

Safe, Clean Water

and Natural Flood Protection

SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT



Labor 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 pipelines 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 renewal would ensure Valley Water's continued delivery of relevant, efficient, and responsible projects that will create good paying jobs and protect the community.

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 HIGHLIGHTS

Job Creation Benefiting Local Economy

- Provides funding to support approximately \$2 billion for local capital infrastructure projects that will spur economic activity and create over 40,000 good paying jobs.
- Allocates \$53 million in expanded grants and partnership funding for agencies beyond local governments to include organizations and individuals for creek cleanups and education, wildlife habitat restoration, flood-inducing blockage removal, access to trails and open space, water conservation and pollution prevention.
- Allows for expanded contracting opportunities for small and local businesses to help meet the water supply and flood protection needs of the county.

Ensuring a Reliable Water Supply for Our Community

- Provides thousands of jobs for our community and local economy through the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project that will boost Pacheco Reservoir from 5,500 acre-feet to up to 140,000 acre-feet, enough to supply up to 1.4 million residents with water 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.

- Improves water reliability for all residents in Santa Clara County through the Pipeline Reliability project which constructs four (4) line valves at various locations throughout the county that allows Valley Water to isolate sections of pipelines for scheduled maintenance and repairs to keep safe, clean drinking water flowing to homes and businesses.

Flood Protection for Our Community

- Provides \$263 million in natural flood protection to homes, schools, businesses, streets and highways through planning, design and construction of improvements that will empower our community through good-paying jobs.
- 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.
- Provides a long-term solution for both existing and emerging challenges to providing safe, clean drinking water, natural flood protection and environmental stewardship: you can't just build a dam, a fish ladder, or a flood protection project and walk away—it takes dedicated workers to keep those projects in tip-top shape, so they continue to protect our families, our environment, and our economy, for long beyond 15 years.



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