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Public Art Strategic Plan Community Meeting

Engaging Our Community Through Art

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Valley Water Mission

Providing Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

Clean, Reliable Water

Flood Protection

Healthy Creeks and Ecosystems
What is Public Art?

- Public art is art in public spaces and is visually and physically accessible to the public.
- Public art serves many purposes, including education, raising awareness, environmental enhancement, and more.
- Public art can be temporary or permanent.
- Examples of public art include:
  - Murals: vibrant wall paintings that tell stories or convey messages
  - Sculptures: 3D artworks placed in parks, plazas or streets
  - Digital art: Interactive installations that blend art and technology
- Currently, more than 725 cities, counties and states in U.S. have percent for art requirements. Also, many water agencies.
Valley Water’s Public Art

*Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program*

- Repurpose and beautify Valley Water’s infrastructure
- Engage communities and local artists
- Help to deter trash, debris and graffiti near creek ways
Valley Water’s Public Art

*Pilot Projects: Adopt-A-Benches and Mural*

- Valley Water’s pilot public art projects were completed in collaboration with the Valley Water Youth Commission and San Jose artist Paul J. Gonzalez.

- **Adopt-A-Benches:** Seven benches throughout the County were revitalized with artwork that promoted Valley Water’s stewardship messages and raised awareness of the nearby creeks and native species.

- **Mural:** Visual display of Valley Water’s mission, innovation and diversity at Valley Water’s Headquarters in south San Jose.
Pilot Adopt-A-Benches (2021)

Before

After
Pilot Mural (2022)
Public Art Strategic Plan

Outcomes

• Goals & Strategies
• Program Policies and Procedures
• Opportunity Site Map
• Partners & Funding Opportunities
• Sample Illustrations and Renderings
• Implementation Plan/Timeline

Target Strategic Plan Completion – 2024
Strategic Plan Benefits

- Raise public visibility and understanding of Valley Water
- Engage communities through art
- Foster new community collaborations
- Increase water conservation awareness
- Teach environmental stewardship
- Improve aesthetics of infrastructure
Strategic Plan Approach

QUALITATIVE INSIGHT
- Internal Valley Water stakeholder discussion groups
- External Valley Water stakeholder discussion groups
- Community meeting

SUPPLEMENTAL
- Document review/existing conditions
- Benchmark other US water agency public art programs

QUALITATIVE

QUANTITATIVE

QUANTITATIVE INSIGHT
- Staff survey
- Community survey
- Opportunity sites assessment

Valley Water Board of Directors will be engaged throughout the process
Strategic Plan Timeline

**Phase One**
- Project Start-Up/Industry Research
  - July 2022 to Jan 2023

**Phase Two**
- Stakeholder Engagement
  - Jan 2023 to Sept 2023

**Phase Three**
- Community Input
  - Sept 2023 to October 2023

**Phase Four**
- Public Art Strategic Plan Development
  - Oct 2023 to June 2024

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Community Input

We seek your input on:

• The most important ways public art can make a difference
• The type of public art you want to see in the community
• The best places for public art

We are collecting your input through:

• Discussion during today’s public meeting
• Community survey, open for responses for a month
### Many Approaches to Public Art

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Jeppe Hein, *Appearing Rooms*, London, NYC, etc.

Leandro Urlich, *The Swimming Pool*, Perez Art Museum
Water Mark
Laura Haddad & Tom Drugan
Scottsdale, AZ
Watertower, Tom Fruin, NYC
Diverse Roles of Public Art

Create and enliven public spaces, such as parks and trails

Coastal Baths
SJ Walls
Jacqueline de Leon
San Jose, CA

Provide creative opportunities for youth

Valley Water Youth Commission Paint Day
San Jose, CA
Diverse Roles of Public Art

Raise awareness of the value of preserving our environment

Guadalupe Watershed Education Campaign
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy
San Jose, CA

Beautify spaces where Valley Water has infrastructure, such as flood walls and waterways

Paul J. Gonzalez
San Jose, CA
Diverse Roles of Public Art

Celebrate the diversity of our community

We are Muwekmo Ohleone
SJ Walls
Alfonso Salazar
San Jose, CA

Enhance community pride

Mẹ Earth (Mother Earth) Past, Present, Future
Chopsticks Alley Art
Tuan Tran
San Jose, CA
Discussion Questions

• Examples of public art from anywhere that you like? What makes it special to you?
• What types art would you like to see Valley Water provide to the community?
• What are some specific places you think Valley Water should locate artworks?
• How would you like to see the community involved in Valley Water’s Public Art Program?
• How can Valley Water ensure that its Public Art Program is inclusive and represents the diverse communities within the county?
• Can you suggest any community organizations or groups that could partner with Valley Water for public art?
Community Survey

Please share your feedback by completing the community survey by October 27 at valleywater.org/publicart or by scanning the QR code below:

We appreciate your feedback!
Next Steps

• Community input will be considered for the development of the draft strategic plan
• The draft strategic plan will be shared with interested stakeholders for review and feedback
• The Valley Water Board of Directors will review the strategic plan
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