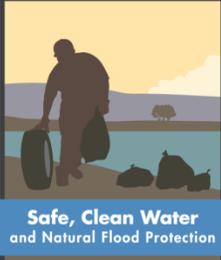




**Independent Monitoring Committee
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Priority A
Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply**

Project:		Status:	Comment:
A1	Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines Restoration	Adjusted	<p>IMC agrees with project status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with Finance to better present the funding data in the related Appendix (A2) entry. b. Add information regarding jurisdictional complexity.
A2	Safe, Clean Water Partnerships and Grants	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with project status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report, update the A2 financial table to include estimates for each of the A2 project's 15-year program allocations, instead of "see footnote". <p><u>Water to Go (Hydration Station) Grant Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey schools to see if stations are being used and include the results in the next FY annual report. <p><u>Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the rebate program through the District's well testing program. - Consider increasing the rebate to 100% of system cost, with a cap amount.
A3	Pipeline Reliability Project	Scheduled to begin in 2025	IMC agrees with project status and acknowledges the District's efforts to accelerate the project schedule. No recommendations.

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 Priority B
 Reduce Toxins, Hazards and Contaminants in Our Waterways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:
B1	Impaired Water Bodies Improvement	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post the Pollution Prevention Prioritization Plan to the project webpage. - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reference what water is being improved and which water treatment plant is receiving improved water. b. Provide additional detail on preventing re-encampment and funds spent on the related agreements.
B2	Interagency Urban Runoff Program	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Show the funds that went to pollution prevention versus pollutant removal. b. Add footnote to Graph B2.1 to explain the tonnage anomaly in FY15.
B3	Pollution Prevention Partnership and Grants	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. No recommendations. The IMC does, however, suggest that the District consider updating the project's communication plan in order to disseminate the results from the projects funded by the grants with organizations and communities that can benefit from the information. The two projects listed below came to the attention of the IMC as examples of projects that have particularly useful information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regents of the UC "Effective Storage Composting of Livestock Manures"; and - Acterra Stewardship "Greening Urban Watersheds"

Project:		Status:	Comment:
B4	Good Neighbor Program: Illegal Encampment Cleanup	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, include more information on the funding status and ad hoc committee results.
B5	Hazardous Materials Management and Response	On Target	IMC agrees with status. No recommendations. The IMC does, however, suggest that the District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase outreach using social media, such as Nextdoor, to help get the word out and try to get other municipalities to reference our website. - Also, consider increasing the District's creekwise mailer delivery to neighbors of tributaries as well as the major creeks.
B6	Good Neighbor Program: Remove Graffiti and Litter	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, include graph that shows cost of removal per ton of trash.
B7	Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link grant proposals to the project webpage. - Perform project outreach through the District's Education Program and through other programs, such as Rethink Disposable.



Safe, Clean Water
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Priority C
Protect our Water Supply from Earthquakes and Natural Disasters**

Project:		Status:	Comment:
C1	Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe, Clean Water Program text adjustments to description and benefits sections to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Change billions of gallons to acre-feet (bullet #3 in benefits) b. Include pros and cons of not doing the project c. Include cost/benefit of the project, including flood protection benefits - In the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The information in second bullet under "Progress on KPI #1" should move to Opportunities and Challenges where more detailed information can be presented in future reports. b. Add the total project cost under the Opportunities and Challenges section.
C2	Emergency Response Upgrades	On Target	IMC agrees with status. No recommendations.

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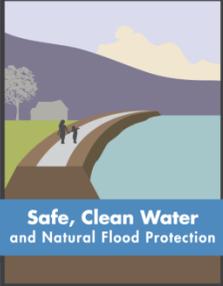
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 Priority D
 Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space**

Project:		Status:	Comment:
D1	Management of Revegetation Projects	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include a map of the revegetation sites and provide a link on project webpage b. Provide explanation about impact and actions taken regarding Phytophthora c. Add a footnote to graph D1.1 to explain why the FY14 deviation occurred (page 56). d. Include projected acreage in the graph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Demonstrates the concern regarding staff levels required to support increased acreage.
D2	Revitalize Stream, Upland and Wetland Habitat	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report, create a table showing the total acreage for each project completed in the fiscal year, with the percentage of work completed under D2. <p>In addition, the IMC suggests greater dissemination of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify community opportunities to share D2 outcomes. - Provide web links to District's planting palettes to city planning departments to include on their websites. - Include methods for removal of invasive plants in existing District mailers or other outreach materials.

Project:		Status:	Comment:
D3	Grants and Partnerships to Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Trails	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include completed grants and partnerships in Appendix C b. Add a notation regarding CEQA to the table to show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CEQA status ii. Footnote on table to indicate whether the District is preparing the CEQA document and the related admin costs. c. Correct the description for San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory project to say "re-establish" a healthy nesting population, rather than establish.
D4	Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement	On Target	IMC agrees with status. No recommendation.
D5	Ecological Data Collection and Analysis	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. No recommendations. The IMC does, however, consider this a great resource that should be used as widely as possible and encourages promotion of the tool for other jurisdictions that are planning projects.</p> <p>In addition, the IMC suggests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In future SCW annual reports, once applicable, show changes as the District adds reassessments.
D6	Creek Restoration and Stabilization	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report, include project maps and information on jurisdictional complexity.

Project:		Status:	Comment:
D7	Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report, include an explanation of the District's obligations to and expected benefits of the Valley Habitat Plan in the Opportunities and Challenges section.
D8	South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Partnership	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report, include an explanation for the cause of the erosion to show that it is a result of wind induced wave action and not a result of the District's work.

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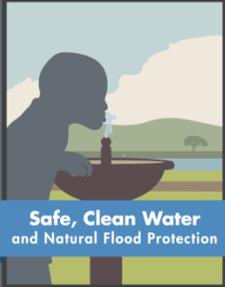
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 Priority E
 Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways**

Project:		Status:	Comment:
E1	Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Flood Protection	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clarify the challenges and explain why we do not have a target of 100% of improved channels at design capacity. Could possibly include confidence levels. b. Add graphs for each of the E1s. c. Include a permitting confidence level under the Opportunities and Challenges section.
E2	Emergency Response Planning	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 annual report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include challenges of coordinating with the cities to incorporate the District-endorsed flood emergency procedures into their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) plans. b. Add more background information about the Community Rating System (CRS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Explain that some SCW activities benefit the CRS Program and how in turn the participating communities can benefit from this. <p>In addition, the IMC suggests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The District review the EOC procedures for each city in SCC and recommend what to incorporate from the District's flood emergency procedures.

Project:		Status:	Comment:
E3	Flood Risk Reduction Studies	On Target	<p>IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe, Clean Water Program text adjustments to the benefits section (bullet 2) to indicate that the project may remove (or add) parcels to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulatory floodplain to more accurately reflect the flood risk. - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include a simplified floodplain map when a study is reported out to show the area impacted by the study, with a link to a more detailed map. b. Explain that it is ultimately a city's responsibility as Floodplain Administrator to work with FEMA to update FEMA's maps and that the SCW role is as a technical resource.
E4	Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José	Adjusted	<p>IMC does not agree with status. Recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY16 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, the project status should be changed from "Adjusted" to "On Target" because the project provided two alternatives (KPIs 1 and 2), and is on target to achieve KPI 2, the <i>"local funding only" project</i>. - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update the map to show Dorel Drive. b. Add explanation for why the project is not competitive for federal funding and why the District is taking the lead on the feasibility study. c. Add inundation maps to the project's webpage to show the 5,000 homes to be protected from flooding.

Project:		Status:	Comment:
E5	San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Middlefield Road – Palo Alto	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe, Clean Water Program text adjustments to the project description to have the first paragraph explain the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority and the District's role in the project.
E6	Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Buena Vista Avenue to Wright Avenue – Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, mention the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the jurisdictional complexity section.
E7	San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe, Clean Water Program text adjustments to the project title to read "South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection," which will better capture all the project elements (i.e. study, design and construction). - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, for both KPIs, include the full picture of funding and jurisdictional complexity, including the Don Edwards Refuge/USFWS owned-land.
E8	Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Highway 280 to Blossom Hill Road – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Highlight the opportunities. It's a good story.

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

Project:	Status:	Comment:
Permanente Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Foothill Expressway – Mountain View	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report, clarify the Hale Creek reference under confidence levels so as not to confuse it with the Hale Creek Project referenced in the Creek Restoration and Stabilization Project (D6).
Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channel Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Inverness Way and Almanor Avenue – Sunnyvale	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include a legend for the map b. Name the jurisdictions under jurisdictional complexity and apply a confidence level
Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Calaveras Boulevard to Interstate 680 – Milpitas and San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. No recommendation.
Coyote Creek Flood Protection Montague Expressway to Interstate 280 – San José	Adjusted	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include a legend for the map b. Include Coyote Creek Park Chain in the map because it is referenced in the benefits. c. Name the jurisdictions under jurisdictional complexity and apply a confidence level
Calabazas Creek Flood Protection Miller Avenue to Wardell Road – Sunnyvale	Completed	IMC agrees with status. No recommendation.

Project:	Status:	Comment:
Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Projects	On Target	IMC agrees with status. Recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the FY17 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include the active and completed grants in Appendix C b. In the CSC Grant Table status definitions (shown at the bottom of p. 152 of the FY16 annual report), correct "Amendment in Process" to "Extended"