

Social and Environmental Justice Benefits

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

The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program funds upgrades to pipelines, dams, and critical water infrastructure to improve water supplies and prepare for the risk of natural disasters and climate change. The updated program will also continue to reduce toxins, hazards, and contaminants in our waterways, provide county-wide flood protection, and protect and improve our natural environment for the overall benefit of residents and wildlife.

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

- Supports disadvantaged and underserved communities by providing long-term and ongoing funding for flood protection, pollution prevention, community beautification, and access to safe, clean water to better ensure equity and environmental justice for our most vulnerable neighborhoods.
- Provides \$263 million in flood protection funding countywide along creeks and the bay to help ensure underserved communities have equal protections from flooding as other communities.
- Integrates climate change adaptation strategies in all priorities to lessen environmental and climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and improves adaptation to meet the growing challenges that stem from climate change and extreme weather patterns, such as severe drought, flooding, and wildfires.
- Provides funding for upgrades to infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing county, which includes protecting our water supply from natural disasters, the reduction of toxins and hazards in our waterways, and providing greater access to open space.
- Provides \$53.1 million for an expanded grants program with funding and access for public health and safety projects related to water; available to municipalities, non-profits, faith-based organizations, schools and individuals, and can help support work with disadvantaged communities.
- Provides \$38.7 million in funding to help address homeless encampments and impacted water quality along our creeks and waterways; and to work with local municipalities, social services, and nonprofit advocacy groups that will help provide housing alternatives to the unhoused population.

