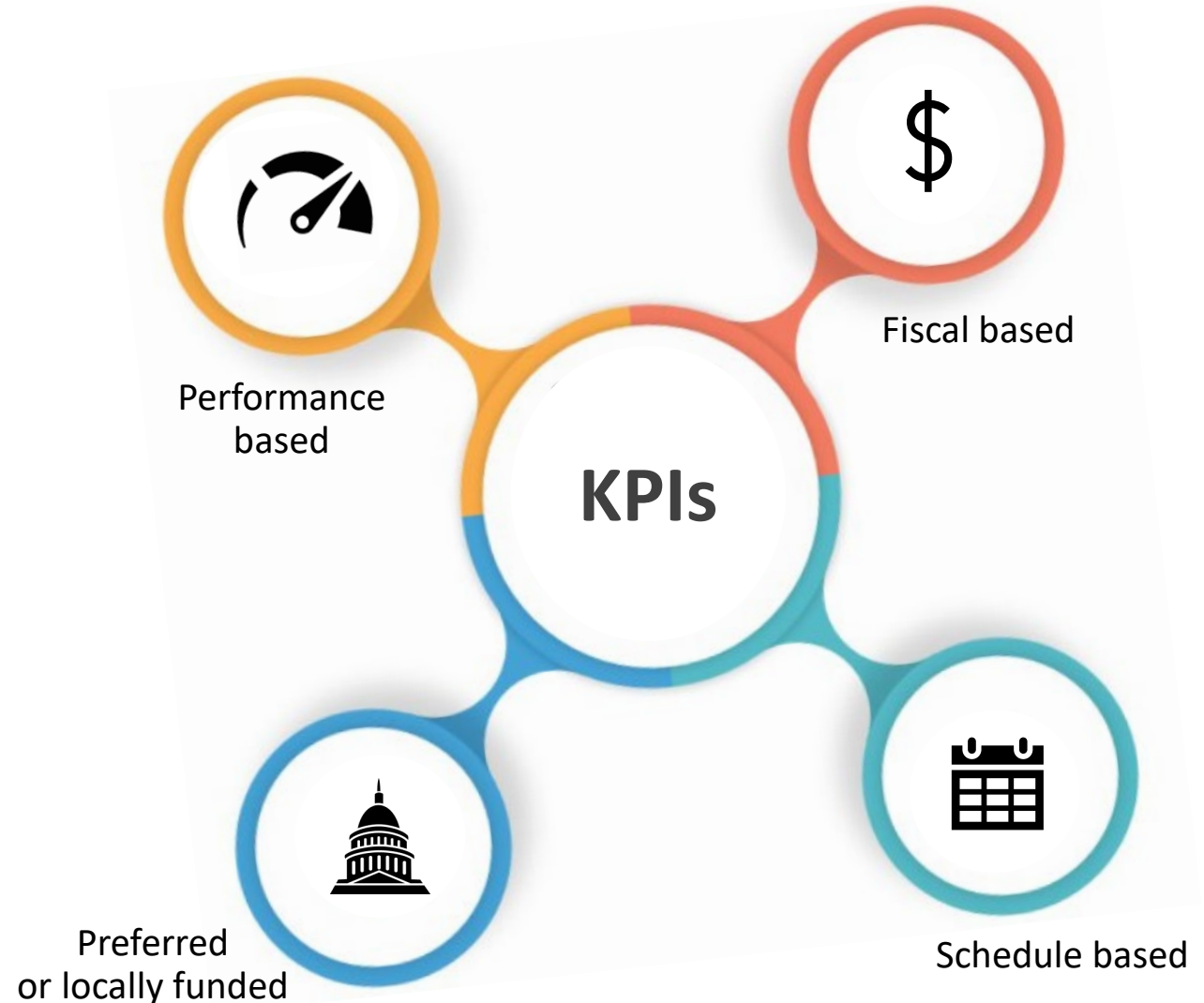
Change
Control
Process



Public &
Interested
Parties
Engagement
Process every
15-years

Monitoring Projects & Program Performance

- KPIs are contained in the election resolution approved by the voters
- Board may modify KPIs as per the Change Control Process
- IMC may recommend to the Board KPI modification

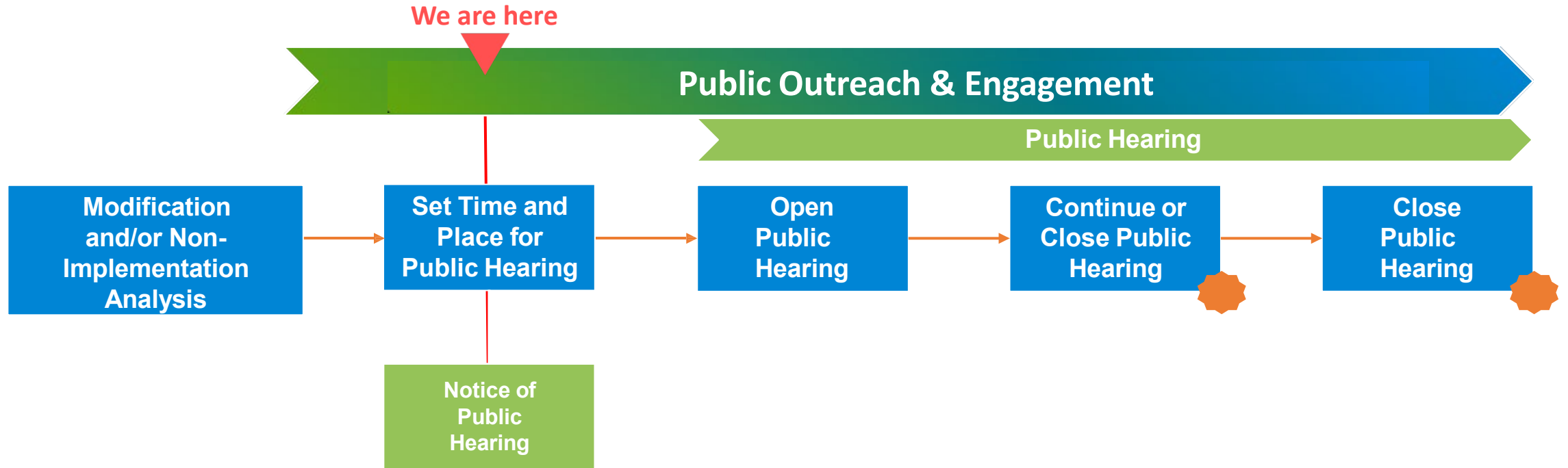


Change Control Process



Change Control Process: Recent Improvements

Standard Process Timeline*



- Board Meeting
- Public Hearing Process
- Stakeholder Outreach

★ Board Direction Provided After Close of Public Hearing

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Change Control Process: Recent Improvements

Definitions

Adjustment

(publicly noticed Board meeting)

Changes to the project text or funding allocation that **do not impact** the delivery of any project **KPI**, or changes to a project schedule. Adjustments may include change(s) to a KPI when the purpose of such change(s) is to clarify the project KPI to be consistent with the applicable project description in the approved Program

Modification

(formal public hearing)*

Changes to project description, project KPI, or funding allocation that **impact** the delivery of any project **KPI**.

Not Implement

(formal public hearing)*

A decision by the Board to **not implement a project**

Proposed Modifications



Project E5: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection (Palo Alto)

Auditor Finding #7 and Proposed Modifications

Current KPI #1 and KPI #2:

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.”

Auditor Finding (Finding 7):

- KPI holds Valley Water accountable for flood protection outcome, while Valley Water has no direct control or authority to ensure this outcome is achieved
- KPI does not accurately reflect Valley Water’s current role as a funding partner

Project E5: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection (Palo Alto)

Auditor Finding #7 and Proposed Modifications

Proposed KPI #1 and KPI #2 Revisions:

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 - ~~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.

Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti | Litter Removal | Public Art

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Current KPI #3:

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

Purpose of Proposed Modification:

Allow funding of public art projects beyond Valley Water property and infrastructure to educate the public about water and environmental stewardship

Proposed KPI #3:

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

Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti | Litter Removal | Public Art

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Project Description (Scope):

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

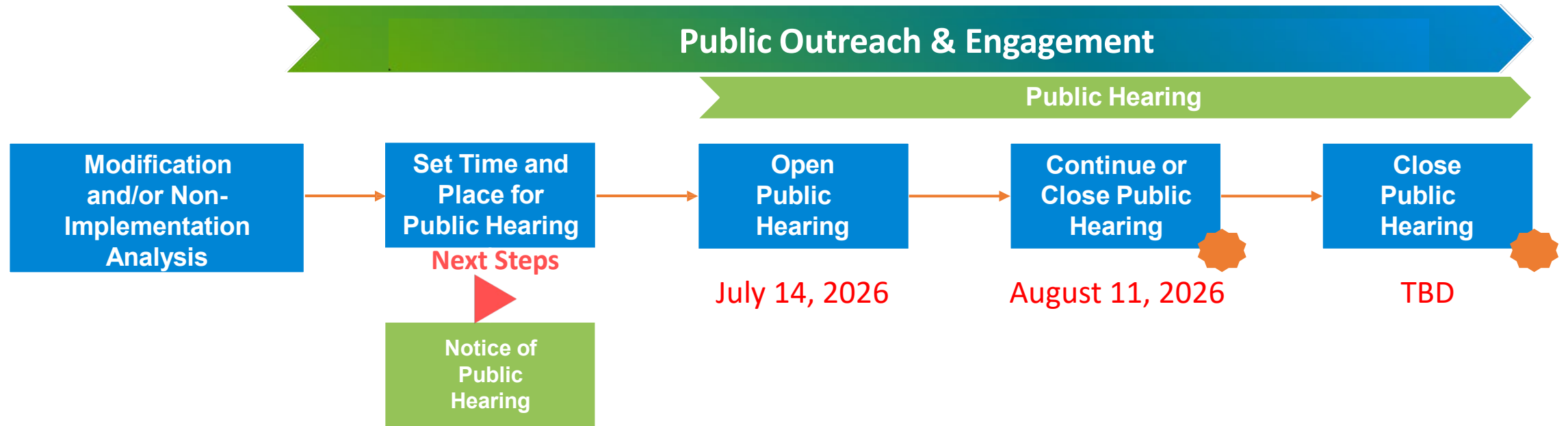
“This project allows Valley Water to continue responding to requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash and graffiti on Valley Water’s property and rights-of-way. Cleanup efforts include graffiti removal from floodwalls, concrete embankments, signs, structures and other Valley Water assets, as well 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.”





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QUESTIONS





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