



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2025

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on January 22, 2025, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Youth Commission Chairperson Niharika Koduru called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 11 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Lorelei Henry and Ishaan Mandala

District 2: Andrew Lomio and Chairperson Niharika Koduru

District 3: Nina Yuan, Parnika Sadhu, and Prathik Janakiram

District 4: Agata Bak and Ellie Zhou

District 5: Aditya Shivakumar

District 6: Jonathan Lopez

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Elena Alegre

District 2: Ca Nha Dang

District 4: Christopher Barsoum

District 5: Daphne Zhu and Grace Liu

District 6: Soleil Hernandez and David Huynh

District 7: Oded Bronicki, Vice Chairperson Maitreya Banerjee, and Dovoan Kim

Directors in attendance were: Nai Hsueh, District 5, and Shiloh Ballard, District 2.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Layla Forooghi, Rachael Gibson, Kristen Yasukawa, Elizabeth Park, and Stephanie Simunic.

Public in attendance were: Anon, Ca Dang, Rebecca Eisenberg, and John Varela.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Chairperson Koduru, seconded by Member Shivakumar, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 20, 2024 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

No oaths were administered.

5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Liz Park led an activity called "Valley Water Sticker Telephone." Commissioners were assigned small groups where they designated a person to memorize the arrangement of Valley Water stickers left in a different room. That person would walk back and communicate to their group how to arrange the group's sticker pile in the same way.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristen Yasukawa introduced Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs, who addressed the Commission. Ms. Yasukawa then spoke relating to the tour program at the Water Purification Center and encouraged the members to share the tour information at their schools.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7.1. UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S PROJECT GROUPS

Chairperson Koduru reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group has created flyers which are now ready for distribution and noted that hard copies and digital copies of the flyer are available. It was further noted that blog posts are in process. Member Lomio provided information relating to the hygiene kit project and how Commission members can contribute.

Member Shivakumar provided information relating to the Education Outreach Program Project Group's various efforts regarding the Valley Water refill station grant program, which provides grants to schools in need of water refilling stations.

Member Zhou reported that the Creek Stewardship and Water Quality Outreach Project Group is planning a visit for the entire Commission to the Valley Water Quality Lab and provided information relating to outreach materials. Member Zhou then noted that a poll will be sent to the Commissioners to choose a tour date.

7.2. REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS; AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission took no action.

8. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

The Commission took no action.

9. ADJOURN

Chairperson Koduru adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: May 29, 2025

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