Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection

Safe, Clean Water Program Overview

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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 five (5) priorities

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

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Community-Preferred Priorities

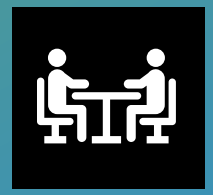
Transparency and Accountability

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

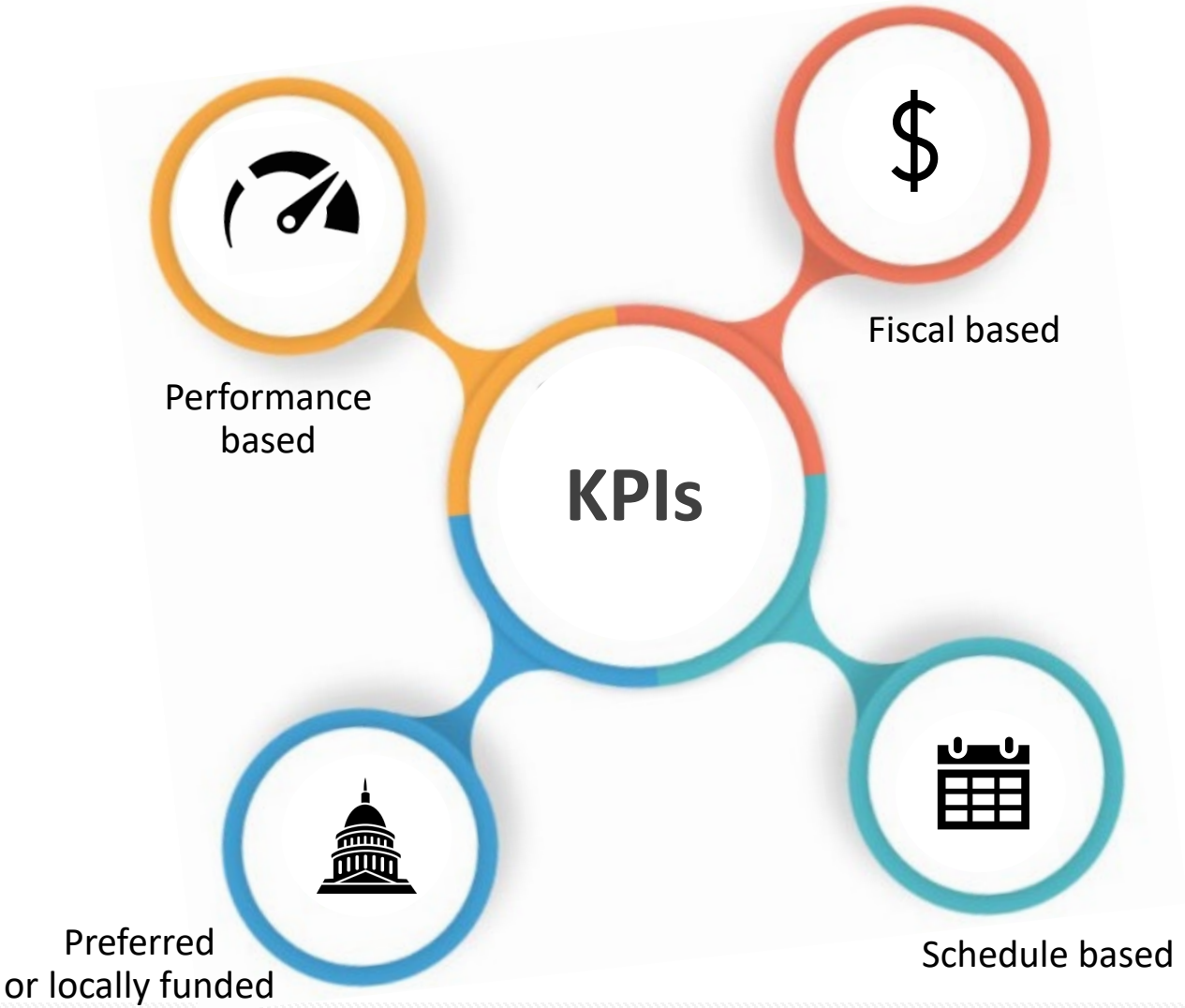
Public & Stakeholder Engagement Process every 15-years

Valley Water Board Roles & Responsibilities

- **Approve Strategies & Budgets:** Review and authorize implementation plans and budget adjustments.
- **Annual Program Review:** Evaluate performance and financials of the Safe, Clean Water Program.
- **Direct Changes:** Direct project adjustments and modifications, including not implementing projects due to funding or other issues.
- **Initiate Audits:** Initiate independent audits every five years for transparency.
- **IMC Appointments:** Appoint members to the Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC).
- **15-Year Program Assessment:** Evaluate the need for the Program every 15-years.

Monitoring Projects & Program Performance

- KPIs approved by voters in Measure S
- Board can modify KPIs via SCW Change Control
- IMC can recommend KPI modifications to the Board



Change Control Process

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

Stakeholder Outreach

- Insufficient notice on funding modifications
- Limited public input opportunities

Funding Modifications Recommendations

- Lack of clarity on funding evaluation criteria and modification processes

Proposed Improvements

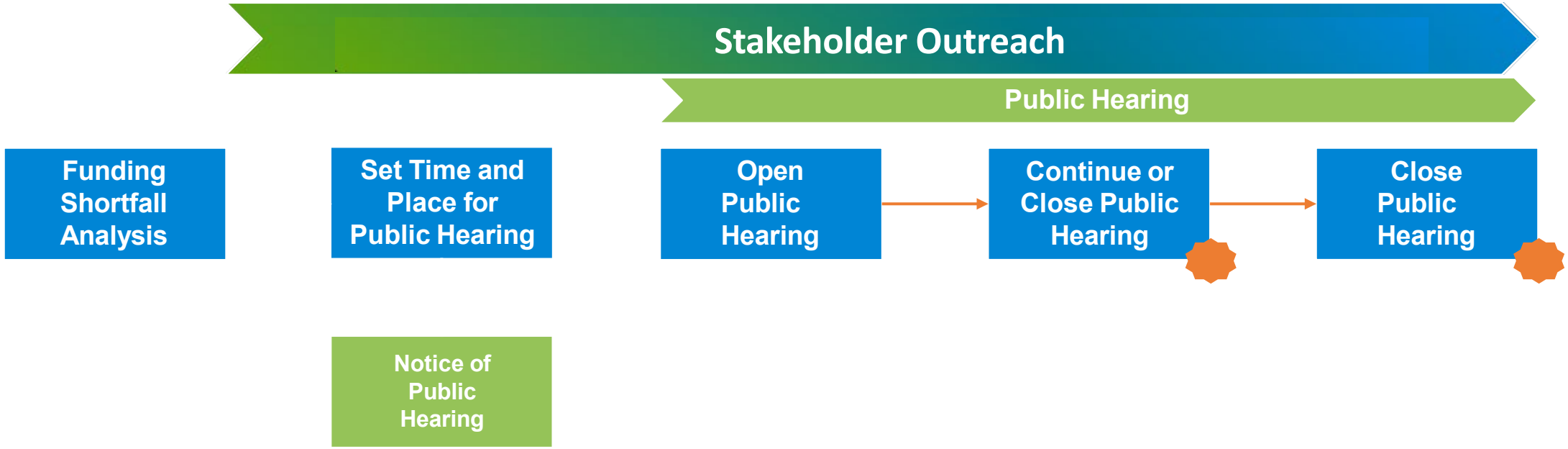
Public Hearing Timelines for Modifications to Funding Allocations*

- Standard Process
- Expedited Process

**** Both processes will allow for increased stakeholder engagement.***

Proposed Improvements

Standard Process Timeline*



Board Meeting

Public Hearing Process

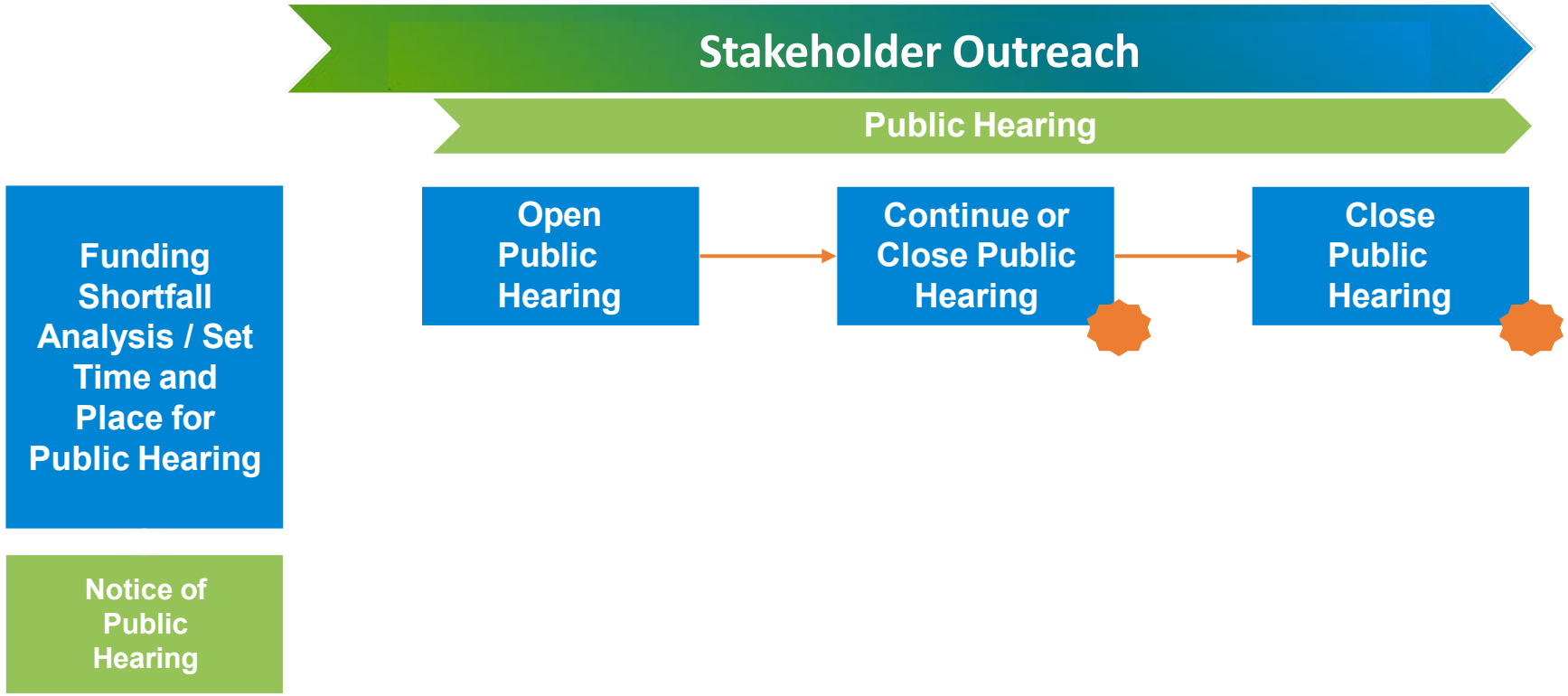
Stakeholder Outreach

Board Direction Provided After Close of Public Hearing

* Estimated duration 2-3 months, may require Board Committee Meetings.

Proposed Improvements

Expedited Process Timeline*



* Estimated duration 1.5 - 2 months.

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

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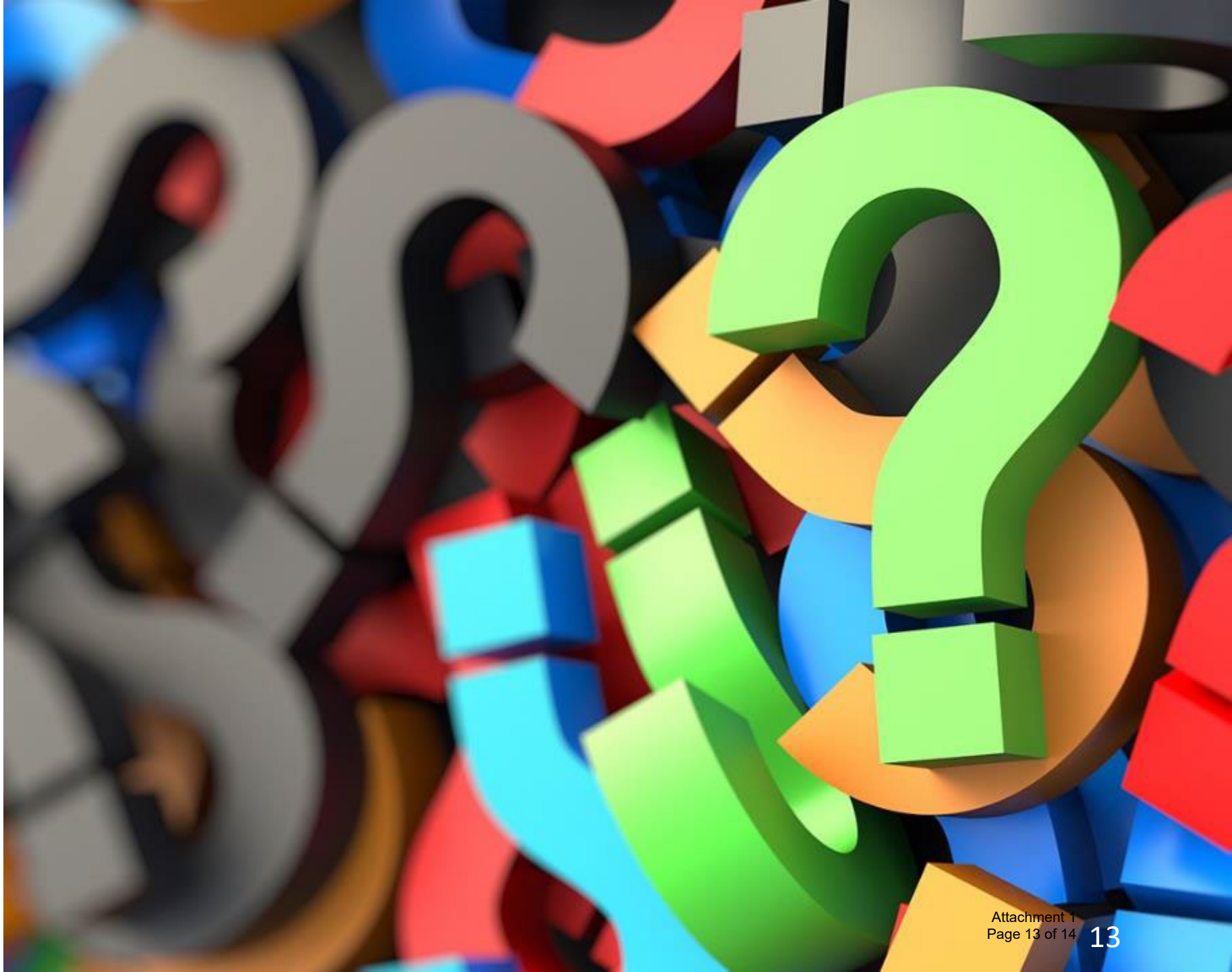

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