

Transparency, Accountability, Roles & Responsibilities in Plan Decisions

Santa Cruz's existing governance provides the structure within which decisions will be made as well as the framework to provide for transparency and accountability as the City implements the Water Supply Augmentation Plan (Plan).

The following entities share in the responsibility to bring the Plan to life:

Roles and Responsibilities

There are several entities with significant responsibilities for implementing and overseeing implementation of the Plan, including engaging in assessments and decision-making about adaptations to the Plan.

- Water Department (staff and its consultants)
 - Implement the Plan and make adjustments to Plan elements as needed to maximize the potential for success.
 - Regularly report on current progress of the Plan, including responding to information requests from the Water Commission and City Council
 - Conduct assessments if and as needed and provide a recommendation to the Water Commission about how best to proceed
 - Appropriately publicize progress reports, assessments and recommendations submitted to the Water Commission and City Council for adaptations to the Plan.
- Water Commission
 - Evaluate materials provided by the Water Department; request any needed additional materials or analyses
 - Develop and submit recommendations to the City Council on how best to proceed based on its review and analysis.
 - Appropriately publicize the evaluation and recommendation process
- City Council
 - Evaluate materials provided by the Water Department and the Water Commission; request any needed additional materials or analyses
 - Consider and, as appropriate, revise the Plan
 - Appropriately publicize the decision process
- Public
 - Attend and participate in public meetings