



# Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

## AGENDA

**Monday, August 2, 2021  
2:00 PM**

**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING  
COMMITTEE

Nai Hsueh - District 5, Committee  
Chair

Barbara Keegan - District 2,  
Committee Vice Chair

Linda J. LeZotte, District 4

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COMMITTEE CLERK

Michele L. King, CMC  
Clerk, Board of Directors

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1. Roll Call.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of Minutes.

[21-0682](#)

Recommendation: Approve the June 7, 2021 Minutes.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711.

Attachments: [Attachment 1: June 7, 2021 Minutes.](#)

**4. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

- 4.1. Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees. [21-0846](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive input on how the Board Advisory Committees can be more effective; and  
B. Discuss input and make recommendations to Board for consideration, if necessary.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

- 4.2. Review of Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection. [21-0787](#)

Recommendation: Discuss and provide feedback on the revised draft Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Draft Revised Ends Policy E-3](#)  
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

- 4.3. Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report. [21-0683](#)

Recommendation: A. Review 2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee's Work Plan and Accomplishments Report and incorporate any new tasks; and  
B. Schedule Committee meetings as appropriate.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-211

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2021 BPPC Work Plan & Accomplishments Report](#)  
[Attachment 2: FY22 Board Work Plan Goals & Strategies assigne](#)

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

**6. ADJOURN:**

- 6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m., on September 6, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21.



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**File No.:** 21-0682

**Agenda Date:** 8/2/2021  
**Item No.:** 3.1.

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## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **Board Policy and Planning Committee**

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the June 7, 2021 Minutes.

**SUMMARY:**

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: June 7, 2021 Minutes.

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Michele King, 408-630-2711.





BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

**MONDAY, June 7, 2021  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021, via teleconference Zoom meeting.

Board Members in attendance: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5 (in Conference Room A-124), Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, and Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4; constituting a quorum of the BPPC.

Staff members in attendance in were: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Michele King (in Conference Room A-124), Marta Lugo, Heath McMahon, Brian Mendenhall, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Sue Tippets, Gabriel Vallin, Damaris Villalobos, Tony Vye, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance: Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) member.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT AN AGENDA**

Chair Director Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

**3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2021.**

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Director Keegan requested that her concerns about the artificial turf environmental impacts be included in Item 4.1 summary. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as amended.

#### 4. Information and Action Items

##### **4.1 REVIEW OF BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY ENDS-3 (E-3).**

Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Deputy Operating Officer and Mr. Afshin Rouhani, Water Policy and Planning Manager, reviewed the information on this item as outline in the committee agenda memo.

The BPPC members provided the following input:

That Social Justice language is included in the Ends-1 (E-1) policy and is integrating in all work performed so it doesn't need to be included in this section. Ensure that work is not compartmentalized.

Agreed that it's necessary to look at flood risk in a more holistic way and focus on life and health risks when prioritizing flood risk actions.

Supported identifying a minimal level of risk reduction as an interim level of service before designing any new higher-level flood protection projects; identifying priorities, i.e., capturing external funding sources or equitable treatment for all communities; and ensuring level of service language is consistent with what was committed to in the Safe, Clean Water Program. Additionally, it was suggested that staff consider a level of service identifying a ten to 15-year Board visions/goal which identifies a percentage of parcels to remove from floodplain.

Supported structuring the policy framework in the same layout as the One Water program and connecting the level of service to the same framework. Language should convey concept that project maintenance is a higher priority than building new projects. Ensure to document the need to finalizing all Emergency Action Plans.

Aesthetics considerations are included in Ends-1 (E-1) policy so it doesn't need to be included in this section.

Environmental Stewardship guidance is reflected under Ends-4 (E-4) policy (to be reviewed by the Board) so it doesn't need to be included in this section. Natural flood protection language should be revised since all the work we do is considered and labeled as such.

The BPPC requested that Staff incorporate comments, create draft policies, and return to the BPPC in August.

##### **4.2 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.**

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the current committee work plan and meeting schedule.

The BPPC agreed to move the July meeting to July 7, 2021 at 2pm and requested that the FY22 Board Work Plan items be included so the that subjects requiring monitoring can be identified for the work plan.



5. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**  
None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**  
Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Michele L. King  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:





# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 21-0846

**Agenda Date:** 8/2/2021  
**Item No.:** 4.1.

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## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **Board Policy and Planning Committee**

#### **SUBJECT:**

Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Receive input on how the Board Advisory Committees can be more effective; and
- B. Discuss input and make recommendations to Board for consideration, if necessary.

#### **SUMMARY:**

One of the tasks assigned to the Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) is to review the effectiveness of the Board Advisory Committees.

Over the last two years, the BPPC recommended, and the Board approved, the following two actions to better connect the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC), Water Commission, and the Agricultural Water Advisory committees (advisory committees) with the Board's work:

1. Provided status reports of Board work plan items on the quarterly advisory committee agendas;
2. Aligned EWRC working groups with Board work plan; and
3. Assigned unclassified managers to support the advisory committees.

This item will allow the BPPC to receive input from the Bob Levy, EWRC 2021 Chair and others on how the EWRC can be more effective.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

#### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Michele King, 408-630-2711





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**File No.:** 21-0787

**Agenda Date:** 8/2/2021  
**Item No.:** 4.2.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Board Policy and Planning Committee

**SUBJECT:**

Review of Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss and provide feedback on the revised draft Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.

**SUMMARY:**

The Board Policy and Planning Committee seeks to revise the existing Board Governance Ends Policy E-3 to better reflect the Board's goals and objectives for affordable and effective flood risk reduction for Santa Clara County.

On June 7, 2021, the Committee held a brainstorming session based on several key themes suggested by staff, and provided feedback to be addressed in the revised policy, including:

- Prioritize flood risk reduction actions to provide equitable health and safety countywide;
- Consider a minimum level of service goal for flood protection; based on actual life safety risk assessment;
- Organize policy to address maintenance of existing facilities and community preparedness, as well as new flood protection projects; and
- Equity, environmental, and aesthetic considerations are included in other Ends policies and need not be addressed specifically in E-3.

Staff developed a draft revised policy statement, goals, and objectives (Attachment 1), which will be further refined based on feedback from the Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Draft Revised Ends Policy E-3

Attachment 2: PowerPoint Slides

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618



## WORKING DRAFT E-3 POLICY REVISIONS

### ENDS STATEMENT:

*Provide flood protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations*

### GOAL

3.1. Maintain fluvial and tidal flood protection facilities to design levels of protection.

#### OBJECTIVE

3.1.1 Prioritize maintenance and sustainability of existing facilities over construction of new facilities.

3.1.2 Inspect and maintain Valley Water facilities on a regular basis.

3.1.3 Develop and update maintenance guidelines for facilities.

3.1.4 Incorporate full life cycle costs including maintenance and sustainability into capital improvement projects.

3.1.5 Use natural and nature-based features to reduce maintenance whenever possible.

### GOAL

3.2 Assist people, businesses, schools and communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from flooding through equitable and effective engagement.

#### OBJECTIVE

3.2.1. Develop, maintain, and communicate accessible emergency action plans.

3.2.2. Develop, maintain, and communicate flood information to the community.

3.2.3. Provide expertise in flood forecasting and flood warning systems to the public and emergency responders.

3.2.4. Provide expertise to land use agencies to protect floodplains for their multiple benefits.

### GOAL

3.3. Provide minimum level [20-year] of fluvial and tidal flood protection to people and property for an increased level of health and safety countywide.

#### OBJECTIVE

3.3.1. Protect people and property from flooding by applying a comprehensive, integrated watershed management approach that balances environmental quality and protection from flooding.

3.3.2. Promote the preservation, enhancement, and restoration of floodplain and bayland functions.

3.3.3. Prioritize project alternatives with lower recurring maintenance.







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# Ends Policy E-3: Natural Flood Protection

DRAFT REVISED POLICY

BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 8/02/21

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Develop goals to be aspirational
- Develop objectives to be measurable steps to meet goals
- Include major work categories for flood protection (maintenance, communications/preparedness, new flood risk reduction) as a means to the End
- Protect all areas of the county equally with a focus on health and safety

## EXISTING ENDS E-3 POLICY

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ENDS STATEMENT: *There is a healthy and safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations*

### NFP GOAL

3.1. Provide natural flood protection for residents, businesses, and visitors.

#### NFP Objective

3.1.1. Protect parcels from flooding by applying an integrated watershed management approach that balances environmental quality and protection from flooding.

3.1.2. Preserve flood conveyance capacity and structural integrity of stream banks, while minimizing impacts on the environment and protecting habitat values.

### NFP GOAL

3.2. Reduce potential for flood damages.

#### NFP Objective

3.2.1. Promote the preservation of flood plain functions.

3.2.2. Reduce flood risks through public engagement.

3.2.3. Prepare and respond effectively to flood emergencies countywide to protect life and property.

## WORKING DRAFT E-3 POLICY REVISIONS

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### ENDS STATEMENT:

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### GOAL

3.1. Maintain fluvial and tidal flood protection facilities to design levels of protection.

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## WORKING DRAFT E-3 POLICY REVISIONS

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3.3.3. Prioritize project alternatives with lower recurring maintenance.



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**File No.:** 21-0683

**Agenda Date:** 8/2/2021  
**Item No.:** 4.3.

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## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **Board Policy and Planning Committee**

**SUBJECT:**

Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Review 2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee's Work Plan and Accomplishments Report and incorporate any new tasks; and
- B. Schedule Committee meetings as appropriate.

**SUMMARY:**

This item allows the Committee to review its 2021 Work Plan, meeting schedule and accomplishments report (Attachment 1) and identify additional tasks and schedule meetings as appropriate.

Included on this month's work plan is a listing of the Board's Fiscal Year 2022 Goals and Strategies assigned to the BPPC for monitoring (Attachment 2). This is an opportunity to review and plan upcoming reports and meeting assignment dates.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2021 BPPC Work Plan & Accomplishments Report

Attachment 2: FY22 Board Work Plan Goals & Strategies assigned to BPPC for Monitoring

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Michele King, 408-630-211



2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee Work Plan and Schedule

Subject	Task	1/7/2021	1/25/2021	3/1/2021	4/5/2021	5/3/2021	6/7/2021	7/7/2021 CANCELLED	8/2/2021	9/6/2021	10/4/2021	11/1/2021	12/6/2021	
Board Planning Process	<b>A. Provide Support for Board Planning Activities</b>													
	1. Planning for Board's FY22-23 Strategic Planning Workshop													
	2. Discuss FY21-22 Board Budget Message & Board Work Plan				X									
	<b>B. Provide Support for Board Policy Review</b>													
	1. Report on Outreach Plan for use of District Property for Trails		X											
	2. Outreach Findings on the Untreated Surface Water Program						X							
	3. Develop new Ends Policy reflecting the Board's Goals and Objectives for affordable and effective level and costs of services, and associated strategies to achieve the goals and objectives for Flood Protection Projects. (E-3)							X		X				
	4. Review Ends Policy 4 (E-4) to properly document Board's vision and monitoring process on Flood Protection, Stream Stewardship, Trails, Open Space Preserve.				X									
	5. Review Ends 2 (E-2) - There is a Reliable, Clean Water Supply for Current and Future Generations.	X				X	X							
	6. Revised Water Resources Protection Ordinance & Ends-5 Policy Language										X			
7. Climate Change Policy and Action Plan					X									
8. One Water Countywide Framework				X		X								
9. Proposed Modifications to Board Governance Ends Policy General Principles E-1 and Glossary to Add Environmental Justice Language	X													
Board Committees Principles and Structures	<b>C. Align Board Committees' Work Plans with Board Planning Calendar</b>													
	1. Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees (External)					X				X				
Other Assignments Requested by Board	<b>D. Other Assignments as Requested by the Board</b>													
	<p>Incorporate monitoring items from FY22 Board Work Plan:  <b>GOAL: INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT</b>                      Strategy 1 - Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure and advance new infrastructure projects.                      Strategy 2 - Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits.</p> <p><b>GOAL: NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION</b>                      Strategy 1 - Plan, design and maintain flood protection projects with multiple benefits, including protecting ecosystem functions and enhancing habitat.                      Strategy 2 - Provide flood protection equitably in all regions of the County, prioritizing disadvantaged communities.</p> <p><b>GOAL: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>                      Strategy 1 - Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects.</p> <p><b>GOAL: CLIMATE CHANGE</b>                      Strategy 1 - Address future impacts of climate change to Valley Water's mission and operations.</p>													

2020 -2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee Accomplishments Report

Subject	Task	Action Taken
Board Planning Process	<b>A. Provide ongoing support for Board Planning Activities</b>	
	1. Discuss FY20-21 Board Budget Message & Board Work Plan	FY21 Board Work Plan and Chair message approved by the Board on 8/11/20
	2. Planning for Board's FY21-22 Strategic Planning Workshop	FY22 Strategic Planning Workshop recommendation approved by the Board on 11/24/20. Session scheduled for January 2021. 4/5/21 Committee approved FY22 Board Work Plan for full Board consideration.
	<b>B. Provide Support for Board Policy Review</b>	
	1. Report on Outreach Plan for use of District Property for Trails	At the 10/26/20 meeting the BPPC recommended that staff schedule a public input meeting in mid-November or beginning of December and return to the BPPC with a report on the public input. 1/25/21 – BPPC supported staff's approach to present criteria and guidance on the Trails Policy to the EWRC, WC and Ag Water for input, prior to submitted to the full Board.
	2. Outreach Findings on the Untreated Surface Water Program	5/3/21 - Staff to start stakeholder outreach program while incorporating the BPPC's feedback into the two-phase plan (modified plan) and return to a future BPPC meeting for review.
	3. Develop new Ends Policy reflecting the Board's Goals and Objectives for affordable and effective level and costs of services, and associated strategies to achieve the goals and objectives for Flood Protection Projects. (E-3)	6/7/21 - BPPC conducted a brainstorming session and provided input and requested that staff return in August with first draft policy language.
	4. Review Ends Policy 4 to properly document Board's vision and monitoring process on Flood Protection, Stream Stewardship, Trails, Open Space Preserve, and Climate Change policies.	3/1/21 – BPPC recommended that ENDS POLICY: E-4 WATER RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP revisions be presented to the full Board for consideration.
	5. Review Ends 2 (E-2) - There is a Reliable, Clean Water Supply for Current and Future Generations.	4/5/21 – BPPC reviewed the draft ENDS POLICY and draft policy goals developed to achieve the ends policy, provided input and requested that staff return to the Committee at the May 3rd meeting. 5/3/21 - BPPC requested adding the word "Promote" in front of protect and expand in E-2.4, bullet three, and approved presenting the revised Board Governance Ends Policy E-2 to the full Board for consideration.
	6. Revised Water Resources Protection Ordinance	
7. Climate Change Policy and Action Plan & Ends-5 Policy Language	4/5/21 – BPPC reviewed Climate Change Policy and Action Plan which included revised language for E-5 as well as an update on the outreach strategies and metrics, common comment topics, tools being developed to respond and share comments and/or suggestions and proposed next steps for program implementation. BPPC recommended that the policy and plan be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. 7/13/21 – Climate Change Policy and Action Plan and Ends-5 Policy approved by Board.	
8. One Water Countywide Framework	5/3/21 - Staff to present the One Water Countywide Framework Coyote Creek Watershed Plan to the full board for consideration in accordance with the identified schedule.	
9. Proposed Modifications to Board Governance Ends Policy General Principles E-1 and Glossary to Add Environmental Justice Language	BPPC has reviewed, provided input, and requested modifications to E-1 policy. At the 1/7/21 special meeting the BPPC approved presenting staff's proposed modifications to the full Board.	
Board Committees Principles and Structures	<b>C. Align Board Committees' Work Plans with Board Planning Calendar</b>	
	1. Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees (External)	4/5/21 – BPPC Chair Hsueh conveyed two informal requests from Environmental and Water Resources (EWRC) and Agricultural Water (Ag Water) Advisory Committees members:  EWRC – At their January 25, 2021 meeting, the EWRC reorganized their work groups to align with the Board's FY21 Work Plan to better engage and educate committee members on the Board's priorities. Following that meeting, Bob Levy, 2021 EWRC Chair, met with BPPC Chair Hsueh and conveyed a request to provide minimal staff support for the newly formed EWRC work groups. The BPPC discussed this request, provided input, and asked staff to prepare for full Board consideration a proposed draft approach that could include limited staff support and a process for conveying and tracking requests that could be used by all Advisory Committees.  Ag Water – At their meeting on April 5, 2021, a committee member requested that in addition to the current Zoom teleconference format, consideration be given to allow in-person attendance at meetings. This was not a formal request of the committee; however, several members expressed support. The BPPC discussed and stated concerns for complying with county shelter in place orders still in effect and the fact that Valley Water buildings aren't open to the public. It was stated that if in-person meetings were allowed, then it would need to be opened for all advisory committees to ensure equality. Due to the previously stated concerns, the BPPC didn't support this request. Chair Hsueh would convey this information to the full Board at the April 13th meeting.
Board & Organization Performance Monitoring	<b>D. Assignments as Requested by the Board</b>	
	1. Incorporate monitoring items from FY22 Board Work Plan, once approved	



# GOAL: INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

<p><b>Strategy 1</b></p>	<p><b>Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure and advance new infrastructure projects.</b></p>
<p><b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b></p>	<p>The development and maintenance of Valley Water’s infrastructure is crucial to ensuring we continue to provide safe, clean water and critical flood protection for our communities. Timely maintenance is the most cost-effective investment, whereas deferred maintenance disproportionately increases costs. In addition, aging assets are reaching the end of the design life and will require major recapitalization.</p>
<p><b>Focus</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be strategic in managing existing flood protection assets consistent with the Safe Clean Water Program.</li> <li>• Advance new infrastructure projects identified in the Asset Management Plan and Operations &amp; Maintenance Plan.</li> <li>• Increase engagement with cities on flood plain management, Community Rating System (CRS) program, and emergency action plans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monitoring</b></p>	<p><b>Board Planning and Policy Committee</b></p>
<p><b>Related Staff Plans</b></p>	<p>Watersheds &amp; Water Utility Five-year Operations and Maintenance Plans              District-wide Asset Management Plan              Watershed Asset Management Plan              Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program              Capital Improvement Program</p>







## INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

<b>Strategy 2</b>	<b>Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits.</b>
<b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b>	Valley Water continues to pursue legislative and administrative solutions to resolve regulatory and permitting issues at the federal and state levels. The Board’s efforts will continue to focus on improving internal capacity when applying for permits, as well as continuing to build relationships with regulatory agencies and staying abreast of the regulatory environment.
<b>Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to provide for agency-wide regulatory planning and permitting effort and pursue other efforts at the state and federal level to expedite permit review.</li> <li>• Continue to foster better relationships with regulatory agencies and open dialogue with environmental, environmental justice and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Implement memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Regional Water Quality Control Board.</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Board Policy and Planning Committee
<b>Related Staff Plans</b>	One Water Plan





# GOAL: NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION

<b>Strategy 1</b>	<b>Plan, design and maintain flood protection projects with multiple benefits, including protecting ecosystem functions and enhancing habitat.</b>
<b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b>	Valley Water has the opportunity, as well as the responsibility, to sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply. Valley Water must operate its facilities and implement projects by taking a multi-beneficial approach that balances providing a safe, clean water supply, and improving flood protection for the community, while creating a sustainable ecosystem.
<b>Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to advance Shoreline EIA 11 levee construction.</li> <li>• Finalize the One Water Coyote Creek Watershed plan and make significant progress on the Guadalupe and Pajaro watershed plans.</li> <li>• Use a holistic approach to maintaining streams for flow conveyance and habitat enhancement.</li> <li>• Complete construction of Phase I of the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project, a multi-benefit project providing flood protection while restoring habitat and benefiting the environmental ecosystem.</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Capital Improvement Program Committee Board Policy and Planning Committee
<b>Related Staff Plans</b>	One Water Plan Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program







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<b>Strategy 2</b>	<b>Provide flood protection equitably in all regions of the County, prioritizing disadvantaged communities.</b>
<b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b>	As Valley Water continues to advance flood protection projects, the Board has an opportunity to strengthen relationships and improve coordination with conservation and environmental justice groups, as well as other local jurisdictions, with a specific focus on ensuring the voices of disadvantaged communities are equitably represented.
<b>Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advance One Water Countywide Framework in a comprehensive manner that includes diverse community-wide stakeholders and the incorporation of environmental justice policies in all planning efforts.</li><li>• Continue progress on flood protection capital projects consistent with Valley Water's commitment to the Safe, Clean Water Program and equitably in all regions.</li></ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Capital Improvement Program Committee Board Policy and Planning Committee
<b>Related Staff Plans</b>	One Water Plan Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program







# GOAL: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>Strategy 1</b>	<b>Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects.</b>
<b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b>	Valley Water’s projects and programs encourage integrated planning to ensure capital improvements, operations, and maintenance activities are balanced with environmental stewardship goals. Valley Water strives to protect and restore habitats to support native species throughout Santa Clara County.
<b>Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the One Water Countywide Framework planning process, continue to develop an integrated water resource plan for each watershed, including appropriate metrics to monitor Valley Water’s impacts on and benefit to the environment.</li> <li>• Ensure that stewardship efforts are integrated and not focused primarily on mitigation.</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	<b>Board Policy and Planning Committee</b>
<b>Related Staff Plans</b>	One Water Plan Climate Change Action Plan





# GOAL: CLIMATE CHANGE

<b>Strategy 1</b>	<b>Address future impacts of climate change to Valley Water’s mission and operations.</b>
<b>Challenge/ Opportunity</b>	<p>Valley Water’s ability to fulfill its missions may be challenged in the future by the potential of warmer temperatures, changing weather patterns, reduced snowpack and rising sea levels. Valley Water has been working on greenhouse reduction efforts since 2008, but seeks to do more to understand, mitigate and adapt to the future impacts of climate change.</p>
<b>Focus</b>	<p>Begin implementation of Climate Change Action Plan.</p>
<b>Monitoring</b>	<p>Board Policy and Planning Committee</p>
<b>Related Staff Plans</b>	<p>Climate Change Action Plan</p>

