

Board Governance Ends Policy E-5. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Valley Water is carbon neutral and provides equitable, climate-resilient water supply, flood protection, and water resource stewardship to all communities in Santa Clara County. This will be accomplished through the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan.

Goal 5.1 Minimize greenhouse gas emissions from Valley Water's operations.

1. Expand the use of clean technology in vehicles, equipment, and buildings, and develop carbon-efficient construction and service delivery practices.
2. Optimize energy use and expand renewable energy portfolio.
3. Incentivize low carbon practices, projects, and efforts by employees, contractors, and partners.

Goal 5.2 Adapt Valley Water's assets and operations to reduce climate change impacts.

1. Improve the resiliency of Santa Clara County's water supply to drought and other climate change impacts.
2. Provide equitable protection from sea level rise and flooding, prioritizing disadvantaged communities.
3. Improve ecosystem resiliency through water resources stewardship.
4. Prepare for climate-related emergencies and provide equal access to information and services, particularly to disadvantaged communities.

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