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Title: Board Direction to the BAOs
Category: Ends—Mission and General Principles

Policy No. E-1	Adopted: June 15, 1999 Chair: Larry Wilson	Latest Revision: July 28, 2011 Chair: Don Gage
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Board Officer’s affirmation of official Board action adopting this policy.

The mission of the District is to provide for a healthy, safe, and enhanced quality of living in Santa Clara County through watershed stewardship and comprehensive management of water resources in a practical, cost-effective, and environmentally-sensitive manner for current and future generations.

Accordingly, the Board of the District has adopted directions to the BAOs as to the intended results, organizational products, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what good for which recipients at what costs). In implementing Board directions, staff will be guided by the following general principles:

- 1.1. An integrated and balanced approach in managing a sustainable water supply, effective natural flood protection and healthy watersheds is essential to prepare for the future. *See BAO/CEO Interpretation*
- 1.2. Engagement with federal, state, regional and local agencies, water retailers and the community is necessary.
- 1.3. A net positive impact on the environment is important in support of the District mission and is reflected in all that we do.
- 1.4. A positive image of the District is supported in carrying out the District’s mission. *See BAO/CEO Interpretation*

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Title: Board Direction to the BAOs

Category: Ends—Water Supply (WS)

Policy No. E-2

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Chair: Richard Santos

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Chair: Don Gage

Board Officer's affirmation of official Board action adopting this policy.

There is a reliable, clean water supply for current and future generations. Accordingly, the following goals and objectives are adopted:

WS GOAL

- 2.1. Current and future water supply for municipalities, industries, agriculture and the environment is reliable. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

WS Objective

- 2.1.1. Aggressively protect groundwater from the threat of contamination and maintain and develop groundwater to optimize reliability and to minimize land subsidence and salt water intrusion. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)
- 2.1.2. Protect, maintain, and develop local surface water.
- 2.1.3. Manage, operate and maintain dams and reservoir assets to maximize reliability, to minimize life-cycle costs and to minimize impacts to the environment.
- 2.1.4. Protect, maintain and develop imported water. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)
- 2.1.5. Protect, maintain and develop recycled water.
- 2.1.6. Maximize water use efficiency, water conservation and demand management opportunities. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

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WS GOAL

- 2.2. Raw water transmission and distribution assets are managed to ensure efficiency and reliability.

WS Objective

- 2.2.1. Manage, operate and maintain raw water transmission and distribution assets to maximize reliability, to minimize life-cycle costs and to minimize impacts to the environment. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

WS GOAL

- 2.3. Reliable high quality drinking water is delivered.

WS Objective

- 2.3.1. Meet or exceed all applicable water quality regulatory standards. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)
- 2.3.2. Manage, operate, and maintain the water treatment plant and treated water pipeline assets to maximize reliability, to minimize life-cycle costs and to minimize impacts to the environment. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)
- 2.3.3. Maintain effective relationships with the retailer and other stakeholders to ensure high quality, reliable drinking water. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

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Title: Board Direction to the BAOs
Category: Ends—Natural Flood Protection (FP)

Policy No. E-3	Adopted: December 21, 2004 Chair: Joe Judge	Latest Revision: July 28, 2011 Chair: Don Gage
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Board Officer's affirmation of official Board action adopting this policy.

There is a healthy and safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations. Accordingly, the following goals and objectives are adopted:

FP GOAL

3.1. Natural flood protection for residents, businesses, and visitors [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

FP Objective

3.1.1. Balance environmental quality and protection from flooding. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

3.1.2. Preserve flood conveyance capacity. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

FP GOAL

3.2. Reduced potential for flood damages

FP Objective

3.2.1. Reduce flood risks in flood prone areas. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

3.2.2. Avoid the creation of expanded flood prone areas. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

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Title: Board Direction to the BAOs
Category: Ends – Water Resources Stewardship (WRS)

Policy No. E-4	Adopted: April 20, 2004 Chair: Joe Judge	Latest Revision: July 28, 2011 Chair: Don Gage
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Board Officer's affirmation of official Board action adopting this policy.

There is water resources *stewardship* to protect and enhance watersheds and natural resources and to improve the quality of life in Santa Clara County. Accordingly, the following goals and objectives are adopted:

WRS GOAL

4.1. Healthy creek, bay and other aquatic ecosystems [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

WRS Objective

4.1.1. Balance water supply, flood protection and environmental stewardship functions. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

4.1.2. Protect and improve watersheds, streams, and natural resources. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

4.1.3. Promote the protection of aquatic ecosystem functions. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

WRS GOAL

4.2. Clean, safe water in creeks and bay [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

WRS Objective

4.2.1. Preserve or improve surface and ground water quality for beneficial uses. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

4.2.2. Promote the protection of water quality and stream stewardship. [See BAO/CEO Interpretation](#)

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WRS GOAL

- 4.3. Improved quality of life in Santa Clara County through trails, open space and water resources management *See BAO/CEO Interpretation*

WRS Objective

- 4.3.1. Support additional trails, parks and open space along creeks and in the watersheds when reasonable and appropriate. *See BAO/CEO Interpretation*
- 4.3.2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions when reasonable and appropriate. *See BAO/CEO Interpretation*