







Safe, Clean Water Program Change Control Process Updates

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BOARD ACTIONS TODAY

 Approve the proposed updates to the Change Control Process for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program



Agenda

- SCW Background & Board Authority
- Change Control Processes: Framework
 - Adjustments v. Modifications/Non-Implementation
 - Guidelines for Funding Reallocations
- Change Control Process: Improvements
 - Public Hearing Process
 - Noticing & Documentation



History of Voter-approved Measures

2000 2012 2020

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 five (5)
priorities

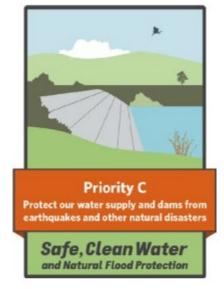
75% of voters approved the renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, focused on six (6) priorities



Community-Preferred Priorities













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 &
Stakeholder
Engagement
Process every
15-years

Valley Water Board Roles & Responsibilities

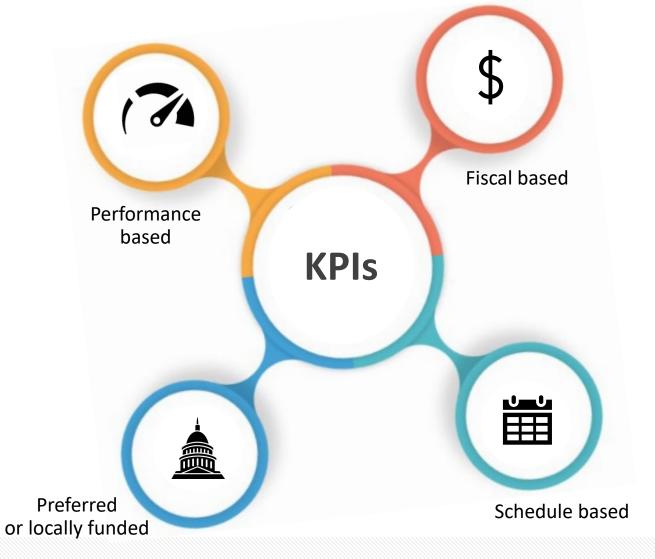
- Approve implementation strategies, project budgets, and budget adjustments.
- Conduct an annual detailed review of the Safe, Clean Water Program performance, financial analysis, and strategies.
- Direct project adjustments or modifications, including not implementing a project due to funding or other limitations.
- Initiate professional, independent audits of the program every five years.
- Appoint the Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC).
- Evaluate the need for the Safe, Clean Water Program at 15-year intervals.



Change Control Process Framework

Monitoring Projects & Program Performance

- KPIs were approved by the voters as part of Measure S
- Board may modify KPIs through the SCW Change Control Process
- IMC may recommend KPI modifications to the Board





Change Control Process: Types of Changes

Adjustment

(publicly noticed meeting)

Changes to a project text, funding, or schedule that don't impact Program KPIs

Modification

(formal public hearing)*

Changes to KPIs or funding changes that impact any Program KPIs

Not Implement (formal public hearing)*

Decision to not implement a project



Guidelines for Funding Reallocations

Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation

- Countywide Parcel Tax: Project allocations are not based on city contributions
- Board Authority: The Board is responsible for prioritizing funding allocations
- Fund Designation: Safe, Clean Water funds must support Safe, Clean Water projects
- Cycle for New Initiatives: New priorities/projects re-established every 15 years
- Capital Project Funding Prioritization Tools: Board tool for project prioritization when funding is constrained

Change Control Process Feedback

Public Outreach

- Insufficient notice on funding modifications
- Limited public input opportunities

Funding
Modifications
Recommendations

 Lack of clarity on funding evaluation criteria and modification processes

Change Control Process: Public Hearing Engagement Improvements

Proposed Improvements

Public Hearing Timelines for Modifications to Funding Allocations*

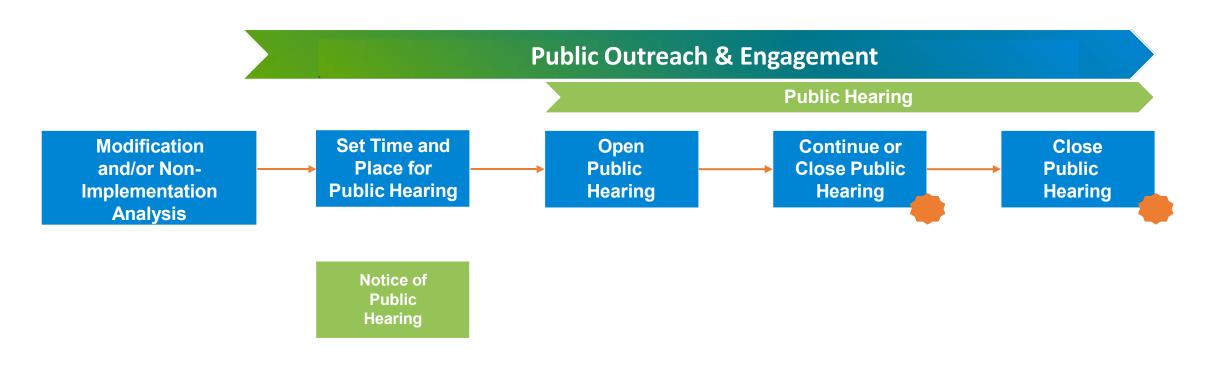
- Standard Process
- Expedited Process

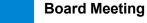


^{*} Both processes will allow for increased stakeholder engagement.

Proposed Improvements

Standard Process Timeline*





Public Hearing Process

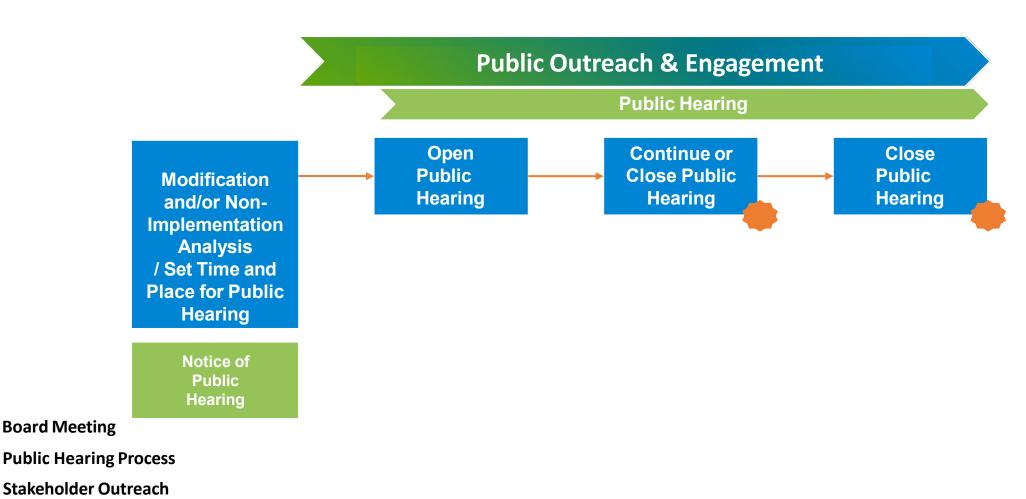
Stakeholder Outreach



Proposed Improvements

Board Direction Provided After Close of Public Hearing

Expedited Process Timeline*



Change Control Process:

Additional Process Improvements

Change Control Process

Additional Process Improvements

1. Noticing for Public Hearings:

- Align with District Act (Section 12(a)) for public notice requirements.
- Publish two notices in two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.

2. Outreach for Public Hearings

- Maintain current practices: notices in various newspapers, website postings, and social media
- Include QR codes in presentations for email sign-up notifications.
- Enhance outreach through increased social media promotions and annual messaging via VW Newsletter.

3. Documentation of Project Schedule or Funding Adjustments

- Post adjustments on the Program's webpage after Board approval.
- Include specific reporting clarifications in the Change Control Process.



BOARD ACTIONS and NEXT STEPS

- Approve the proposed updates to the Change Control Process for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program
- Staff will publish the approved Change Control Process by December 2025 and implement process improvements

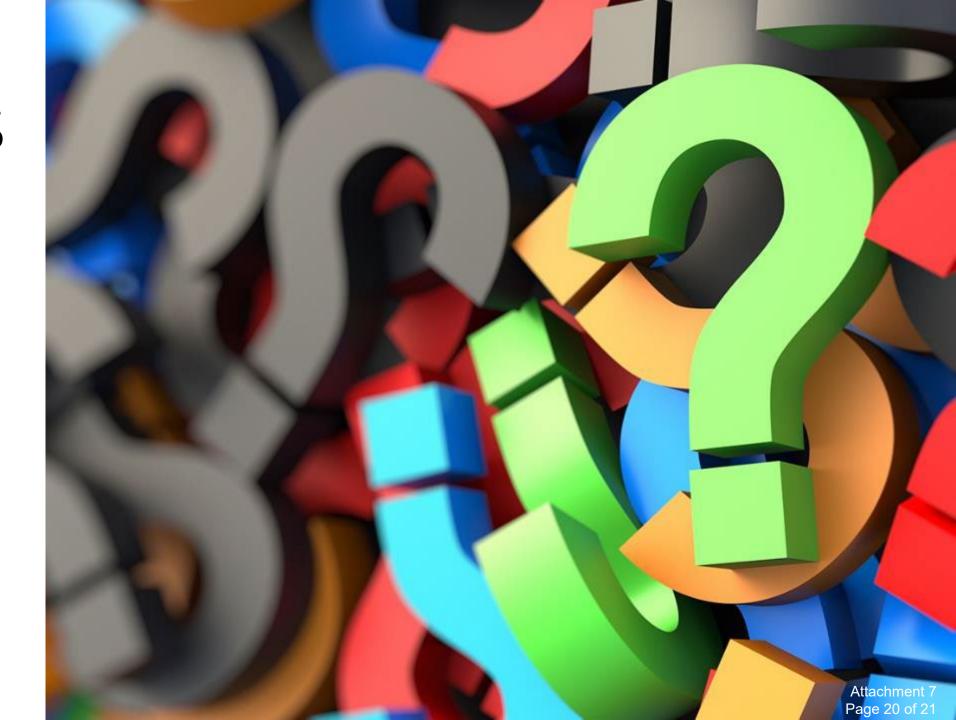


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