

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



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

# Timeline of Exploration Efforts

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December—January: Exploration of potential program renewal begins

February—March: Initial (internal) program development

April—May: Extensive Community Input Gathering & Refinement

June: Draft Community-Preferred Plan Presented to Board

July: Final update and plan delivered for Board consideration

August: Place potential renewal on ballot

# 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



- 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
- **Priority F: Support public health and public safety for our community**

# 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



## PRIORITY E

- Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection
- San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection
- Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection
- San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection
- Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection
- Coyote Creek Flood Protection
- Sunnyvale East and West Flood Protection





# New Potential Priority F

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## ***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*
  - Support public safety by providing grants and/or partnerships towards clearing potential flood-inducing blockages along waterways throughout Santa Clara County
- **Project F5:** Encampment Cleanups for Public Health and Safety
  - Support public safety along waterways through partnerships local police & park rangers
- Project F6: Remove Graffiti and Litter
- Project F7: Emergency Response Upgrades
- **Project F8:** *Sustainable Solutions for Continued Public Safety*
- **Project F9:** Grants and Partnerships for Safe, Clean Water, Flood Protection and Environmental Stewardship



## 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

# Latest Input and Development

## Polling

- April poll shows consistent two-thirds support for potential program renewal
- Hold final poll in June as final check

## Virtual Blue-Ribbon Forum

- April 9 – Input from 35 cross-sector stakeholders
- High-Level Input: Build in flexibility, address climate change, include ongoing maintenance, multi-benefit projects, expand grants, etc.

## Community Input Survey

- Community Input Survey – 3,149 surveys
- Rank priorities for consideration on how to best allocate resources

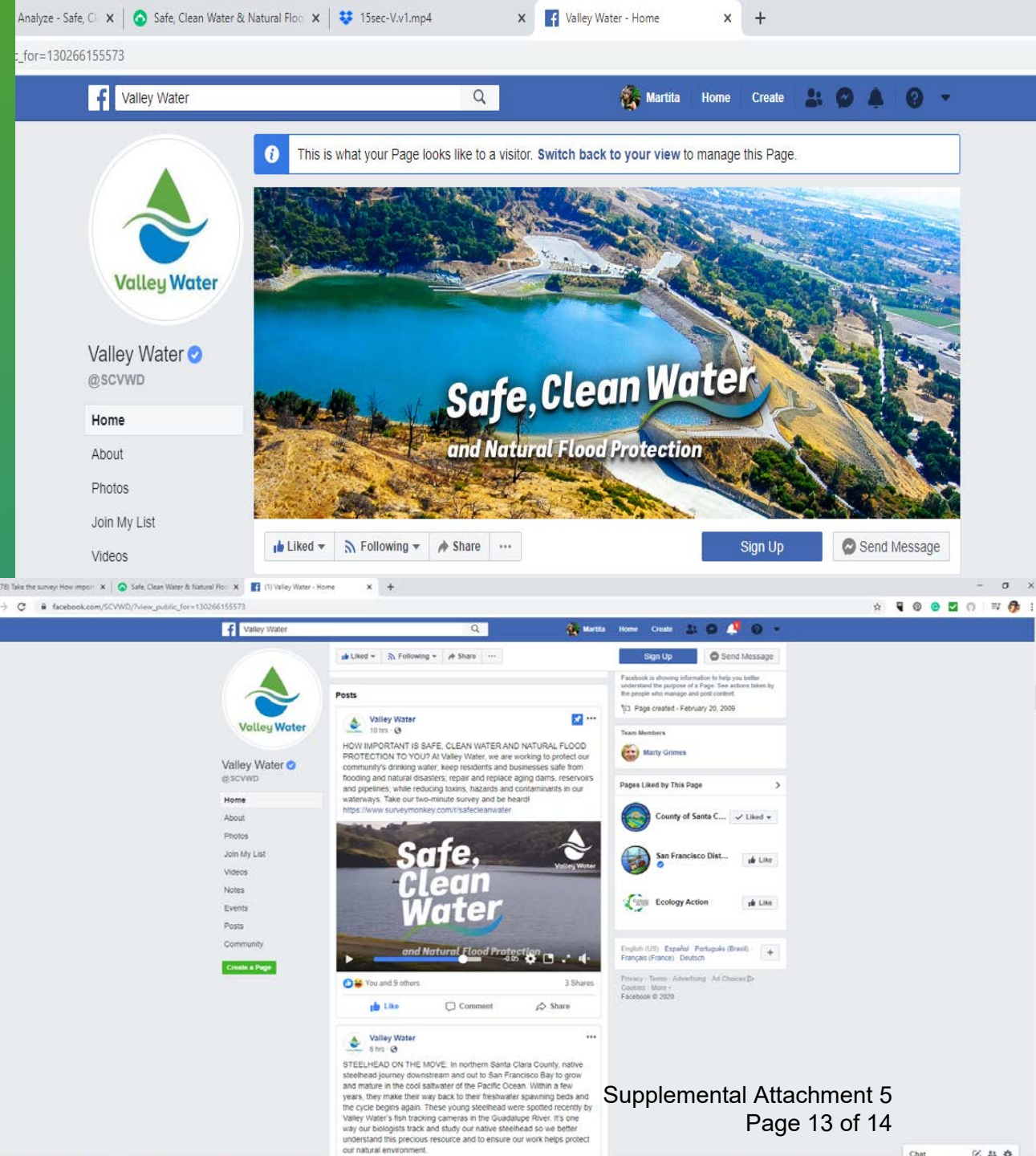
# Program Refinements

1. Refine Priority & Program Elements
2. Conduct Virtual Focus Groups in May
3. Further Refine Program Elements
4. Prepare and present draft Community-Preferred Plan
5. Make any final refinements for July Board meeting

# Public Engagement

- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - Nextdoor
  - Blog /eNews
- Microsite
- Program Videos
- Employee Engagement
- Virtual Town Hall
- Speaker Bureau Presentations

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