

Subject **Valley Water Board of Directors Considers Adoption of One Water Plans**

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Good morning,

Valley Water's **One Water** planning process is a science-based, stakeholder-driven effort to balance water resource needs at a watershed scale. On January 25, 2022, the Valley Water Board of Directors will consider adoption of The One Water – Santa Clara Countywide Framework, which provides a vision, goals and objectives for watershed planning throughout the County. The Board will also consider adoption of the One Water – Coyote Creek Watershed Plan, which applies this framework to our largest watershed; it evaluates past and present conditions, measures watershed health, and identifies priorities for all of Valley Water's mission areas of water supply, flood protection, and ecosystem stewardship, to be implemented in the near and long term.

The Coyote Creek Watershed Plan integrates water supply planning with the flood risk reduction and environmental stewardship priorities of the watershed. Based on extensive stakeholder engagement, including your support and knowledge, as well as Valley Water staff expertise, the One Water Plan provides an long range master plan for environmental stewardship, flood protection and water supply, including priority actions such as Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Enhance Riparian and Aquatic Habitat along Middle Coyote Creek, Wildlife Corridor Improvements, and Upper Penitencia Flood Protection Project. The Plan builds on programs and plans at Valley Water and recognizes connections with many regional and state plans focused on water supply, environmental protection, water quality, and climate change.

With the Framework and Coyote Creek Watershed plan now complete, Valley Water pushes forward with the remaining four watershed plans, beginning with Guadalupe River Watershed and Upper Pajaro River Watershed. We look forward to engaging with you and your community in these next endeavors, to better understand your challenges, and to partner with you to make strides in water resources management and improving watershed health.

Link to One Water Page (with link to Board item and reports): <https://www.valleywater.org/project-updates/one-water-plan>

Thank you,

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