

**Safe,  
Clean  
Water**

*and Natural Flood Protection*



# Safe, Clean Water Program Change Control Process Updates

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## **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

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

# Agenda

- Background
- **Proposed Change Control Process Updates**

# Background



# Safe Clean Water **Overview**

- Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program **Measure S, Voter-approved (2020)**
- Strong **funding principles**, along with board and public oversight, ensure transparency and accountability
- **Voter-approved Measure S authorizes** Valley Water Board to **modify or not implement** a project, but **only after** the Board holds a **noticed public hearing** before adopting such a decision
  - **Measure S does not require a hearing for other changes**
  - **All changes are made via a Board-approved change control process**

# Safe Clean Water **Funding Principles**

- **Countywide Parcel Tax:** revenues are not earmarked for or distributed by city
  - Revenues must support voter-approved priorities only
- **Voter-approved priorities:** Valley Water is committed to completing 31 capital and operating projects under 6 priorities
- **Project cost estimates:** are estimates not earmarks
  - Unless... financial commitment is specified in KPI
- **Supplemental Funding:** provided by Watershed Stream Stewardship (WSS) and Water Utility (WU) funds for many projects

# Safe Clean Water **Funding Principles cont...**

- **Project Modifications:** Board may adjust a project's schedule, scope, or cost, or cancel a project in response to economic, policy or regulatory conditions
  - Must follow the SCW Change Control Process
  - Staff use risk-based prioritization tools to support recommendations
  - Decisions captured in CIP plans, 5-Year SCW Implementation Plan, & Adopted Budget
- Excess funds from canceled or completed projects **return to SCW fund reserves**, not to specific cities
- Board allocates funds based on **countywide priorities and highest risks**, not geography

# Prior Board Action

## Change Control Process Updates for Enhanced Transparency & Public Input

- **Oct 2025 Board Approved Improvements**
  - Extended Public Hearing
  - Expanded Outreach
  - Aligned Public Hearing Notice with Notice for District Act-Required Hearings
  - Enhanced reporting

# Nov 2025 SCW Performance Audit (FY2021-24)

- Audit findings included **recommendations to evaluate key performance indicators (KPIs) for several projects**
- Prompted Staff to review Adjustment vs. Modification
  - Refined Definitions
  - Minor editorial revisions

# Proposed Updates

# Change Control Process

## Definitions

### Adjustment

(publicly noticed Board meeting)

**Changes** to the project text or funding allocation that **do not impact** the delivery of any project **KPI**, or changes to a project schedule. Adjustments may include change(s) to a KPI when the purpose of such change(s) is to clarify the project KPI to be consistent with the applicable project description in the approved Program

### Modification

(formal public hearing)\*

**Changes** to project description, project KPI, or funding allocation that **impact** the delivery of any project **KPI**.

### Not Implement

(formal public hearing)\*

**A decision** by the Board to **not implement a project**

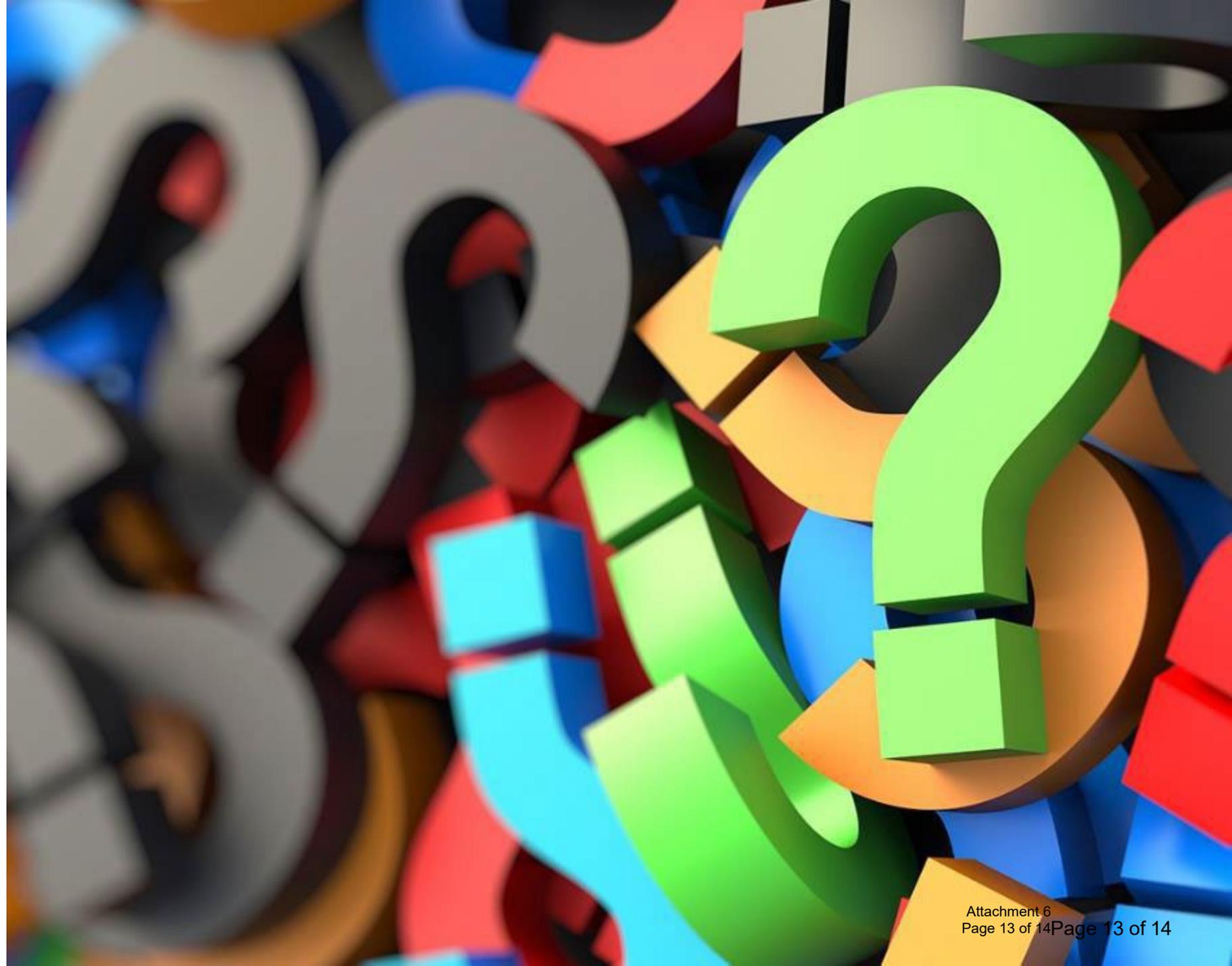


# RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

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