



## Countywide Benefits

### What is the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Renewal?

A renewal of the program would continue to fund upgrades to pipelines, dams, and critical water infrastructure to improve water supplies and prepare for the risk of flooding, droughts, earthquakes, natural disasters, and climate change. The updated program will also continue to reduce toxins, hazards, and contaminants in our rivers, lakes, and streams through pollution prevention and creek cleanup efforts.

The proposed Safe, Clean Water Program renewal would ensure Valley Water's continued delivery of relevant, efficient, and responsible projects that will help provide safe clean drinking water, natural flood protection and a healthy environment.

### What are the Safe, Clean Water Program community-preferred priorities?

- Ensure a safe, reliable water supply
- Reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants in waterways
- Protect our water supply for earthquakes and natural disasters
- Provide flood protection to homes, businesses, schools, and highways
- Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space
- Support public health and public safety for our communities

## KEY RENEWAL BENEFITS

### Community Benefits for Municipalities, Nonprofits, Schools, & Environmental Groups

- Provides funding to support approximately \$2 billion for local capital infrastructure projects that will spur economic activity and is estimated to create approximately 40,000 jobs for the local and regional economy.
- Provides \$53 million in grants and partnerships for agencies, organizations and individuals for water conservation, pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, wildlife habitat restoration and wildlife corridors and crossings, flood-inducing blockage removal, and access to trails and open space.
- Provides new funding with greater flexibility to fund additional projects that meet community needs like public art to beautify public property and reduce graffiti and litter.
- Expands funding and eligibility for public bottle filling station (hydration station) grants to ensure equal access to safe drinking water.
- Provides support for a variety of water conservation rebates and programs to help meet and exceed long-term water conservation and reliability goals.
- Long-term and ongoing funding will help disadvantaged communities through flood protection, pollution prevention, community beautification, and access to safe, clean water to better ensure equity and environmental justice for our most vulnerable neighborhoods.
- Empowers communities to have an equitable and sustainable life, equal with others who have adequate flood protection and water reliability.

- Protects precious natural resources, which helps improve quality of life and keeps our environment healthy for everyone.
- Helps communities become more resilient to better weather droughts, or floods, or uncertain water supplies. This program will help do that not just for our generation, but for our children and the generations who come after them.

### Ensuring a Reliable Water Supply for Our Community

- Provides \$10 million towards funding the proposed expansion of Pacheco Reservoir to ensure local water supply reliability and provide emergency water supplies for up to 1.4 million people for one year.
- Provides \$54 million to the South County Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit project that protects Silicon Valley from inundation and destruction in the event of a dam failure, makes us more resilient in the event of a natural disaster, enhances the valley's water supplies, while also providing additional habitat benefits downstream.
- Provides \$9.8 million in infrastructure reliability by rehabilitating pipelines to allow Valley Water to isolate sections of pipelines for scheduled maintenance and repairs following an event, such as a major earthquake.

### Environmental Stewardship for Our Community

- Provides \$44 million for fish passage and habitat improvement, including identifying and helping to remove priority barriers to fish passage, and improving habitat with instream gravel, boulders, and large wood.
- Provides \$38.7 million to continue the ongoing coordination with local cities and agencies to clean up large creekside encampments that contaminate waterways and damage Valley Water facilities. This cooperative effort includes working with local municipalities, social services, and nonprofit advocacy groups that will help provide housing alternatives to the unhoused population.

### Flood Protection for Our Community

- Provides \$263 million in capital funding to protect homes, schools, businesses, streets and highways through natural flood protection improvements.
- Continues emergency response planning and preparedness while providing funding for critical job-creating projects that protect our communities through vegetation control and sediment removal activities on Valley Water lands to reduce flood and fire risk.



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