

Challenges, Concerns and IMC General Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Challenges and concerns regarding Permitting, Partnerships and Climatic Extremes will likely continue throughout the life of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (SCW) and will continue to be included in this section. This year (2016-2017) the IMC recommends adding “New Statutes and Regulations” to the General Recommendations.

Permitting

- The majority of capital projects in the Annual Report require permits from other agencies and obtaining these permits in a timely manner can be a challenge. Permit delays can delay projects, increase construction costs and erode the public’s trust.

Capital Funding Partnerships

- Large capital projects cannot be funded solely by the District and can rely heavily on funds from outside agencies. There are two areas which can prove challenging to the successful completion of these types of projects. Funding from outside agencies is not always guaranteed nor is it always delivered at the projected time.

Climatic Extremes – Drought and Flood

- A prolonged drought can have continued impacts over a long period of time. Impacts from a flood are immediate and require an immediate response. Climatic extremes of drought and flood will impact staffing and budgets.

New Statutes and Regulations

- The IMC recommends the SCW report acknowledge that new statutes and regulations may change the scope and cost of a project in the 15-year program, affecting large and small projects alike. Examples are Anderson Dam (spillway evaluation requirements) and the pharmaceutical grant project.

Financial Information per Project

- If not already included, the IMC recommends providing explanation for any project budget that is either over or under by more than 5% of the annual budgeted amount to ensure transparency.

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Status

- For projects with a current or previous status of “Adjusted,” the IMC recommends adding a footnote in the Status History table to state the type of adjustment made (i.e. schedule, budget, etc.).

Confidence Levels – Jurisdictional Complexity

- Add “See Appendix D.”

Appendix A – Annual Financial Summary

- Page A-1, Project A-1 Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines Restoration: The IMC recommends adding a footnote to clarify that any amount over \$6.3 Million will be funded through the Water Utility Enterprise fund.

Glossary

- Include a copy of the glossary from Appendix A of the 5 Year Implementation Plan with a tab within Appendices.

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

- For projects under the jurisdiction of either the San Francisco Bay or Central Coast RWQCB, identify the responsible RWQCB for clarity and to provide better information about the project partner.

Priority E: Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways

- The IMC recommends including language in the Priority E description that addresses the multi-benefit approach to flood protection projects, which includes incorporating water quality, water supply, environmental stewardship, and recreational enhancement benefits into capital flood protection projects, when possible.

Board resolution and Safe, Clean Water ballot language

- The IMC recommends a link to the Board resolution and SCW ballot language be added to the SCW webpage and as a link in the Annual Report.

Additional IMC Support
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The IMC requests that the District:

- Continue to provide opportunities for IMC members to visit projects to obtain a clearer understanding of SCW Projects.
- Provide presentations at the December 2018 IMC meeting regarding:
 - The Good Neighbor Encampment Cleanup (Project B4) funding plan to address the funding shortfall.
 - The new grants management system and process.
 - The 5-Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2023.
- Develop and provide an orientation plan for new IMC members. This year we welcomed three new IMC members who would likely have benefitted from an opportunity to meet with the IMC District staff and committee members outside of the official IMC meetings. Staff and committee members could provide information about their role to help new members better understand the best way to make meaningful contributions.