



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on February 23, 2022, teleconference via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 16 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ranveer Saini	Ana Torrico	
District 2	Kate Hanson	Niharika Koduru	Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni	
District 4	Anousha Athreya		
District 5	Hillary Chang	Pramath Doddaballapur	Daniel Shih
District 6	Nilansh Dey Ghosh	Luis Hernandez	
District 7	Oded Bronicki	Ye'ela Bronicki	Yehchan Martin Kim

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Jonathan Xia
District 3	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Aroshi Ghosh Lucia Parakh
District 6	David Khoury

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2), and Director John L. Varela (District 1).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Noemi Agagianian, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Mera Burton, Andrew Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Kat Huang, Marta Lugo, Madison Owens, Clarissa Sangalang, and Sherilyn Tran.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Mera Burton introduced Ms. Kat Huang who navigated the interactive activity. Animal Group Quiz via “Slido” and Ms. Ana Torrico had the highest score.

Director Nai Hsueh wished the Youth Commissioners a Happy New Year, a great year, and having a wonderful Job Shadow Day.

Director Barbara F. Keegan wished the Youth Commissioners a Happy New Year and wished the members a great Job Shadow Day.

Director John L. Varela also wished the Youth Commissioners a Happy New Year and was thrilled about being a part of this year’s Job Shadow Day and encouraged them to consider a career in water management. He thanked them for being involved and for their participation.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the upcoming Silicon Valley Water Advanced Purification Center tour for the Youth Commissioners. A doodle poll will be emailed to the members to choose the date and then an invite will be extended to other Youth Commissions and the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Ye’ela Bronicki, seconded by Ms. Anika Kulkarni, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the November 17, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

6. ACTION ITEMS

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

Chair Anika Kulkarni reviewed the below agenda item with reports from the following Youth Commissioners:

The Youth Commission reported on the following Working Groups’ activities:

Creek Stewardship Working Group (CSWG) Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported:

- working on creating two National River Cleanup Day (NRCD) promo videos (Chair Anika Kulkarni participated in the first NRCD 2022 promo video and the communications team is working on editing for launching this year)
- working on the general script for second video (Evergreen) and will record later this year
- provided feedback on the NRCD graphics and planning on how to promote the event for the community.

Public Art Working Group (PAWG) Mr. Martin Kim reported:

- working with Valley Water Staff on the mural design and it will be presented to full commissioners when completed
- Promote and publicize the design on the newly developed website
- Social media showcase video
- Assisting with the Public Arts Strategic Plan

Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group (YCSNWG) Mr. Soren Ryan-Jensen and Ms. Vaibhavi reported:

- Launching Drought Awareness Campaign (Campaign) at the Job Shadow Day Displaying the photos submitted by some Youth Commissioners but everyone still needs to get the message out on saving water
- During the Job Shadow Day the Campaign will roll out and to participate log on at 10:00 a.m. to receive water conservation stickers, go to Instagram following Valley Water and look for drought awareness campaign and tag your friends then staff will follow up so they can receive the water conservation stickers, to enter a raffle to receive a collapsible shower bucket-by resharing and go to question “how you save water every day.” tag Valley Water@SCVWD add hashtag drought proof to complete raffle process
- Upcoming Synopsys Science and Technology Championship in March as Valley Water is sponsoring the Special Awards category and awarding prizes for the innovative water related projects
- Thanks to everyone that have sent in photos so far but those that have not can still submit Campaign photos to email youthcommission@valleywater.org (Social Media Drought Campaign messaging)

Job Shadow/Mentoring Working Group (JSMWG) Ms. Mera Burton reported:

- Job Shadow Day, February 24, 2022, Agenda for the day:
Hosts Commissioners and Planners: Mr. Pramath Doddaballapur, Ms. Lucia Parakh and Mr. Ranveer Saini, Valley Water Staff: Mr. Brandon Adriano-Master of Ceremonies, Assistant CEO-Ms. Melanie Richardson, Board Member with Opening Remarks, District 4: Director. Linda J. LeZotte, Welcome by Youth Commission Vice Chair: Ms. Ye’ela Bronicki, Drought tool kit, Ice Breaker, Special Valley Water Keynote Speakers sharing their Careers: Ms. Lizzie Mercado, and Mr. Steve Twitchell, Break-out sessions Career Professionals: Mr. Ricardo Barajas, Ms. Laurel Hanchett, Ms. Felicia Hernandez, Mr. Albert Le, and Mr. K. J. Scott, Purification Center Tour Presentation by Valley Water Communications Staff: Ms. Gina Adriano, Ms. Paola Giles, and Mr. Matt Keller, Trivia Break, Career Path Discussion, Raffle, Board Vice Chair with Closing remarks, Director. John L. Varela

- Thanked the Working Group for planning the event and looking forward to an exciting event day

Outreach Working Group (OWG) Ms. Anika Kulkarni reported:

- Group has focused on polishing the social media posts used to promotion of Youth Commission events such as, Job Shadow Day (JSD)
- Giving feedback on the promotions, animations, and graphics on the posting as internet stories in spreading the word about the JSD event

The 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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The next meeting is May 25, 2022.

The Youth Commission took no action.

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

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

8. ADJOURN

Chair Ms. Anika Kulkarni adjourned 6:36 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved: 8-24-2022