



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on January 18, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 12 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ana Torrico		
District 2	Emma Gao	Danica Kubota	
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni*	Ivan Zhang
District 4	Agata Bak		
District 5	Pramath Doddaballapur	Daphne Zhu	
District 6	Jonathan Lopez	Nancy Malu Romero Ordoñez	
District 7	Maitreya Banerjee		

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Eileen Tran	Joshua Wei
District 2	Niharika Koduru	
District 4	Bryan Blair	Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati
District 5	Daniel Shih	
District 6	Nilansh (Neil) Dey Ghosh	
District 7	Oded Bronicki	Patrick Van Kerckhove

Valley Water Board Representative in attendance was: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Noemi (Emi) Agagianian, Glenna Brambill, Mitzi Chavez, Andy Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Nick Ingram, Juan Ledesma, Rene Moreno, Michael Ritchie, Clarissa Sangalang, and Sherilyn Tran,

Guest in attendance was: Eleni Jacobson (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition).

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY:

Janet Hedley, Noemi (Emi) Agagianian and Michael Ritchie led the Bingo-getting to know you game.

4A. MANAGER'S REPORT

Sherilyn Tran, Eleni Jacobson, and Rene Moreno reported on:

Eleni Jacobson (Silicon Valley Bike Coalition) reported on:

- Events: Follow them on Instagram noting their events and education-safe bicycling
- January 22nd, in Sunnyvale to Alviso, Baylands Park 10:00 a.m. ride to Alviso Marina County Park to hear about the project to reinforce the levee that is grant funded from Valley Water
- Rides are done quarterly, wheels and waterways events
- March 25th Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (downtown San Jose)
- April event San Jose Conservation Corp TBD

Rene Moreno:

- Our grant application portal is now open for standard grants! This year, we have \$1.4 million in grant funding to support projects that improve water conservation, wildlife habitat restoration, offer access to trails and open space, pollution prevention, and volunteer creek cleanups and education. The Grants & Partnerships Program is part of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, a special parcel tax that Santa Clara County voters passed in November 2020.

Grant applications will be accepted through March 10, 2023.

<https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/grants-partnerships>

Sherilyn Tran reported on:

- Mini grants \$5,000 and bottle refill station
- Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory and Youth Commission is having a "Said Talk" on March 4th via zoom at 3:00 p.m. The topic on water, why it is important to our future, and our commissioners are invited to participate.
- Flood stickers were available to note drought awareness and getting ready for the flood season and to share with your networks.

4B. OES REPORT

Juan Ledesma gave a quick overview of what Valley Water's Office of Emergency Services does during storms (emergencies):

- Keeping the public informed and safe is critical
- Watershed's work in the creeks
- Collaborating with other agencies
- Logging the accomplishments and flood prevention
- How to prepare for floods, spill overs, and storms in general

Director Nai Hsueh and Andy Gschwind were available to answer questions.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Youth Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. It was moved by Vaibhavi Kulkarni, seconded by Pramath Doddaballapur, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 16, 2022, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Youth Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Creek Stewardship Working Group (CSWG):

Nicholas (Nick) Ingram-Staff Lead reported on the next meeting tomorrow (Thursday), January 19th to discuss the work the group has done to support creek stewardship and upcoming events.

Public Art Working Group (PAWG):

Rene Moreno-Staff Lead reported on last week's meeting where the group discussed on the promotional and marketing for the installation of the pilot mural program and agenda for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group (YCSN WG):

Anika Kulkarni reported on launching of the drought drip social media campaign in November 2022, the re-use social media campaign and hopes it will be launched after the February 23rd Job Shadowing Day. Reaching out to other citizen science organizations such as, Grass Roots Ecology and Santa Clara Audubon Society and phone applications such as, iNaturalist and Clean Swell to promote science opportunities to Santa Clara County youth. All information can be seen and shared on Valley Waters Social Media site.

Daphne Zhu reported on, YCSN planning to attend citizen science events in the bay area, highlighting the Bio Blitz Club that creates opportunities to collect local plant and animal species, and scientific data, while spending time in nature

- January 21st Bio Blitz event at Coyote Creek Visitor's Center, Morgan Hill
- February 12th Hellyer Park, San Jose YCSN Working group will be attending
- March 25 Kelly Park, San Jose

others are invited to attend these events.

Job Shadow/Mentoring Working Group (JSMWG):

Emma Gao reported on:

Meeting in November to plan the Job Shadow Day (JSD), February 23rd via zoom, keynote speaker is staff from the Purification Center, reaching out to the youth networks, created a log to track the interests, registration, handing out flyers, help fill out the log and help with outreaching to invite youth to participate.

The Youth Commission had a Breakout Session to help with emailing people in their networks, social media/Instagram/twitter pages, etc. to get others to attend JSD.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

6.2 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Glenna Brambill and Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023, where we will be recognizing the graduating class of 2023.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Anika Kulkarni adjourned 7:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 4-19-2023