



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019
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 February 27, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Visala Tallavarjula called the meeting to order at 6:11 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	Ishita Verma	Serena Wood	
District 2	Kalie Ching	Elise Mullen	Visala Tallavarjula
District 3	Ari Feinsmith	Thomas Nguyen	Yugam Satija
District 4	Adrienne Couteau	Shloka Janapaty	Navya Pariti
District 5	Alden Hughes		
District 6	Hugo Marquez*		
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 5	Arnav Gattani	Michael Zhao	
District 6	Kathryn Bravo		
District 7	Cole Baker	Sofia Ruiz	

*Youth Commission Members arrived as noted.

Board member in attendance was: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Representative.

Staff members in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Rick Callender, Dolores Grissom, Janet Hedley, Michal Helman, Marta Lugo, Janice Lum, Cheryl Togami, Sherilyn Tran, Timothy Tran and Katie Vigil.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

2.1. MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Marta Lugo presented promotion opportunity as part of the public tour program, Valley Water is collaborating with a workforce development organization, NextFlex/FlexFactor, to tailor a day of environmental educational activities for 88 Leland High School students on April 25, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is in the initial planning stages, but aims to include tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, the Water Quality Lab and educational activities to promote career pathways in the water industry.

Since Leland High School is on the border of District 4 and District 7, staff wanted to share this event as an opportunity for the Youth Commission to promote the upcoming vacancy for the District 7 representative. Staff also welcome the Youth Commission's feedback on and promoting this event.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Adrienne Couteau, seconded by Ms. Ishita Verma, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 28, 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

*Mr. Hugo Marquez arrived at 6:15 p.m.

4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Vice Chair Shloka Janapaty facilitated the interactive activity, having the Youth Commission play a water inspired game from Kahootz.

Mr. Alden Hughes was the highest scoring participant.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 UPDATE OF THE ADOPT-A-BENCH ART PROJECT (PILOT)

Mr. Ricardo Barajas and Ms. Katie Vigil reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Ms. Serena Wood, Mr. Ari Feinsmith, Ms. Navya Pariti and Mr. Yugam Satija had the following questions: will supplies be provided, will all Commissioners need to be present, will paint or epoxy be used, how does someone show what people dump into the creeks, when will the design be available and the Commissioners will set the ranking.

The Commission took no action.

5.2 UPDATE ON SYNOPSIS FAIR

Ms. Michal Helman reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Commission took no action.

5.3 YOUTH CITIZEN SCIENCE NETWORK PRESENTATION

Vice Chair Shloka Janapaty reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission broke into groups to discuss this concept. Ms. Serena Wood and Mr. Ari Feinsmith had the following suggestions from their groups: take on TDS in high schools, this is more mature for an environmental science project, pilot project, mapping out locations to choose one, Valley Water doesn't do reservoirs and have one AP school review the plan.

The Commission would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The Commission took no action.

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

Ms. Michal Helman reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Creek Stewardship Representatives, Ms. Adrienne Couteau and Ms. Shloka Janapaty gave an update on the group's meetings and activities.

Job Fair Representatives, Ms. Elise Mullen and Ms. Serena Wood gave an update on the group's meetings and activities.

Job Shadow Representative, Mr. Hugo Marquez gave an update on the group's meetings and activities and working with Valley Water staff for the March 19, 2019, Job Shadow Day. Ms. Dolores Grissom, Director Nai Hsueh and Ms. Janet Hedley encouraged the Commissioners to attend and having their circle of friends come as well.

The Commission took no action.

5.5 OUTREACH FOR VACANT YOUTH COMMISSION SEATS

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Commission took no action.

5.6 REVIEW 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 agenda items were mentioned along with the addition of continuing the discussion on agenda item 5.3: Youth Citizen Science Network.

Also, Mr. Rick Callender noted that the working groups is a standing item and this will enable any group to make recommendations to the full Commission for actions for the Board's consideration.

The Commission took no action.

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

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

7. ADJOURN

Ms. Mera Burton facilitated the adjourning interactive activity with the Commissioners.

Chair Visala Tallavarjula adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

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

Approved: 5-22-19