



Modification to the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Project



- What:** Public Hearing on a Proposed Modification to the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Project
- Who:** Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
- When:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
- Where:** Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA
and by Zoom Teleconference at <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/84454515597>

Valley Water invites you to a Public Hearing regarding the proposed modification of the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Project.

In November 2020, Santa Clara County voters approved renewing and replacing the 2012 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (2012 Program). The renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (renewed Safe, Clean Water Program) retained several projects, introduced new priorities, and updated key performance indicators (KPIs). Among these is Project E7: San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection (Project E7), a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)-led project in partnership with Valley Water, the California State Coastal Conservancy, and local stakeholders.

The project aims to enhance flood protection, restore tidal marsh habitats, and improve public access along Santa Clara County's shoreline. It consists of three phases: Phase I, including North San José and Alviso; Phase II, encompassing Palo Alto and parts of Mountain View; and Phase III, covering areas from Sunnyvale to Santa Clara. While EIA 11 is included in the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program as part of the project description for Project E7, it is not currently included as part of Project E7's KPIs. The renewed Safe, Clean Water Program's Project E7 has the following two KPIs:

1. Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning, design, and construction phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area, EIAs 1-4.
2. Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning and design phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area, EIAs 5-9.

No Federal Interest in Pursuing Phase II

In fiscal year (FY) 2022-2024, USACE concluded the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase II Study and found insufficient benefits to justify federal funding. Without federal

participation, Valley Water cannot implement planning, design, and construction independently due to limited funding. Consequently, in the first 15-year funding cycle (FY2022-2036) of the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program, Valley Water cannot implement Project E7's KPI #1. Furthermore, approximately \$23 million (inflated) in remaining unspent funding for KPI #1 must be reallocated.

Meanwhile, Phase I, focused on Economic Impact Area (EIA) 11 and included in the 2012 Safe, Clean Water Program, has faced escalating costs, rising from \$194 million to \$545 million. While EIA 11 Reaches 1-3 construction is nearly 90% complete, efforts are underway to explore cost-saving measures for the remaining project elements, including the final two Reaches 4-5.

Once completed, EIA 11, which was part of the 2012 Safe, Clean Water Program, will protect approximately 5,500 people, vital infrastructure, including the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility that serves more than 1.5 million residents, and businesses while restoring 2,900 acres of tidal marsh and enhancing public recreation opportunities.

Proposed Modification

Given USACE's decision not to pursue Phase II, Valley Water proposes modifying Project E7 KPI #1 to remove the reference to designing and constructing EIAs 1-4 and instead bring EIA 11 back into the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program and reallocate approximately \$23 million (inflated) in unspent funds from EIAs 1-4 to EIA 11. This adjustment would help address the funding gap for constructing the remaining final elements of EIA 11 and delivering critical flood protection and ecological benefits. Valley Water plans to issue revenue bonds repayable over 30 years to bridge the remaining shortfall. Below is the proposed modification:

1. KPI #1: Provide a portion of the local share of funding for planning, ~~design, and construction~~ phases of EIAs 1-4 and design and construction phases of EIA-11 for the Santa Clara County shoreline area. ~~-, EIAs 1-4.~~

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act. The 1:00 p.m., February 11, 2025, public hearing will be held during a board meeting and is accessible for public in-person participation at the time, date, and location shown above and by public virtual participation at the Zoom link above. Document(s) associated with this hearing are available for public inspection prior to the meeting in the Clerk of the Board's Office and online at www.valleywater.org, and will be available at the meeting.

For more information, contact Meenakshi Ganjoo, Program Administrator, at 408-630-2295.

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