

# Opportunities to Enhance & Update the Safe, Clean Water Program



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***Safe, Clean Water***  
***and Natural Flood Protection***

# Program Development

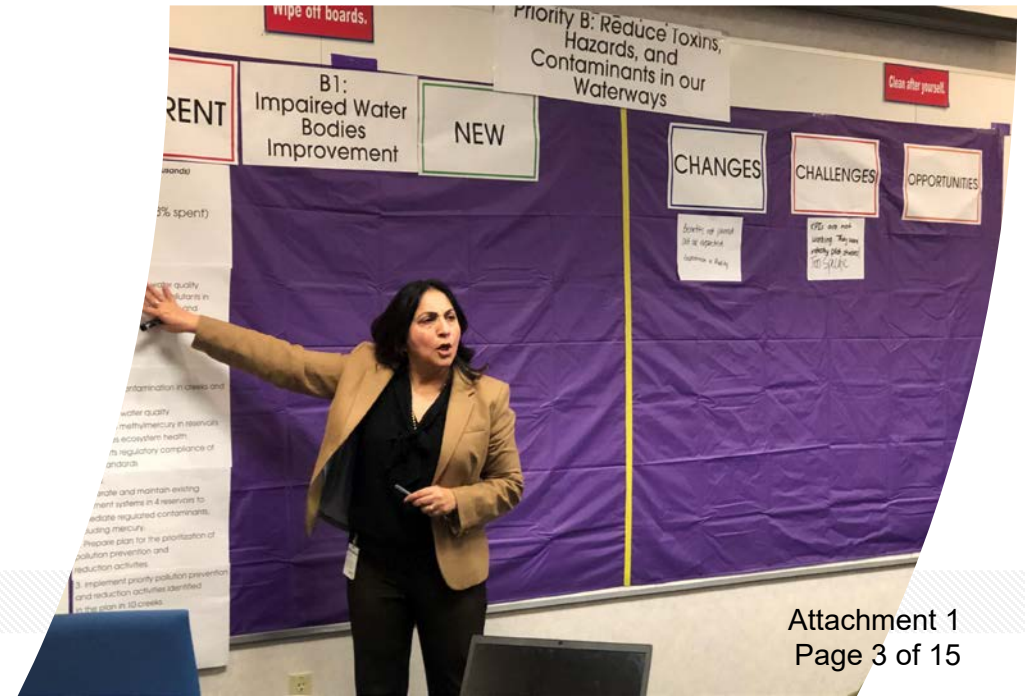


- Priority A: Ensure a safe, reliable water supply
- Priority B: Reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants in our waterways
- Priority C: Protect our water supply from earthquakes and natural disasters
- Priority D: Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space
- Priority E: Provide flood protection to homes businesses, schools, and highways

# Internal Stakeholder Input

Safe, Clean Water Program  
Brainstorm Sessions  
Jan. 27 - 28

*Priorities A, B, C, D, E*  
*29 Projects*



# Program Development

## Key Considerations / themes

- Addressing increasing demands for O&M and mitigation needs
- Providing improved infrastructure reliability
- Integrating climate change adaptation strategies
- Streamlining and improving grants program
- Providing for continued public safety near creeks due to increasing homeless encampments
- Public health & public safety



# Program Development

Key Considerations / themes - *Continued*

## NEW Potential Priority F –

### ***Public Health & Public Safety for our Community***

- Project F1: Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Capacity
- Project F2: Emergency Response Planning
- Project F3: Flood Risk Reduction Studies
- Project F4: Vegetation Management for Access *and Fire Safety*
- Project F5: Encampment Cleanups for Public Health and Safety
- Project F6: Remove Graffiti and Litter
- Project F7: Emergency Response Upgrades
- Project F8: *Sustainable Solutions for Continued Public Safety*

# Capital Project Candidates

## PRIORITY A

- *NEW* Pacheco Reservoir Expansion
- 10 Year Pipeline Program
- *NEW* Almaden Valley Pipeline Replacement

## PRIORITY B

- Impaired Water Bodies Improvement



## PRIORITY C

- Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit
- Dam Safety Seismic Retrofit Projects

## PRIORITY D

- Fish Habitat and Passage Improvements
  - Almaden Creek-Lake Separation
- Creek Restoration and Stabilization
  - Hale Creek
- South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Partnership
- *NEW* Calabazas - San Tomas Aquino Creek Realignment



## PRIORITY E

- Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Project
- San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection
- Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection
- San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection
- Upper/ Lower Guadalupe River Flood Protection





## PRIORITY E

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- Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channels Flood Protection
- Coyote Creek Flood Protection
- *NEW* Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Improvements
- *NEW* Ross Creek Flood Protection
- *NEW* Upper Berryessa (680 to Old Piedmont + Bridges)



## Community Engagement

- Polling
- Community Input Survey
- Speakers Bureau Presentations - Virtual
- Public Participation- Virtual Town halls, etc.

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Board Advisory Committees
- Commissions/ Committees
- Blue-Ribbon Forum
- Community Meetings



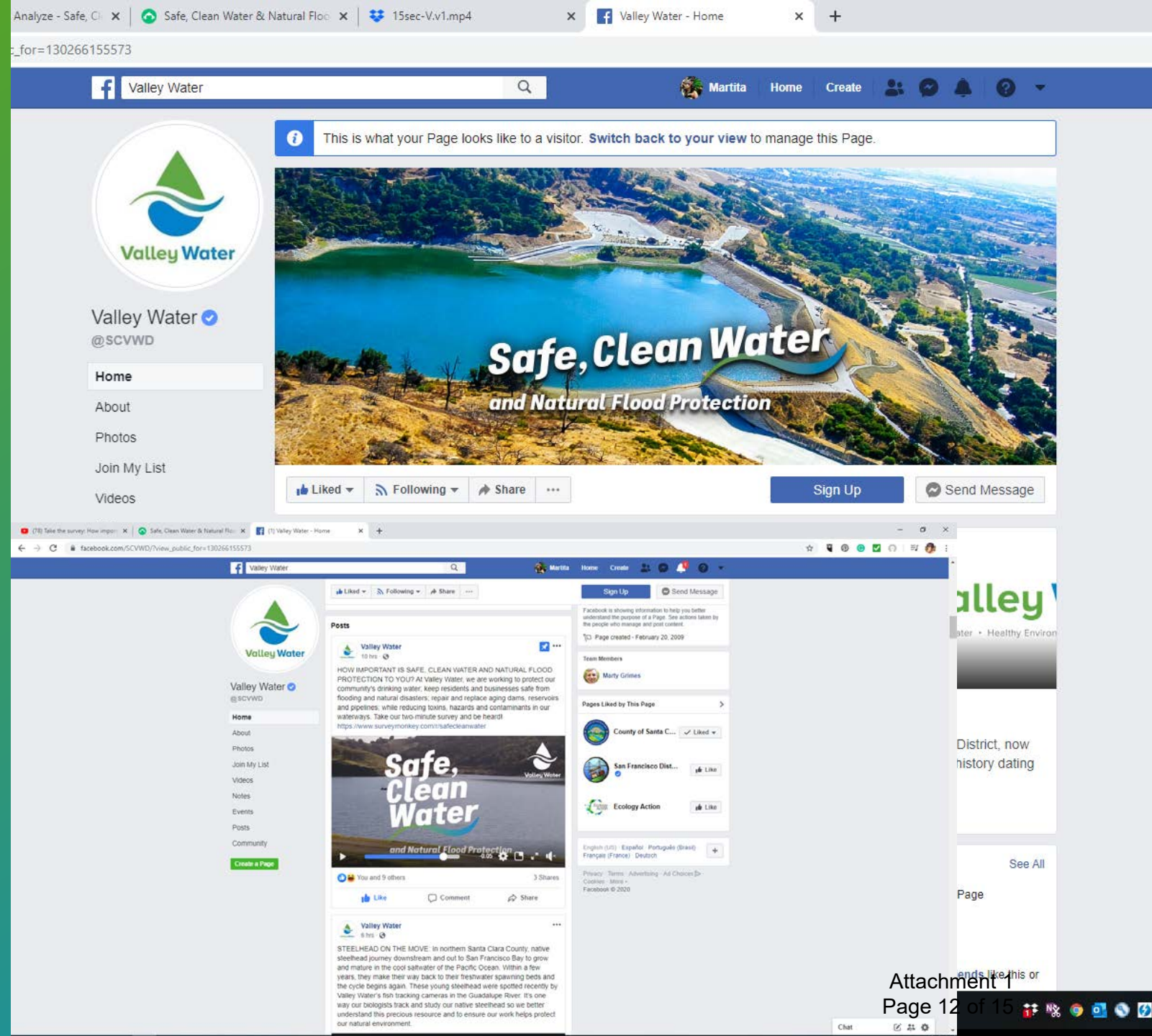




# Social Media

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Nextdoor
- Microsite

[www.safecleanwater.org](http://www.safecleanwater.org)



# Employee Engagement

- \* All-User CEO message
- \* MLT Presentation
- \* Virtual Brown Bags
- \* NYCU/ Aqua.Gov Info
- \* Employee survey drive

From: Norma Camacho, Chief Executive Officer

Date: Jan. 31, 2020



During the December 10 board meeting, Valley Water's Board of Directors gave the green light to staff to explore opportunities to enhance and update the existing Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water) through a potential renewal of a future funding measure.

An agency-wide Steering Committee and effort has been launched to find out what is important to our residents in terms of priorities. This includes working with internal Safe, Clean Water project staff, key stakeholders, community members, residents and employees to develop a draft Community-Preferred Plan that will be presented to the Board later this summer for their final consideration.

During the next few months, we will be exploring whether to go forward with a November 2020 ballot measure which would extend funding for Safe, Clean Water beyond the current sunset date of 2028, without increasing the existing tax rate structure.

In November 2012 the voters of Santa Clara County overwhelmingly approved Measure B, the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, as a countywide special parcel tax for 15 years with a sunset date of June 30, 2028. The program was developed through community collaboration and input from residents and stakeholders that identified five top community priorities: Ensuring a Safe, Reliable Water Supply; Reducing Toxins, Hazards, and Contaminants from our Waterways; Protecting our Water Supply from Earthquakes and Natural Disasters; Restoring Wildlife Habitat and Providing Open Space; and Providing Flood Protection to Homes, Business, Schools and Highways.

The Safe, Clean Water renewal team will be holding a series of upcoming brown-bag lunchtime presentations where you can learn about the proposal and how to get involved. Your participation in the development of our new priorities and subsequent sharing of information with your communities and social networks, will be crucial to developing the program.

In the meantime, I would like to invite you to fill out and share this two-minute Community Input Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/safecleanwater](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/safecleanwater).



# Next Steps

- Research and Evaluate Options
- Conduct community and stakeholder outreach
- Gather input for program development
- Refine and prioritize priorities
- Develop draft plan for Board's final consideration this summer
- Update Board May, June, July







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