







and Natural Flood Protection

# Safe, Clean Water Program Overview

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## 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

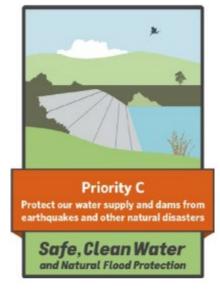
75% of voters approved the renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, focused on six (6) priorities



### 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

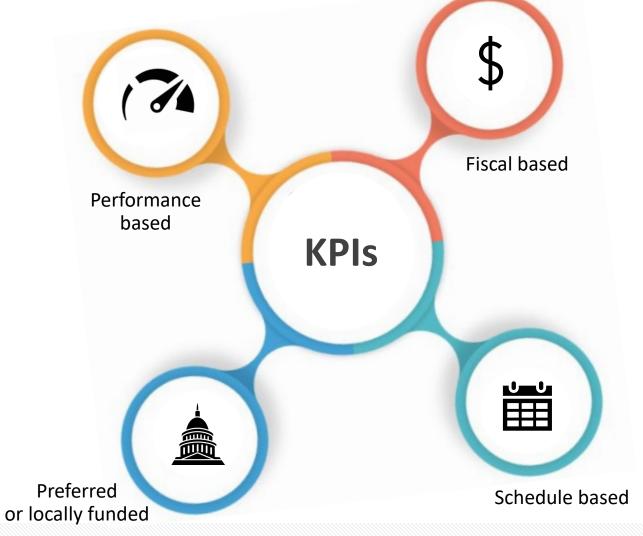
#### Valley Water Board Roles & Responsibilities

- Approve 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\*

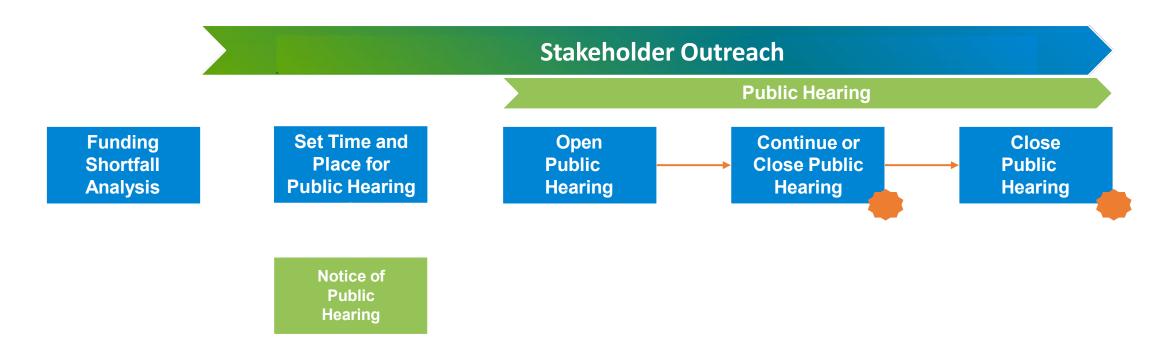
- Standard Process
- Expedited Process



<sup>\*</sup> Both processes will allow for increased stakeholder engagement.

#### **Proposed Improvements**

#### **Standard Process Timeline\***

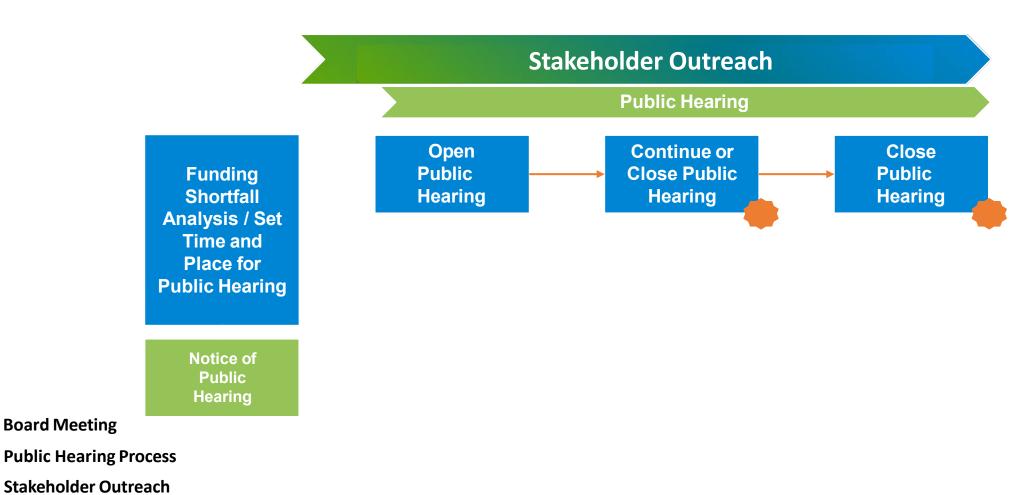




#### **Proposed Improvements**

#### **Expedited Process Timeline\***

**Board Direction Provided After Close of Public Hearing** 



#### **Guidelines for Funding Reallocations**

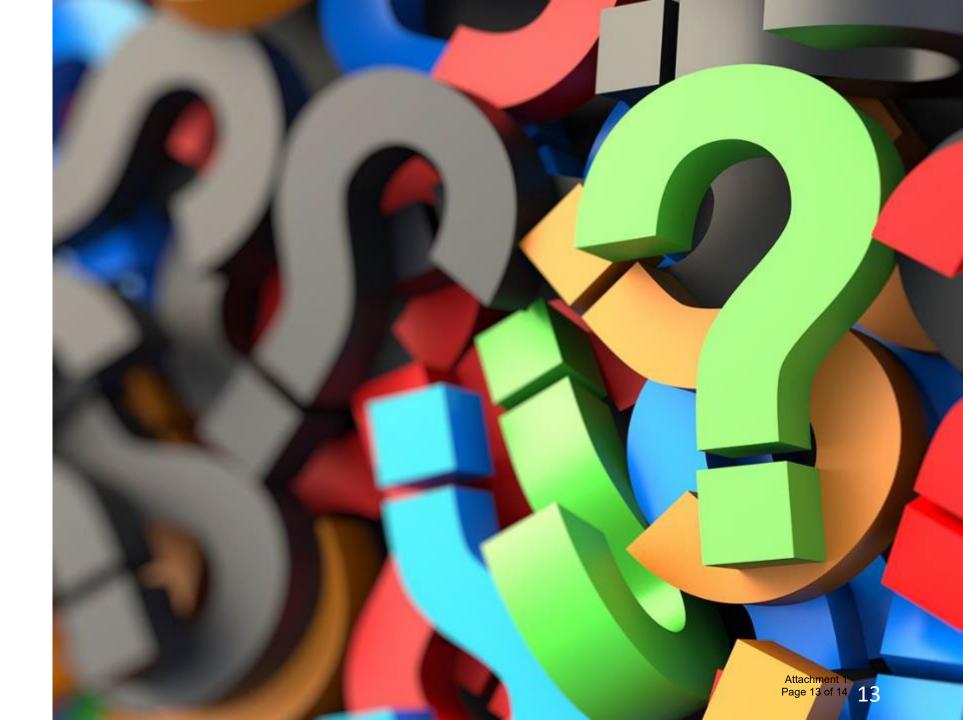
#### Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation

- 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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