



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Staff Response to Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC) Report on Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Year 3 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Accept Staff Response to IMC Report on Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Year 3 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and
- B. Provide additional direction as necessary.

SUMMARY:

On February 28, 2017, the IMC issued their report on the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program) Year 3 Annual Report, which provides information on Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY16).

Over the past months, Safe, Clean Water Program Project Managers and Deputies have met with both the IMC and sub-committees for each of the program's priorities to review the report, answer questions, and provide follow-up information as necessary. The IMC's task of assessing and reporting on the district's performance in delivering our promises to the voters was completed in an effective and timely manner.

IMC members continued to show passion and dedication throughout this review process. As their knowledge of the complex and diverse range of projects under the Safe, Clean Water Program has expanded, the discussion about these projects has become more in depth. Overall, the IMC expressed satisfaction with the content of the report and expressed their appreciation to the District for incorporating their recommendations from prior years and for staff's continued responsiveness to their questions and requests for additional information.

In its review of the FY16 Safe, Clean Water Program Year 3 Annual Report, the IMC agreed with the status of each of the projects, with the exception of the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project (E4). Project E4 had been reported as "Adjusted" by staff because of concerns regarding the project scope. After discussing staff's concerns, the IMC recommended that the project status be listed as "On Target" for FY16. This recommendation was made because the reduced scope is

covered under the local funding only Key Performance Indicator (KPI #2). In addition, the IMC made general and formatting recommendations for the report, as well as project specific recommendations.

Upon the Board's direction, staff is prepared to accept and implement the IMC's general, annual report format, additional IMC support, and project specific recommendations. To address each of the recommendations made by the IMC, a staff response column has been added to the IMC's report table. The IMC's general and formatting recommendations have also been incorporated into the same table structure.

District staff is committed to the success of the Safe, Clean Water Program and to achieving the Key Performance Indicators in a cost-efficient and transparent manner. In turn, we appreciate the role that the IMC plays in ensuring that the District delivers the outcomes that were promised to the voters and look forward to continuing to engage in an open and responsive review process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Staff Response to FY16 IMC Report

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