

Safe, Clean Water

and Natural Flood Protection

SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT



Economic and Business Benefits

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

The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program) funds upgrades to 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 supports the economy and businesses in Silicon Valley by providing funding for flood protection, drinking water reliability 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

Adding Jobs to the Economy

- 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 partnership funding 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.
- Funding from the program allows for expanded contracting opportunities for small, local businesses, which ultimately expands opportunities for all sectors of the economy.

Protecting Local Businesses from Flooding and Enhancing Quality of Life

- Provides \$38.7 million to continue the ongoing coordination with local cities and agencies to clean up large creekside encampments that contaminate waterways. This cooperative effort includes working with local municipalities, social services, and nonprofit advocacy groups that will help provide housing alternatives to the unhoused population.

- Provides \$263 million in capital funding to protect homes, schools, businesses, streets and highways through natural flood protection improvements.
- Continues the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Projection Project, a Federal, State and Local partnership to provide \$35 million in tidal flood protection to thousands of homes and businesses in low-lying parts of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San José, and the community of Alviso, and also including the NASA Ames Research Center and Silicon Valley's Golden Triangle, home to leading international high-tech businesses, as well as the San José-Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Palo Alto wastewater facilities.

Water Supply Reliability to Minimize the Impacts of Future Emergencies

- Provides for the opportunity for planning to become more resilient, in order to withstand droughts, floods, or uncertain water supplies and better reassure adequate infrastructure for business planning.
- 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 funding for the protection of natural resources, thereby helping improve the quality of life while keeping the environment healthy.
- Provides \$9.8 million in reliable infrastructure improvements that will allow Valley Water to isolate sections of pipelines for scheduled maintenance and repairs following events such as a major earthquake.
- Continues water conservation programming for business to help meet and exceed long-term water conservation and reliability goals through rebates, technical assistance, and public education.



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