



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on November 17, 2021, teleconference via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 13 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	
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni	
District 4	Anousha Athreya	Lucia Parakh	
District 5	Pramath Doddaballapur	Daniel Shih	
District 6	Nilansh Dey Ghosh	Luis Hernandez*	
District 7	Oded Bronicki	Ye'ela Bronicki	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Jonathan Xia
District 2	Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Aroshi Ghosh
District 5	Hillary Chang
District 6	David Khoury
District 7	Yehchan Martin Kim

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

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Noemi Agagianian, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Justin Burks, Mera Burton, Andrew Gschwind, Kat Huang, Janet Hedley, Marta Lugo, Rene Moreno, Clarissa Sangalang, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

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. Sherilyn Tran introduced Ms. Lilian Bui and Ms. Clarissa Sangalang, new staff members assisting with the Youth Commission.

Director John L. Varela, spoke on the drought and that water conservation is a new way of life.

Director Nai Hsueh mentioned the drought summit held on October 23, 2021, and during a breakout session it was encouraged to have youth input and engagement and concurred with Director Varela on water conservation and it being a focus for the Youth Commission for the upcoming year.

Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity of Jeopardy. Ms. Mera Burton gave opening remarks and Ms. Noemi (Emi) Agagianian went over the game's ground rules.

*Mr. Luis Hernandez logged in at 6:13 p.m.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the Water Bottle Filling Station and asked for the Youth Commission's input for creative ideas to get a new and fun name for the station. A survey poll will be emailed to the Commissioners for entering their suggested names.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Anika Kulkarni, seconded by Ms. Anousha Athreya, by roll call and majority vote carried, to approve the August 25, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS VALLEY WATER'S DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DROUGHT-RELATED WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

Ms. Neeta Bijoor reported on the following:

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

6.2 BROWN ACT OVERVIEW AND TRAINING

Mr. Andy Gschwind reviewed the agenda item below:

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

6.3 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the agenda item below:

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

6.4 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

- Coastal Clean Up Event, held September 18, 2021
- 14 people attended
- 1 mile covered
- 285lbs trash picked up and 41lbs recycled materials
- 3 Youth Commissioners volunteered and spoke on behalf of Valley Water
Ye'ela Bronicki, Anika Kulkarni and Vaibhavi Kulkarni
- Working Group Meeting set for December 1, 2021.

Public Art Working Group (PAWG):

Ms. Niharika Koduru

- Thanked those that gave feedback on mural designs,
- designer/artist, Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez will be bringing the design for review at next quarterly meeting
- started brainstorming ways to promote the mural paint days in Spring 2022,
- have a website updating the project's progress,
- social media posts, and short video showcasing the project
- anyone that would to assist contact the PAWG

Job Shadow/Mentoring Working Group (JSMWG):

Ms. Mera Burton and Ms. Sherilyn Tran

- JSM Working Group hasn't met yet, however, will be working on planning the February 2022 Job Shadow Day (JSD) the proposed date=February 24, 2022.
- will need assistance in recruiting schools to attend
- send out doodle poll on potential JSD dates.

Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group (YCSNWG):

Ms. Anika Kulkarni and Ms. Anousha Athreya

- November 10, 2021, YCSNWG met and set monthly meetings and discussed roles
- reviewed the 2021 Retreat brainstorming ideas
- goals: to host 1 or 2 Citizen Science Events
- conduct outreach local, national, and international organizations that engage in youth citizen science projects
- promote citizen science opportunities on the Youth Commission micro site
- action Item: the members of the YCSNWG contact an organization that engages youth in science by December 8th meeting

Outreach Working Group (OWG):

Ms. Sherilyn Tran

- noted that this group has 1 representative from each working group, plus commission Chair and Vice Chair
- will work on promoting events/activities such as: Job Shadow Day for social media
- other outreach suggestions

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

9.2 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 February 23, 2022.

The Youth Commission took no action.

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

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

11. ADJOURN

Chair Ms. Anika Kulkarni adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.,

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

Approved: 2-23-2022