



# Safe, Clean Water

*and Natural Flood Protection*

# Draft 5-Year Implementation Plan (FY27-31)

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# Agenda

Safe, Clean Water Program Overview

5-Year Implementation Plan

Key Accomplishments & Performance Targets

Next Steps

# 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

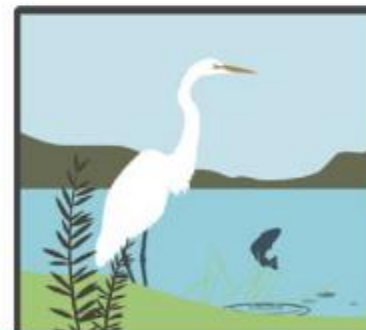
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## Priority C

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



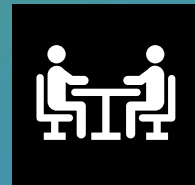
5-Year  
Checkpoints and  
Implementation  
Plans



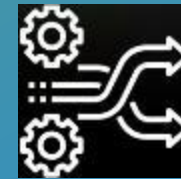
Annual Reports;  
Website  
Updates



Independent  
Monitoring



5-Year  
Professional,  
Independent  
Audits



Change  
Control  
Process



Public &  
Interested  
Parties  
Engagement  
Process every  
15-years

# Why This Plan Matters

- Supports transparency, accountability, and alignment with voter priorities
- Guides project delivery and funding
- Tracks measurable progress
- Strengthens transparency and accountability

# Data Transparency

- Based on preliminary data (as of Mar 2026); subject to change
- Final update after FY26 close and audited financials (Dec. 2026/Jan. 2027)
- Report will be republished with finalized data



# Multi-Year Financial & Performance View 7

- Multi-year view in response to IMC feedback
- Comprehensive snapshot of targets, progress, and funding outlook
- Clear tracking of project changes (adjustments, modifications, and non-implementation)
- Alignment with long-term funding strategy

# FY22-26 Accomplishments

- Upper Llagas Creek: Phases 1–2 complete; Phase 3 underway
- Secured \$80M (NRCS) & \$2.2M EPA funding
- Coyote Creek: Phase 1 complete; Phase 2 to bid
- Line valves: 2 of 4 under construction



# FY22-26 Accomplishments

- Completed Hale Creek Pilot & Bolsa Road Fish Passage projects
- Improved fish habitat along Uvas Creek (Gilroy)
- Invested ~\$8M to acquire ~5,900 acres (Sargent & Richmond Ranch)
- Awarded ~\$5.2M in stewardship grants/partnerships



# FY22-26 Accomplishments

- Converted ~4.1M sq ft of lawn to drought-tolerant landscape
- Removed 4,062+ tons of trash from waterways
- Managed 18,090 acres to reduce pollution and protect water quality



# Transparency and Accountability: Independent Monitoring Committee Review

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- Ongoing IMC Review and Board reporting
- IMC reviewed the draft 5-Year Plan on May 7, 2026
- The IMC had no recommendations regarding the proposed 5-year targets; only notes
- The IMC recommended approving the Plan with their notes
- Staff addressed the IMC's notes and updated the draft 5-Year Plan for the Board's approval

# Transparency and Accountability: Independent Professional Audits

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- Program requires independent audits min. every 5 years
- Early audit requested and completed (FY22–24)
- 9 findings identified and being addressed

# Proposed Adjustments

## **Project D1: Management of Riparian Planting and Invasive Plant Removal**

- KPI Adjustment to better reflect the project's objective of comprehensive invasive species management.

## **Project F3: Flood Risk Assessment Studies**

- KPI #3 adjustment to eliminate any ambiguity.

## **Project D5: Ecological Data Collection and Analysis**

- Project description adjustment to remove outdated text.

## **Project E8: Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection**

- Project description adjustment to remove outdated information.

# Board Actions Today

- Approve the proposed KPI adjustments and project description adjustments.
- Approve the 5-Year Implementation Plan.
- Authorize staff to update the 5-Year Plan following the close of FY26 and the availability of audited financials.

# QUESTIONS

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