

Draft FPSS Master Plan: Summary of stakeholder comments from 2010 outreach meetings

This table summarizes stakeholder comments from the following meetings:

November and December 2010 Meetings

In November and December 2010, the project team conducted outreach at the following meetings:

1. Independent Monitoring Committee for Clean, Safe Creeks on November 4, 2010
2. Guadalupe and West Valley Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee on November 10, 2010
3. Lower Peninsula Advisory Committee on November 15, 2010
4. Uvas/Llagas Flood Control and Watershed Committee November 17, 2010
5. Coyote Flood Control and Watershed Committee on November 18, 2010
6. Environmental Advisory Committee on November 29, 2010
7. South County Community Meeting on December 1, 2010
8. North County Community Meeting on December 6, 2010
9. Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Environmental Affairs Council on December 9, 2010
10. Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Governance Committee on December 10, 2010

June and July 2010 Meetings

In June and July 2010, the project team conducted outreach at the following meetings:

1. Joint Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee meeting on June 2, 2010
2. Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting on June 7, 2010
3. North County Community Meeting on June 9, 2010
4. South County Community Meeting on June 14, 2010
5. Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association Meeting on June 17, 2010
6. Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Environmental Affairs Council on July 8, 2010
7. Water Resource Planning Stakeholder Review Committee on July 19, 2010

A PowerPoint presentation for the Nov/Dec meetings summarized opportunities for improvement in meeting Board Policy after 2016. The June/July presentation described the goals and objectives, and existing program after the Clean Safe Creeks funding sunsets in 2016 was shown; These presentations and draft reports formed the basis of public comments. The presentations are located at:

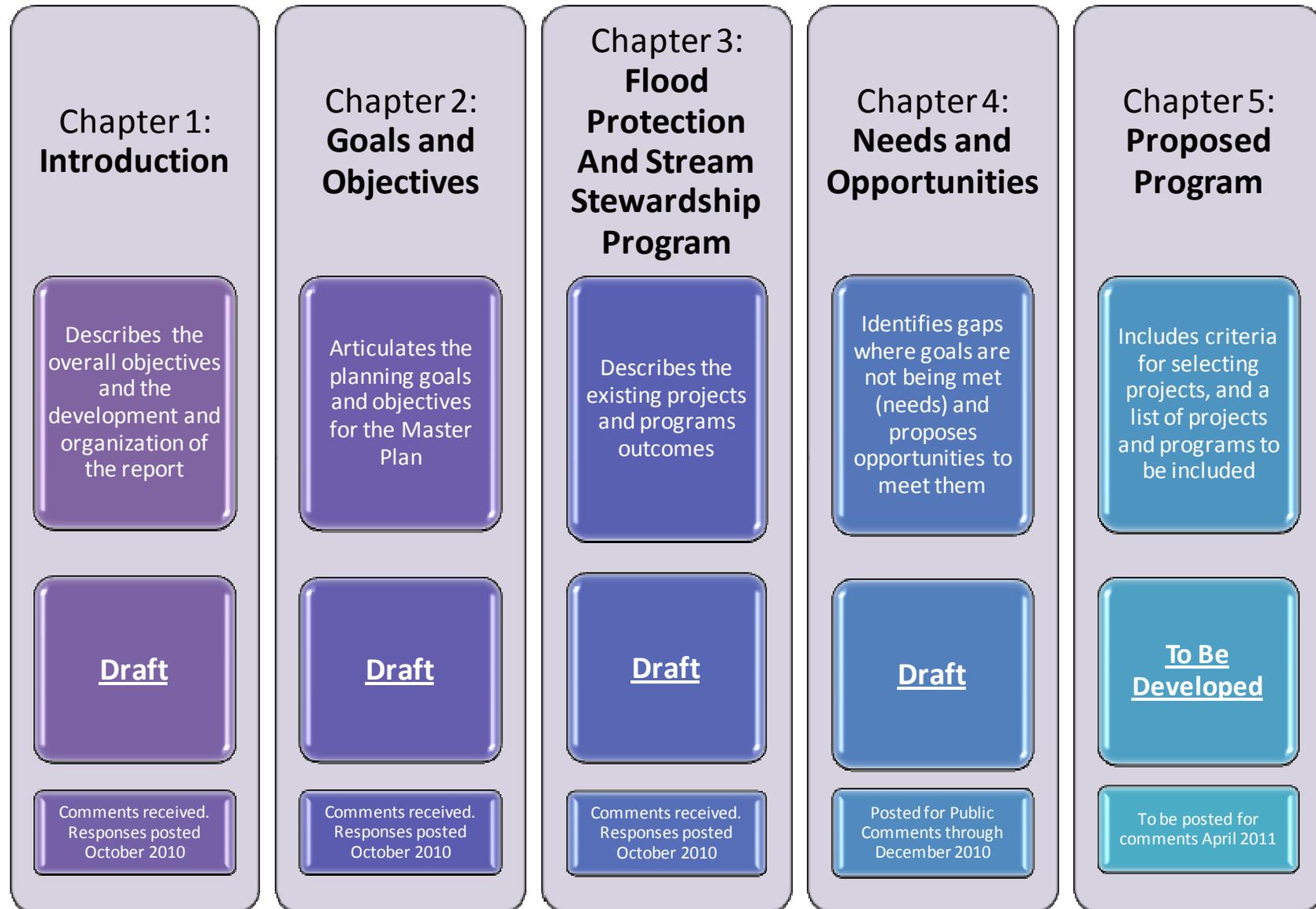
<http://www.valleywater.org/Services/FloodProtectionMasterPlan.aspx>

A link to videos of the outreach meeting presentations can be found at: <http://www.valleywater.org/Videos.aspx>

Other comments refer to the draft master plan report, The draft report is also located at

<http://www.valleywater.org/Services/FloodProtectionMasterPlan.aspx>

FLOOD PROTECTION AND STREAM STEWARDSHIP MASTER PLAN OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE



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<p>1. <u>Guad-West Valley Advisory Committee, November 10, 2010 Meeting</u></p>	<p>a. Work with cities to encourage adoption of fees similar to Sunnyvale's Park Dedication Fee up to five acres per thousand. The fees are paid by developers and used to fund capital projects related to parks and trails.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
	<p>b. Park Dedication Fee could also be used to clean up blighted properties owned by the District and take down the chain link fences and give access to public to enjoy.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
	<p>c. Extend recycled water mains especially in areas where the District has these wide right-of-way areas, many of which are not paved. Allow installation of recycled water mains on District levees.</p>	<p>The Water Resources Protection Manual, adopted by resolution of the board, contains streamside and facility protection requirements and recommendations for district encroachment permits. The district does not allow longitudinal (parallel) encroachments within district right of way. It also does not allow the installation of water mains within its levees.</p>
	<p>d. Include personnel costs in the financial plan for each project; show how they trend over time, and have a firm plan on how to control them.</p>	<p>Labor costs are included in the financial plan for each project. The focus of project control is to deliver the project objectives on time and within budget. The district uses project control procedures and tools to identify deviations from the approved project plan.</p>
	<p>e. Provide Return on Investment (ROI) for each proposed project.</p>	<p>Determining priority to initiate a flood protection projects is based on a number of factors, but the primary factor is the estimated average annual flood damages prevented by the project. Somewhat related to a financial ROI is the criteria of minimizing life cycle costs that is used in selecting a preferred alternative for a flood protection project. While the district Board of Directors considers this when deciding to proceed to design and construction to reduce flood risks, factors such as quality of life, health and safety are also considered. The reduction of flood risk often spurs private investment on sites which is an economic benefit to the community. Lenders are also more apt to extend loans in areas that have a low flood risk as opposed to those areas that have a high flood risk. Businesses also equate lower flood risk as lower risk for work days lost.</p>
	<p>f. Reducing/eliminating the need for flood insurance for property owners is not a justifiable taxpayers' expenditure to build flood protection projects; insurance costs should be</p>	<p>Savings in flood insurance premiums is one of ten criteria that the district uses to prioritize flood protection projects. It has a relative weight of 6% and was added to the criteria in the late 1990s based on input from the flood control and watersheds advisory</p>

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	the individual property owner's rightful expense.	committees. The primary factor, used to prioritize flood protection projects, with a relative weight of 50%, is the average annual flood damages. Again, it is the public benefit of reduction of flood risk and exposure that is the primary driver for the flood protection investments.
	g. Need to educate the public on the lack of money or funds needed to consider or propose projects.	Development of the Master Plan, and related outreach efforts, is the process by which the district intends to inform the public regarding program and funding issues.
	h. Concerns about the use of Roundup™ in creeks and near wildlife.	Roundup is not approved for direct application in creeks. Instead, the district uses either Rodeo or Aqua Master. These two herbicides are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for aquatic applications. In addition, the District utilizes Best Management Practices (BMPs) which address safe application of herbicides.
	i. There is interest and support for expanding use of recycled water and working with the District to investigate further opportunities.	Maintaining a diverse water supply, including recycled water, is also a Board policy component.
	j. Cities, county, and others need standards for land use near streams and, if developments were not allowed near streams and creeks there would be no need for flood insurance.	Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams were prepared in 2005 by the Santa Clara Valley Water Resource Protection Collaborative. The Collaborative participants included all the cities in Santa Clara County, the County, the district, citizen, business, environmental, agriculture, and community groups. Guidelines and Standards were adopted by every municipality in the county.
	k. The latest report from the Clean, Safe Creeks Independent Monitoring Committee shows that there will be a lack of funding to meet the commitments of the Clean, Safe Creeks plan. If the District wants to get voter support for a future funding measure, it needs to educate the public on the IMC findings and explain the reasons for the projected funding gap in the existing program.	Forecasts are prepared every year and the current forecast now shows that all commitments should be met with the funding from the special parcel tax. However, the current concern is the ability to complete projects that partially rely on federal funding by the end of the Clean, Safe Creeks Program in 2016. Copies of the Independent Monitoring Committee reports can be found at http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/MonitoringCommittee.aspx
	l. Explain what is included in the “enhance flood maps opportunity” listed under Goal #2: Reduced potential for flood damages.	Updating district's shallow flooding maps (less than 1 foot) and working with FEMA to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The district is also proposing to prepare 200 year and 500 year flood maps for urban areas and show flood risk for areas protected by

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	m. Make sure that protection from tidal flooding is included and explicit in the Master Plan document.	levees. Chapter 4 of the master plan includes opportunities to address tidal flooding as part of Goal #1: Natural Flood Protection. In addition, page 7 (Chapter 4) includes a description of sea level rise projections and how they apply to the Master Plan.
	n. Cities have a great impact on healthy streams as they have jurisdiction over land use and approve what gets built near streams. Cities need to consider stream health while making land use decisions.	The District concurs with the comment.
<p>2. <u>Lower Peninsula Advisory Committee, November 15, 2010 Meeting:</u></p>	a. Provide information on the rapid environmental changes, global warming and the impacts of sea-level rise.	Protection from tidal flooding is included in the master plan. The master plan also acknowledges that sea level rise will expand the areas subject to tidal flooding. In addition, page 7 (Chapter 4) includes a description of sea level rise projections and how they apply to the Master Plan.
	b. Guidelines of protecting riparian habitat when extending or creating new trails.	Design Guide 16 of the Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams provides guidance for trail design for trails next to streams and streamside resources.
	c. How often is the Master Plan going to be updated?	It is proposed that the master plan be updated every five years and be reviewed annually.
	d. How will future funding be obtained?	Future funding needs will be evaluated as part of Master Plan implementation.
	e. How will ongoing maintenance costs be funded now and in the future?	Ongoing maintenance cost is funded by the baseline program and by set-aside maintenance funds for newly improved creeks under Clean, Safe Creeks.
	f. Plan is “high level” with “lower level” overtones, what is the real intent of the Plan? Suggestion: Name specific projects, their priority and the corresponding funding.** Mention how the FPSSMP’s framework is structured The Plan’s possible linkage to the South Bay Shoreline Study, since the results of the study is incomplete. Is the Plan a policy? Is the Plan for specific projects? Is it meant to be “overarching?” It is unclear to the Committee and that needs to be conveyed within the Plan.	<p>The Master Plan represents how the district intends or proposes to achieve Board policies of Natural Flood Protection and Water Resources Stewardship over the planning horizon by utilizing moneys from the Watershed Stewardship Fund (baseline funding source) and other sources not yet identified.</p> <p>Project concepts in the Master Plan, such as the South Bay Shoreline Sudy, are being developed based on the identified needs and opportunities. These project concepts will be refined further and with stakeholder input and prioritization criteria will be incorporated into the potential program. Identified opportunities range from recommendations to develop new programs to specific</p>

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		projects.
	g. Conduct lessons learned from Clean, Safe Creeks to inform trail grant applicants how to improve their chances to secure grants next time around.	<p>Following Board authorization of grants, staff contacts trail grant applicants whom did not receive funding by email and/or by telephone and offer to go over the application and the reasons why the application was not approved.</p> <p>The district's website contains information on trail grants application requirements. http://www.valleywater.org/Services/TrailsAndOpenSpace.aspx</p>
	h. Assessment of pollutant sources. Explain how sediment removal is accomplished and where does the data come from?	Chapter 3 of the Master Plan provides information on the District's sediment removal program. The Regional Water Quality Control Board is the lead for assessing the sources of pollutants.
	i. How will input be solicited in weighting the 5 goals?	During stakeholder engagement meetings as part of the implementation phase of the Master Plan.
	j. To get voters' "buy-in", the Plan needs to have background information to new funding needed, the presentation should mention tidal projects (South Bay Study) and Trails and Open Space direct impact. SCVWD needs to be "proactive" and give suggestions on how people can give input and become partners.	The final Master Plan will recommend both freshwater and tidal flood protection projects. At this time, staff is primarily collecting feedback on Needs and Opportunities.
	k. Explain the discrepancy between SCVWD and FEMA maps.	<p>FEMA creates flood hazard maps that outline the community's different flood risk areas. Lending institutions and federal agencies use these maps to determine if flood insurance is required. Flood insurance is required where a foot or more flooding is expected.</p> <p>However, because the impact to the public and homeowners of less than a foot flooding can be just as devastating as one foot of flooding, the District maps areas adjoining the FEMA flood areas for flooding less than one foot in depth during a 1-percent flood.</p>
	l. Emphasis on "illegal encampments" for the City of San Jose and SCVWD; should be broader/county-wide.	<p>The District concurs with comment and does work with cities throughout the county to address illegal encampments on a more informal/ad-hoc basis.</p> <p>In addition to expanding the work with the City of San Jose under the existing Memorandum of Agreement for illegal encampment clean up, the District could solicit interest from other municipalities</p>

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		interested in formally partnering on illegal encampment cleanup activities.
	m. Do not agree with program approach of striving for geographic balance of benefits.	Comment noted.
	n. Expand on the opportunity related to the development of a community based flood preparedness education campaign to include a Flood wise program and an expanded Creekwise program.	Staff will modify the proposed Opportunity accordingly.
	o. Draft an adjunct document to the Master Plan indicating that the District cannot accomplish the master plan goals alone. Use the document to describe how the cities need to participate in accomplishing the goals in the context of parallel relationship building.	The District understands that flood safety and environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility. The District's policies have specific strategies with call for actions by cities/county and individuals. The District's comprehensive plan which is on-line provides actions city/county can take.
	p. Current sea level rise projections are still very preliminary. Consider waiting until better projections are available to update Master Plan.	The federal and state governments have released guidance on incorporating sea level rise projections in planning projects. SCVWD is using the state and federal guidance. As additional information is developed in the future, it will be incorporated into Master Plan updates and in project plans and designs.
	q. Trails are very important for any future funding measure. Be proactive in reaching out to people regarding ways on how to apply for trail grants.	The District holds pre-application workshops for potential grant applicants. For the 2011 District grants, staff conducted extensive outreach including 400 stakeholders. The district's website contains information on trail grants application requirements. http://www.valleywater.org/Services/TrailsAndOpenSpace.aspx
3. <u>Uvas Llagas FCWAC – Nov. 17, 2010</u>	a. Add another opportunity for continuing outreach support and funding to South County cities similar to what is now in place for Clean Safe Creeks. This is very important since South County is not part of SCVURPPP.	Suggestion will be included in list of opportunities to be evaluated.
	b. The proposed approach for development of master plan is reasonable and in alignment with the needs and opportunities.	Comment noted.

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4. Coyote Advisory Committee, November 18, 2010 Meeting	a. The Committee recommends that the Board consider adding to the Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan, Goal No. 3, <i>Healthy Creeks and Bay Ecosystems: Improving Tidal and Freshwater Wetlands</i> , a fourth opportunity to restore additional historic wetlands in Northern Coyote Valley.	Suggestion will be included in list of opportunities to be evaluated.
5. Public Meeting – South County, December 1, 2010	a. Provide list of opportunities in South County alone.	Next round of outreach presentations will include specific projects and programs in South County.
	b. I was hoping to hear about South County flooding during this meeting.	The meeting was intended to provide a description of Needs and Opportunities countywide. For specific information on South County flood protection issues, please see Chapter 4 of the Master Plan.
	c. Why do we not have an emergency preparedness?	To satisfy the goal of reduced potential for flood damages, the District conducts many flood forecasting and emergency response services. Please see chapter 3 of the Master Plan for a detailed description of the projects and programs.
	d. Where are our gages?	The District maintains approximately 39 precipitation stations, 70 stream-flow gages, 11 reservoir stations, and 1 evaporation and weather station. The stations are located throughout the county. One of the opportunities identified is to expand this hydrologic data collection network.
	e. Have hydrologic stations been identified? There is a pipe with a solar panel in south county (near Edmundson). Are we going to label stations and equipment so people know what these are and what the district does?	Yes they have. The hydrologic station near Edmundson is a new stream gage which will be part of a pilot flood warning program. The District normally does not label stations and equipment because it seems to attract vandalism.
	f. Firefighters do not have the training to pull someone out of rushing water.	Comment noted.
	g. Is all the work under Clean, Safe Creeks going to be completed by 2016?	The District is concerned about inadequate federal funding on three projects. This lack of adequate funding may result in one or more of those projects being completed after 2016. Copies of the Independent Monitoring Committee reports can be found at http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/MonitoringCommittee.aspx
6. Public Meeting –	a. Illegal encampments need to be taken care of	The District is responsible for trash removal on its property. When

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<p><u>North County,</u> <u>December 6, 2010</u></p>	<p>right now. This is a safety and hazard issue. (Coyote and Guadalupe are problems). What is the district waiting for?</p>	<p>illegal encampments are identified or reported, staff will contact the local law enforcement department to support the District’s cleanup activities. Issues related to the social and political problems of homeless encampments are addressed by the Housing Department of the City of San Jose and the County.</p>
	<p>b. Need prevention of homeless encampments and pollution</p>	<p>See response above.</p>
	<p>c. Are we looking at measuring groundwater as part of the hydrologic monitoring network? This is important particularly in light of Sea Level Rise and shallow groundwater/subsurface water (not major aquifers). Could affect development in shoreline areas.</p>	<p>Initial assessment by the Groundwater Management Unit was that sea level rise is not anticipated to affect local ground water.</p>
	<p>d. The 55k parcels not protected from flooding is a long term issue. But, opportunities for outreach and education are short term investment that may not last as residents move and new residents move in. Is this effective to be in a long term master plan?</p>	<p>Public outreach and education is an ongoing program so as new residents come into the area, they too will be informed.</p>
	<p>e. Clean Water Creeks and Bay: Not sure how outreach efforts work in long term plan.</p>	<p>Public outreach and education is an ongoing program so as new residents come into the area, they too will be informed.</p>
	<p>f. Clean Safe Water in our Creeks and Bays: More water testing is needed</p>	<p>The District conducts water and sediment testing in accordance with existing regulations and permit requirements.</p>
	<p>g. Clean Water Creeks and Bay: Right of Way for trail construction too close to creeks is not good for biota</p>	<p>Design Guide 16 of the Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams provides guidance for trail design for trails next to streams and streamside resources.</p>
	<p>h. Why is the consideration of specific stakeholder suggestions included as an opportunity under Trails and Open Space but not other goals? May not be good to have just anyone promoting trail locations without consideration of their effects.</p>	<p>Many of the identified opportunities in all goals came as stakeholder suggestions. In the goal of Trails and Open Space, there were approximately 20 segments of trails suggested. Therefore, the opportunity identified under Trails and Open Space consolidates all 20 suggestions as a single opportunity.</p>
	<p>i. The Master Plan recommends development of enhanced land use guidelines. District gave responsibility to cities, shift in jurisdiction. Concerned that standards are</p>	<p>Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams were prepared in 2005 by the Santa Clara Valley Water Resource Protection Collaborative. The Collaborative participants included all the cities in Santa Clara County, the County, the district, citizen,</p>

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	<p>not followed (ex. San Jose set back). No enforcement of standards, they are being breached. We should have something to back up standards. Also understand private property issues. Using coastal beaches as an example, a case was made that they are for the public good and set backs were created. Creeks belong to the public and should be available/protected for the public good.</p>	<p>business, environmental, agriculture, and community groups. Guidelines and Standards were adopted either by Ordinance or Resolution by every municipality in the county. We believe all the cities and county are generally following the guidelines and standards and they share in our interest to protect the streams.</p>
	<p>j. Streams are living entities and therefore cannot have exceptions along the reaches. How can we harness district power to protect streams. The cities only seem to care about development and property revenue.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The District does not have police powers and is not a land use agency like the cities and county. While the cities and county generally follow the guidelines and standards for land use near streams as mentioned above, they often must consider other factors and private property rights when making decisions.</p>
	<p>k. Look at the city of San Jose with the Guadalupe Mines development and 75' setback allowed because the developer offered a trail. The district should not provide trail grants for detrimental projects. Need a watershed view.</p>	<p>The District did not provide a trail grant for this project. One of the opportunities identified was to work with municipalities to develop enhanced guidelines and standards for land use near streams, including enhanced guidelines for riparian protection.</p>
	<p>l. Morgan Hill flooding an issue. We need contributions from the Army Corps.</p>	<p>The district cannot complete this project without Corps participation. The District's Washington DC delegation is working very hard to get the Congressional appropriation to fund this project. South County residents can help by contacting their legislators to get support.</p>
	<p>m. Re: opportunity to assess pollutant sources. Should include LeHigh cement plant and similar facilities. Arsenic and mercury source potential at these facilities. Master plan should address this as potential source in addition to other quarries. Also, may need to add Selenium to list as TMDL may be developed in 2020. Is there a way to expedite this TMDL?</p>	<p>The Regional Water Quality Control Board and Bay Area Air Quality Monitoring District are the regulators and both agencies are doing investigation/monitoring of this site (LeHigh).</p>
	<p>n. Why is Los Gatos creek not included in list of creeks that have temperature warming effects? (Goal 3) It should be a priority due</p>	<p>Although there may be issues related to shaded riverine aquatic with Los Gatos Creek, the warming effect identified in Goal #3 relates to streams flowing through ponds.</p>

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	<p>to known salmon.</p> <p>o. What about healthy release flows to creeks? Why is this not part of MP program? There are areas with stagnant water that need flows. (Goal 3)</p> <p>p. Why are some gauging station data not available on-line and have to go through public information request? The public should have access to all this data without lengthy request process.</p>	<p>Dam operations that affect critical species are part of a Habitat Conservation Plan being prepared separately.</p> <p>The data readings on the District’s website are <u>Preliminary</u>. Most data relayed by telemetry have received little or no review. Inaccuracies in the data may be present because of instrument malfunctions and/or physical changes at the measurement site.</p>
<p>7. Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce: Environmental Advisory Committee. December 8, 2010</p>	<p>a. What part of the 55,000 parcels in the county subject to flooding is in south Santa Clara County?</p>	<p>Approximately 1,300 parcels will remain subject to flooding after 2016. This assumes that the Upper Llagas Creek project will be completed by 2016.</p>
	<p>b. Wanted other cities besides San Jose to be considered to be partners in removing homeless encampments in creeks.</p>	<p>The District concurs with comment. In addition to expanding the work with the City of San Jose under the existing MOU for illegal encampment clean up, the District will solicit interest from other municipalities interested in formally partnering on illegal encampment cleanup activities.</p>
<p>8. <u>Gilroy Chamber of Commerce: Governance Committee. December 10, 2010</u></p>	<p>a. Would like Gilroy to be considered for homeless encampment removal in creeks.</p>	<p>The District concurs with comment and has worked with Gilroy to cleanup illegal encampments on a case by case basis. In addition to expanding the work with the City of San Jose under the existing MOU for illegal encampment clean up, the District could solicit interest from other municipalities interested in entering into similar formal agreements to partner on illegal encampment cleanup activities.</p> <p>There is a need for local law enforcement and social services agencies to help in this endeavor. The City of San Jose provides these services for work done within their City.</p>
	<p>b. Have been hearing same message for 40 years – want to know at what point we just do it. Is this planning effort diverting funding from pure flood protection work to environmental work? Has seen many plans over the years and wants to know if this plan will just be obsolete in five years and stuff just</p>	<p>The plan from the 1950’s includes both the Lower Llagas the Upper Llagas Creek projects. The Lower Llagas Creek project has been completed and provides protection for the Gilroy area. The Upper Llagas Creek project which is scheduled to be completed by 2016 subject to Corps funding will provide protection for the Morgan Hill area.</p>

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	put in will be pulled out. Why not put study dollars into implementation. Nobody is flush with money any more.	<p>The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide the strategic investment of public funds in Santa Clara County over the next 25 years in the areas of flood protection and stream stewardship.</p> <p>It is proposed that the master plan be updated every five years and be reviewed annually.</p>
	c. Llagas Creek is a plan from the 1950's – get some funding and get it done.	The plan from the 1950's includes both the Lower Llagas and the Upper Llagas Creek projects. The Lower Llagas Creek project has been completed and provides protection for the Gilroy area. The Upper Llagas Creek project which is scheduled to be completed by 2016 (subject to Corps of Engineers funding) will provide protection for the Morgan Hill area.
	d. It does not make sense to do a master plan without knowing how much it will cost.	The next step in developing the master plan is to select the potential program which will include recommended projects and programs. Once they are selected then a preliminary cost estimate can be developed.
	e. What is the process for our voices to be heard? What do we need to do?	The Master Plan documents are available on line and comments on this phase of outreach will be received thru December 31, 2010.
	f. What are the specific plans for South County?	Next round of outreach presentations will include specific projects and programs in South County.
<p><u>9. Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting. November 29, 2010</u></p>	a. The Committee requests that the Board consider applying lessons learned from the San Francisquito Creek integrated social service approach to homeless encampment clean-ups.	Comment has been forwarded to the Board.
	b. The Committee requests that the Board Integrate the Water Treatment Master Planning process into the restoration processes in connection with the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.	Comment will be forwarded to the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project team.
	c. The Committee requests that the Board consider adding shading and thermal control for habitat improvements and include seasonal wetlands.	Recommended changes will be added to identified opportunities.

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<p>1. June 2, 2010, Joint Flood Protection and Watershed Board Advisory Committee Coyote Guadalupe/West Valley Lower Peninsula</p>	<p>a. The Committees recommended moving forward with completion of the Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan.</p>	<p>a. Staff concurs with the recommendation</p>
	<p>b. The Plan should include a Cost/Benefit Analysis, and priority scheme for what can or should be done under various funding levels: zero funding, less funding, more funding and similar funding; and that incorporates the needs and concerns of the community.</p>	<p>b. The master plan will utilize project selection criteria approved by the Board, which incorporates multi-objective factors, including economic factors. Please refer to section 3.3 in the draft master plan for more information on the financial analysis assumptions.</p>
	<p><u>Comments Related to Possible Impacts Related to Baseline Program</u></p> <p>a. Anticipated reductions in levels of service in the HAZMAT emergency response area appear to be very significant. This area seems to be too vital to be impacted.</p> <p>b. Reductions in the graffiti and trash removal activities appear to be very significant. Consider making reductions in other areas instead.</p>	<p>a and b: The draft master plan evaluates anticipated impacts to program levels of service due to the sunset of Clean Safe Creeks funding in 2016. Maintaining current service levels in the future may result in a projected funding gap or a need for reductions to other programs.</p>
	<p>c. The Baseline Program may not be financially sustainable in the long</p>	<p>c. The financial analysis section in draft chapter 3 shows that the Baseline Program is sustainable in the long term.</p>

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	d. One of the reasons presented for the Master Plan update is to align Master Plan goals with recently revised Board policy. Explain some of the specific changes that precipitated the changes in Board policy.	d. The Board updated its flood protection and stream stewardship policies in December 2009. At that time, the reduced potential for flood damages goal was further defined to distinguish between natural flood protection activities from activities seeking to reduce potential for flood damages.
	e. The overview of the Master Plan process was high level and more metrics should be added to the Baseline analysis for future stakeholder engagement meetings.	e. The overview provided in the outreach presentation was high level. However, more detailed information, including metrics, will be included in the complete version of the draft report.
	f. Include information related to budget comparisons between the existing program and the overall District budget	f. Comparisons between the existing program and the overall District budget will be added to section 3.3 of the draft master plan.
	<p><u>Comments Related to Possible New Program</u></p> <p>g. Explain how likely it would be for the District to go out to the public with a new funding measure.</p>	g. One of the goals of the master plan is to identify funding approaches once there is a clear understanding of needs and opportunities. The completed master plan will include an implementation strategy, including funding considerations.
	h. Restoration would be a good candidate program element to continue.	h. Staff agrees that restoration is a good program element to continue.

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	<p>i. If a new campaign was to come out of this effort, show the voters why it is so important to maintain existing levels of service and what specific programs are anticipated to be reduced. Pay-as-you-go measure may appeal to voters.</p>	<p>i. Chapter 3 of the draft master plan contains summary tables describing impacts to programs and services after 2016. This information will be used to identify levels of service program options as part of any future funding approaches.</p>
<p>3. June 9, 2010, North County Community Meeting in San Jose</p>	<p>a. Recommend that reservoir and dam maintenance be discussed</p>	<p>a. Reservoir and dam maintenance is managed under the district's Water Utility Enterprise and is funded through water rates. However, where Flood Protection or Stream Stewardship benefits are identified, these will be considered in the master plan.</p>
	<p>b. Describe how funding will be allocated to Master Plan goals. c. Recommend that future measure 'locks down' allocations d. Recommend increasing funding in the current program for creek enhancements and restoration to natural functions.</p>	<p>b., c. d The master plan will identify operational and capital needs over the proposed planning horizon. Funding approaches, including potential revenue sources and resource allocation between the various goals or outcomes will be addressed as part of the implementation strategy based on public and other input.</p>
	<p>e. Recommend increasing creek protection and restoration (streams returned to natural state). f. Recommend including geomorphic channel stability.</p>	<p>e. and f. Staff agrees with the comment. Increasing flood protection has always been our focus in the past. Restoration, or rehabilitating creeks to maximize their ecological benefits, may also contribute significantly to the community. We have started a project to develop a geomorphic database that will be used as the foundation for restoration projects. This effort will continue and be part of the master plan.</p>
<p>June 9, 2010, North County Community</p>	<p>g. Recommend including current program performance evaluation</p>	<p>g. The district currently relies upon an Independent Monitoring Committee for Clean Safe Creeks, appointed by the Board to evaluate program progress and report its findings to the Board and public. Annual</p>

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Meeting in San Jose	(how well the program worked).	reports are available at: http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/MonitoringCommittee.aspx
	h. Recommend making draft reports and work products available to the public prior to stakeholder meetings with adequate time for review.	h. Staff will ensure that work products are available on the district's website two weeks in advance of stakeholder meetings.
	i. Explain plans to move away from herbicide use (vegetation control activities).	i. The District has an internal document that defines the types of herbicides used in maintenance activities. All herbicides used are the lowest order of toxicity and are less toxic than Vitamin A, table salt and other commonly ingested substances. The district's stream maintenance Environmental Impact Report evaluated herbicide use as one of the vegetation management tools. Proper use of herbicides is less environmentally disruptive than other activities such as mowing and hand removal. To replace this low toxicity program with alternative methods such as mechanical mowing and hand removal would increase program costs between five and fifteen times depending on the activity. It also narrows the weed abatement work window from nine months to three months creating resource issues to address the requirements of the program.
	j. Recognize that Pollution prevention/Urban Runoff programs are considered important.	j. Section 3.2.4 of the draft master plan describes the importance of these programs.
	k. Explain plans to move away from herbicide use (vegetation control activities).	k. The draft master plan includes a detailed description of the healthy creek and bay ecosystems programs on pages 3-22 thru 3-33.
June 9, 2010, North County Community Meeting in San Jose	l. Recommend that the Master Plan be evaluated for achieving restoration and enhancement needs.	l. Restoration and enhancement activities are found in section 3.2.3 of the draft master plan
Jose	m. Recommend that regulatory requirements	m. comment noted.

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	for benefits under the Dept of Fish & Game code be incorporated into baseline.	
	n. Recommend that impaired water bodies activities receive increased visibility.	n. The district will use the public outreach and engagement process to address this recommendation. This statement is affirmed by district Board policy objective: 4.2.2 Promote awareness of water quality and stream stewardship.
<p>4. June 14, 2010, South County Community Meeting in Morgan Hill</p> <p>June 14, 2010, South County Community Meeting in Morgan Hill</p>	a. Explain the 10% reduction in sediment removal as part of the Natural Flood Protection goal	a. Currently, Clean Safe Creeks provides 10% of the funding for sediment removal activities. After the sunset of CSC funding in 2016 this activity will be reduced accordingly
	b. Recommend development of two lists: one with the baseline priority work (regulatory requirements, necessary work) and another that is the “wish list” of program activities	b. The baseline analysis identifies programs needed to meet legal and regulatory requirements as well as activities that pose a high risk to the sustainability of the District.
	c. Recommend that the District should focus on the core business (flood protection) and not on other goals such as Trails and Open Space	c. Trails and open space activities are considered a goal according to Board policy and, as such, need to be considered in the master plan analysis.
	d. Recommend that the District be upfront with the voters about funding and the future costs for the program. Any type of increases in any future funding measure needs to be made clear to the voters, including program	d. The District intends to be upfront with the voters and be clear about the language of any future funding measure.

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	cost adjustments intended to account for inflation.	
	e. Provide a clear explanation as to how work is prioritized, including prioritization of sediment removal.	e. Sediment removal criteria is based on maintenance guidelines which set thresholds as to when sediment needs to be removed to restore the creek's conveyance capacity. It is also dependent on where sediment removal activities have historically been conducted. Similar thresholds are established for other activities such as vegetation management and debris removal work.
	f. Recommend that the District present the outreach materials to existing groups and meetings such as the San Martin Planning Advisory Meeting	f. A presentation was made to the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee in August 2010.
	g. Recommend to develop a follow up questionnaire or survey to be sent out to residents to find out why there was not more attendance.	g. Eliciting public input and participation can be difficult. Meeting invitations were sent to 282 individuals actively involved in a local watershed capital projects. Ads were placed in the Gilroy Dispatch, Morgan Hill Times, El Observador, Palo Alto Weekly, and San Jose Mercury News; the District's webpage featured the meetings two weeks prior to the dates.
5. June 17, 2010, Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association	a. What are the plans to go out to the voters to look for future funding?	a. Funding considerations, including potential revenue sources and resource allocation between the various goals or outcomes, will be addressed as part of the implementation strategy based on public and other input.
	b. Explain revisions to board policy referred to in the presentation.	b. The Board changed its flood protection and stream stewardship policies in December 2009 -- the natural flood protection outcome was divided into two goals to separate natural stream functions from criteria used to select flood protection projects
6. July 8, 2010, Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Environmental	a. Discuss the relationship between the master plan and the future funding measure in more detail	a. Funding considerations, including potential revenue sources and resource allocation between the various goals or outcomes will be addressed as part of the implementation strategy based on public and other input and engagement.

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Affairs Council	b. The presentation talks about aligning the master plan with the updated board policies. Explain the nature of the board policies update	b. The Board updated its flood protection and stream stewardship policies in December 2009. At that time, the reduced potential for flood damages goal was further defined to distinguish between natural flood protection activities from activities seeking to reduce potential for flood damages.
	c. Make sure that open space and trails work is coordinated with county parks	c. The existing Trail and Open Space program relies heavily on the County's Trail Master Plan and the expertise of county parks for project selection criteria and grant allocation.
7. Arnie Thompson, Program Director, San Francisquito Watershed Project	a. I represent Acterra's San Francisquito Watershed Project, and we are the leading NGO involved with lower peninsula (including SF Creek) restoration, trash cleanup, education & outreach and monitoring. Here are some comments on the master plan, and I hope the district finds them helpful	a. The district appreciates the efforts of Acterra's SFWP involvement in the Lower Peninsula restoration efforts. Thank you for taking the time to review our preliminary public review draft of the draft master plan. We encourage active involvement of community organizations such as yours in shaping the future direction of our watershed management efforts.
	b. Generally the plan looks really good, considering the challenges of balancing flood control with restoration and public access objectives. We would be delighted to expand our partnership with the district on projects such as those described in section 3.2.4.1. We currently conduct trash cleanups with district support and would like to get more involved with creekside landowners in promoting watershed health.	b. As we develop the needs and opportunities of the proposed flood protection and stream stewardship program, we will consider how we can increase external engagement, communication and collaboration with external stakeholders, organizations, agencies and landowners in meeting the district's watershed stewardship efforts.

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	<p>With regard to stakeholder engagement as described in section 1.7, I would encourage the plan to call for outreach to all watershed groups such as the Stevens & Permanente Creeks Watershed Council and our watershed group, not just groups represented on the Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committees. While we have the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority in our area working with the SCVWD, the JPA is primarily concerned with flood control and does little to address other goals described in the Master Plan.</p>	
	<p>c. I am pleased to see that the plan addresses (section 3.2.3.2) some particularly noxious weeds such as <i>Arundo donax</i> (giant reed) and <i>Delaria odorata</i> (cape ivy). We have both of those weeds in SFC, and while there may be a plan on paper to address them, not much is currently happening on the ground. We would be happy to get more involved in that process. It would be great if SFC could be specifically mentioned in the plan with respect to these weeds.</p>	<p>c. The District will consider how it can increase external engagement, communication and collaboration with external stakeholders, organizations, agencies and landowners in meeting the district's watershed stewardship efforts. The District's appreciate your willingness to become more involved in this process.</p>

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	<p>We support the public comments described in the FPMP document of June 9, 2010.</p> <p>d. Please include my email address for future mailings on public meetings, RFPs, etc.</p> <p>Thank you! Arnie -- Arnie Thompson Program Director San Francisquito Watershed Project arniet@acterra.org 650.962.9876 x310</p>	<p>d. Email information will be included on project' s mailing list</p>
<p>8. Email from Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>a. DRAFT Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan (6/15/10 version). Preliminary miscellaneous comments from Trish Mulvey (7/5/10) Updated 7/6/10</p> <p>b. 1-iii. Cy Mann is an at large Directory county-wide. Delete "South"</p> <p>c. 1-4. Los Altos Hills is a Town (not City)</p> <p>d. 1-4. Sunnyvale East and West are Channels not Outfalls</p> <p>e.1-6. Please avoid dumb acronyms (FPSS, WSI) same comment 3-13 for LOS</p>	<p>b, c and d. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly.</p> <p>e. We will review and revise the plan for readability.</p>

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	f. 1-8. There will be future “opportunities” as well as “challenges” to consider	f. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly.
	g. 1-8. “engagement” is much more than just “feedback” – need to include partnering with communities and individuals to further stewardship	g. Comment well taken. As we develop the needs and opportunities of our proposed future flood protection and stream stewardship program, we will consider how we can increase external engagement, communication and collaboration with external stakeholders, organizations, agencies and landowners in meeting the district’s watershed stewardship efforts.
	h. 2-6. Delete “other” - the District is not a municipality	h. and i. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly.
	i. 2-9. Water Quality is duplicated. Did you mean another term?	
	j. 2-10. A good place to mention sea level rise (see p. 3-47)	j. Comment noted. Sea level rise will be considered as a design factor for projects located in the tidal reach.
	k. 3-14. “newly constructed creeks” is a strange term	k. and l. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly.
	l. 3-15. “LOS may increase or decrease...” is a bit arcane. Maybe “the desired level of service definition may change...”	
	m. 3-28. Is June 2010 the right date for HCP?	m. Future updates to the draft Master Plan will include updated project completion dates as appropriate.
	n. 3.29. Missing completion date for Stevens Creek Corridor Restoration	n. This is not an active project. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly.
	o. 03-30. Is June 2010 the right date for Soap Lake?	o. This project is budgeted on a yearly basis. Future updates to the draft Master Plan will include updated project completion dates as appropriate.
	p. 9-31. Please try using the term “unimproved” for natural creek channels. Similarly “improved” should be avoided	p. Comment noted.

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	in deference to stewardship vocabulary	
	q. 3-36. Need to verify that the “operating project” for the urban runoff program will be completed in June 2014. Maybe the agreement to fund out of Clean Safe Creeks expires with the next municipal regional permit issuance but not necessarily the District dues-share for SCVURPPP	q. Future updates to the draft Master Plan will include updated project completion dates as appropriate.
	r. 3-37. It is likely there will be more TMDLs by 2016, so that should be recognized as a continuing obligation in addition to the Guadalupe (not 0% LOS in table 3-8). This is clear on 3-48	r. We agree that more TMDLs may be listed by 2016. However, in reference to Table 3-8 of existing operating projects, the current project completion date is 2016 as it is funded entirely out of CSC special tax funds. Future program needs related to TMDLs will be evaluated in Chapter 4 – Needs and Opportunities.
	s. N/A. I didn’t find any mention of funding part of the “open space credit” out of watershed operating funds	s. The watershed operating funds do not generally contribute to the open space credit.

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<p>9. Memo from Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>a. Thanks for the opportunity to offer my thoughts on the draft SCVWD Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan. The description of Watershed Based Planning (page 1-5) is nice: “A watershed-based approach to planning supports and guides protection and enhancement of the county’s significant natural resources and flood protection efforts.” This statement needs to be celebrated and used as a guiding principle in weaving a stewardship planning framework that is more than a collection of monitoring and construction projects. The Master Plan needs to be a fabric that weaves together District interests and initiatives into a resource stewarding process for the Santa Clara Valley</p>	<p>a. The district appreciates Ms. Mulvey’s support of a watershed based approach to planning. In the context of the draft master plan, this approach is presented to reflect the district’s vision and mission, which includes watershed stewardship and fiscal responsibility. As we move forward in development of needs and opportunities in chapter 4, and developing a proposed program in future chapters (with stakeholder engagement), we believe that we can realize the planning objectives inclusive of a watershed stewardship based approach.</p>
<p>9. Memo from</p>	<p>b. This Master Plan will benefit from a more integrated approach that engages the broader community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Governments • Parks and Open Space Districts • Regulatory and Resources Agencies • Business, Agricultural, Environmental and Civic 	<p>b. The district agrees that participation from a broad and diverse community base will benefit a more integrated approach to our planning efforts. Taking your examples of various community representatives, we will consider how we can increase external engagement, communication and collaboration in our next phase of outreach.</p>

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<p>Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community “Friends of Creeks” and Watershed Councils • Property Owners • Concerned Citizens 	
<p>9. Memo from Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>c. The Master Plan will also benefit by acknowledging and building on the substantial District investment in previous planning efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan • Water Resources Protection Collaborative Workplan (Proposed) • Proposed Adaptive Management Plan for the Guidelines & Standards for Land Use Near Streams • Stewardship plans and vision statements for the Coyote, Guadalupe, West Valley and Lower Peninsula watershed areas • Historical ecology studies and reports for the Coyote and Uvas/Llagas watersheds • Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative’s “Watershed Action Plan,” and the initial watershed assessment and pilot 	<p>c. We also agree that it is the district’s best interest to use the efforts of previous planning efforts and study reports. This approach not only broadens the array of available information to support future program development, it takes advantage of the benefits of past stakeholder engagement and resource intensive plans.</p>

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<p>9. Memo from Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>watershed analysis reports</p>	
	<p>d. It will be helpful if the Master Plan takes a watershed-based approach to integrating and prioritizing the findings and recommendations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Watershed Total Asset Management Program (p.3-8) • The Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Program (p.3-24) • The Biodiversity Monitoring for the Stream Maintenance Program (p.3-34) • The Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) and the associated Three Creeks Habitat Conservation Plan • The Santa Clara County Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Communities Conservation Plan • The watershed-specific limiting factors analyses piloted by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Plan as well as the Program’s annual water quality monitoring 	<p>d. While we agree with Ms. Mulvey’s suggestion, we did not expect that the results of most of these efforts would be available in time for consideration in this year’s master planning efforts. However, since it is anticipated that the master plan will be updated every five years, any new information may be incorporated during the update cycles.</p>

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<p>9. Memo from Trish Mulvey dated July 6, 2010</p>	<p>information</p> <p>e. Lastly, the pilot stream ecosystem health “scorecard” piloted by the District and the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative for Coyote Creek needs to be updated and expanded county-wide. Then priorities can be established in the Master Plan for a robust, partnership-based “Community Creek Care and Watershed Stewardship Program and Implementation” initiative and for investment in a “Streamside Management Program for Landowners” such as that offered by the Urban Creeks Council (see attached descriptive information for both).</p>	<p>e. The district agrees that an expanded county-wide stream ecosystem health assessment initiative is needed to inform priorities for investments in the planning, management and improvement of stream condition. Under the district’s Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Program substantial progress has been made to develop a scientifically-sound approach and an implementing framework for a county-wide effort that will result in stream condition profiles on a watershed basis. The report will include recommended management actions to improve condition that can then help to establish priorities in a partnership-based planning process. The proposed framework improves upon the “scorecard” approach piloted by the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative in that the approach is more comprehensive and scientifically rigorous while being cost-effective, leverages existing projects and programs, and is based on a standardized methodology enabling statewide coordination.</p>
	<p>f. If you have questions about these suggestions, or need additional background information about any of them, I will be pleased to provide any support I can (along with thoughts about anything I’ve probably left out of this compilation). This Master Plan process is truly an exceptional opportunity for the District to embrace a community-based watershed planning process and to</p>	<p>f. The district looks forward to your continued contributions to our shared master planning vision and related planning efforts. We also appreciate and encourage an increased cooperative effort with our neighborhood and environmental communities to achieve our mutual goals.</p>

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	<p>engage in stewardship partnerships with all of us who have an interest in or influence on protecting natural resources and reducing flood damage.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these ideas.</p>	
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<p>10. Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p> <p>Note: Document was faxed to the District on July 9, 2010 but was not legible. Electronic document was then received by the District on July 13, 2010.</p>	<p>Document faxed on July 9, 2010</p> <p>TO: Santa Clara Valley Water District FROM: Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District RE: Santa Clara Valley Water District Draft FPS Master Plan</p> <p>a. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD), I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan (FPSS). GCRCD staff and I were unaware of the opportunity to comment on this draft of the FPSS until a chance comment from a third party within the past week or so, well after the regular monthly meeting of the GCRCD. These comments therefore represent only a preliminary effort, as the GCRCD Board has not had an opportunity to review or provide input on the FPSS or the comments, due to Brown Act restrictions.</p>	<p>a. The district appreciates Ms. Giberson and GCRCD's involvement in the Coyote and Guadalupe watersheds.</p>
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<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p>b. As a consequence, I write as an individual and thank the staff of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) for graciously allowing these comments to be submitted after the suggested submittal date. As the FPSS is a work in progress, these initial comments are not comprehensive, but nevertheless seek to highlight what appear to be needed amendments in the draft.</p>	<p>b. Whereas the formal GCRC Board did not have the opportunity to participate in the response, we do thank Ms. Giberson for taking the time to personally review our preliminary public review draft master plan. We encourage active involvement of individuals such as Ms. Giberson, and community organizations such as GRCD in shaping the future direction of our watershed management efforts.</p>
<p>Meg Giberson,</p>	<p><u>Ends and Goals</u></p> <p>c. The FPSS should clearly state the three core missions of the District. Section 1.1 of the FPSS, "District Mission", mentions protecting from the "effects of floods" as "one of three core missions of the district." The other two goals do not appear to be clearly stated in the "mission" section. The structure of the document would benefit from such a clear statement. Are the other two missions the quality of living and comprehensive management of water resources? Are "watershed stewardship" and</p>	<p>c. The draft master plan will be revised accordingly</p>

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<p>Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p>“environmentally-sensitive” merely descriptors of the “quality of living” and the “comprehensive management”? The importance of environmental values to the core mission(s) would benefit from such clarity.</p>	
	<p>d. The FPSS contains many examples of “balancing” that purport to establish healthy creek and bay ecosystems. As an example, section 3.2.3 of the FPSS lists three primary objectives of the goal of healthy creeks and bay ecosystems, including “1) to balance water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship functions”.</p>	<p>d. The draft master plan will be revised to address the readability and clarity of terms wherever possible, including the use of an expanded glossary. However, please note that the specific language used to describe the goals of section 3.2.3 (Healthy and Bay Ecosystems) was taken directly from Board policy, as revised on December 2009. One of the drivers for the update of the master plan at this time was to align master plan goals and objectives with recently updated Board policy.</p>
<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource</p>	<p>e. However, what is necessary for the health and environmental protection of natural resources—for healthy watersheds, riparian and bay ecosystems, including native, threatened and/or endangered species—should be defined clearly before being “balanced” with other goals, ends or objectives.</p>	<p>e. The draft master plan will be revised to address the readability and clarity of terms wherever possible, including the use of an expanded glossary. Defining what is necessary for protection of specific systems may need to be determined on a project or watershed basis, and would necessarily involve a detailed and systematic scientific investigation where one has not already been completed.</p>

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<p>Conservation District</p>	<p>f. Without such a clear vision, the balancing that occurs will not be informed by sufficient knowledge, accountability and transparency. The balancing provisions that appear time and again in the FPSS may reflect the goal of integrating various District functions, but by first identifying the various requirements of each District program (healthy watersheds, flood protection, aquatic species protection, water quality protection, sustainability, etc.), the give and take that occurs with the balancing will be more clearly and properly accomplished</p>	<p>f. Comment noted</p>
<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p>g. Where the FPSS mentions its stream stewardship program (section 3.1), for instance, the discussion appears to focus mainly on already-existing programs and does not provide a proactive, environmental, vision for the future. Since the “objective of the FPSS Master Plan is to guide the strategic investment of public funds in Santa Clara County over the next 25 years[,]” the vision incorporated in the document is fundamental to</p>	<p>g. The released public draft of the master plan focuses on the description of existing (not future) programs and the projected impacts in levels of service in light of the sunset of Clean, Safe Creeks funding in 2016. Subsequent master plan chapters will focus on the development of a program to address future needs in the areas of natural flood protection and stream stewardship.</p>

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	<p>important programs that maintain natural resources, including biota and ecosystems.</p>	
	<p>h. Where “levels of service” appears to mean “levels of funding available” for the projects discussed—and where funding for some projects such as the Guadalupe Downtown Flood Protection may end in 2011— the lack of clear guidance as to the importance of specific programs could mean a precipitous end for a number of them.</p>	<p>h. In most cases ‘level of service’ is directly proportional to available ‘level of funding’. The draft public review master plan released in June 2010 was not intended to meet any future funding needs or support (please refer to our previous response (g)).</p>
	<p>i. As a further matter of resource protection, “natural resources” that are to be protected or improved should be defined in the FPSS Master Plan Glossary. For example, FPSS Objective 2 – “Improve watersheds, streams and natural resources” is mentioned several times. “Watershed” is defined; “stream” is a generally-recognized entity, but for clarity, “natural resources” would benefit from a specific definition.</p>	<p>i. The draft master plan will be revised to address the readability and clarity of terms wherever possible, including the use of an expanded glossary.</p>

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<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p><u>Monitoring:</u></p> <p>j. Throughout the document, the FPSS represents monitoring as both a means of meeting stated objectives and standards, and/or as a project or program. Monitoring is a main component, for instance, of the projects and programs to accomplish healthy creeks and bay ecosystems. See Table 3.5, where three out of seven “operations programs as of 2010” and five out of thirteen “operating projects as of 2010” involve monitoring.</p>	<p>J. Some of these efforts are budgeted to a single effort such as the ‘operating projects’ where there is a clear start and end date. Other monitoring efforts are conducted under a broader programmatic budgets and are included in the district’s ‘operating programs’ conducted on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p>k. As the District knows, there has been significant disagreement to date about the effectiveness of monitoring to achieve environmental goals on one or more of the water bodies to be covered by the FPSS. As an example, monitoring of the Downtown Guadalupe River Flood Control Project (DGRFCP) has demonstrably failed to ensure the “objective of ensuring that ecological functions and habitat values affected by the Project [were] reestablished” as it</p>	<p>k. Comment noted.</p>

<p>Meg Giberson, Director Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District</p>	<p>was supposed to do under the Final Implementation Plan for the project's Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (MMP) prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the District (2001). By report, water depth and flow for fish passage in constructed channels still do not meet the MMP goals. Depth and velocity, for instance, need to be met over a four-foot section of stream width, but the constructed two-foot-wide weir slots preclude meeting the fps flow requirements. Further, the DGRFCP Mitigation and Monitoring Reports (MMRs) reportedly contain demonstrably inaccurate information that has nonetheless been continued from year to year. Since the Downtown Guadalupe River Mitigation Monitoring Program is listed as one that "satisfies monitoring and reporting requirements in compliance with the permits issued by regulatory agencies for the Downtown Guadalupe River Project" (FPSS, page 3-24), adequate FPSS language should acknowledge and assess the multi-year failure</p>	
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	<p>of monitoring to capture, and cause amelioration of, the degraded portions of the Downtown Guadalupe River project works. The lessons to be learned from that failure should inform FPSS ends and goals, objectives and strategies/ implementations.</p>	
	<p>i. In conclusion, I'm sure the GCRCD looks forward to working collaboratively with the District on this important document. Please contact us with any further updates or information on the FPSS. Thank you again for the opportunity to address FPSS issues, and for accepting these comments.</p>	<p>I. The district looks forward to the efforts of GCRCD in developing our shared master planning vision and related planning efforts. We also appreciate and encourage an increased cooperative effort with our neighborhood and environmental communities to achieve our mutual goals.</p>
<p>11. July 19, 2010 Water Resources Planning Stakeholder Review Committee</p>	<p>a. Is this project intended to renew the parcel tax that sunsets in 2016</p>	<p>a. This project is intended to develop a long term plan for flood protection and stream stewardship. Funding considerations, including potential revenue sources and resource allocation between the various goals or outcomes will be addressed as part of the implementation strategy of the master plan based on public and other input and engagement.</p>
	<p>b. The proposed schedule for the master plan project appears to be very aggressive</p>	<p>b. Based on stakeholder input, the project team has decided to extend the project schedule an additional six months to allow for additional stakeholder participation.</p>
	<p>c. After reading the draft master plan, I could not find the next set of candidate projects for the Trails and</p>	<p>c. The next set of candidate projects will be identified, where appropriate, as part of Chapter 4 – Needs and Opportunities.</p>

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	Open Space master plan goal	
	d. How will asset management conditions assessments be incorporated into the master plan	d. As part of the development of Chapter 4 – Needs and Opportunities, the plan may define the need for integration of the district's waterways asset management program -which is currently being developed. Since the asset management program is currently under development, we cannot assure at what level of specificity of the program will be incorporated into the plan.

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<p>12. June 7, 2010 email from; Gail & Doug Cheeseman, Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris; Lynn and Dave Torin; Irene Beardsley; Pete Siemens, Ward 1 – Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District</p>	<p>a. Email in support of half of Clean Safe Creeks funding going towards environmental enhancement.</p>	<p>a. Board response:</p> <p>Dear Mr/Ms</p> <p>On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (district) Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your email received by the District on June 7, 2010.</p> <p>In your email (attached), you suggested to dedicate at least 50% of any future funding (following the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Parcel Tax) to address environmental degradation of streams and adjacent banks. Your suggestion has been noted.</p> <p>The District is in the process of updating its Flood Protection and Stream Stewardship Master Plan (FPSS). I am including a copy of the project's fact sheet (http://www.valleywater.org/Services/FloodProtectionMasterPlan.aspx) to provide you with more detailed information about the project. In summary, the FPSS will guide the district's strategic investment of public funds for the next 25 years in matters related to protecting Santa Clara County from flooding and ensuring healthy creeks, bays, and watersheds. Development of the FPSS master plan will also verify and incorporate community values while reflecting changing conditions in economic, technical, environmental, and regulatory arenas.</p> <p>Preparation of the FPSS master plan is scheduled to be completed by June 2011, including stakeholder engagement and outreach. The first three chapters of the draft master plan are available online for public review and comment at http://www.valleywater.org/Services/FPMP/draft.aspx</p> <p>For more information, please contact Luis Jaimes, Senior Project Manager, at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2576, or by email at Ljaimes@valleywater.org.</p>
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