



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 November 20, 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 Shloka Janapaty called the meeting to order at 6:07 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	Serena Wood	Jonathan Xia	
District 2	Justin Cai	Kalie Ching	
District 4	Adrienne Couteau	Shloka Janapaty	Navya Pariti
District 5	Alden Hughes	Michael Zhao	
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Hugo Marquez	
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki	Sofia Ruiz	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ishita Verma		
District 2	Elise Mullen		
District 3	Thomas Nguyen	Yugam Satija	Disha Yadav
District 5	Arnav Gattani		
District 6	Tammy Cao		
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

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

Staff members in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Tomas Crespo, Janet Hedley, Lizzie Mercado, KJ Scott 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. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Mr. KJ Scott facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners had an Ice breaker activity called “Around the Globe in 50 Questions.” Youth commissioners were asked to pass around a Globe painted ball which had various questions taped to it. Upon catching the ball, Youth Commissioners had to answer any question that is touching their right hand. These questions ranged from, “What is your favorite food dish?” to “Who in your life has inspired you the most?” The object of the activity is to learn something new about each other and create dialogue between all participants.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Mr. Michael Zhao, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Couteau, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 28, 2019, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

5. ACTION ITEMS

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

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

The Youth Commission discussed the following: The Working groups broke out into their respective groups to discuss their ongoing activities before reporting out to the full Commission.

Youth Citizen Science Network Representatives Chair Shloka Janapaty and Vice Chair Nayva Pariti reported on their working groups’ activities with Grass Roots Ecology’s independent events November through January, mini grants potential, a website, recording data on trails, other environmental events and outreach efforts.

Creek Stewardship Representative Ms. Adrienne Couteau reported on the coastal cleanup numbers-including trash picked up and total mileage.

Career Shadowing and Mentorship Representative Mr. Michael Zhao reported on Job Shadow Day tentatively set for the National Job Shadow date, February 4, 2020, change date for more participation if Presidents’ Day/week, will have to do more polling to get an actual date and planning a field trip to the Purification Center, somewhat like the August 2019 retreat.

Ms. Mera Burton introduced special presenter Valley Water Staff, Ms. Lizzie Mercado who reviewed the information as outlined in the agenda. Her experience in college,

interning at Valley Water and then fulltime employment. Mr. Michael Zhao asked about a project she worked on how she fixed erosion of the creek while the water was flowing. Adopt-A-Bench Update, Mr. Ricardo Barajas introduced special presenter Artist, Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez who reviewed his powerpoint information on his many artistic projects throughout the bay area and how he'll incorporate art for the adopt-a-bench project. The Youth Commission will be working with the Artist on the 7 benches with tiles and will have a brainstorming meeting to decide on what artwork will be used for the project.

The Youth Commission took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill and Ms. Mera Burton reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item

Youth Commission (Mr. Michael Zhao, Ms. Serena Wood, Mr. Alden Hughes and Ms. Shloka Janapaty) discussed the following: website, developing a social media tool to inform other youth what the Commission is doing, who would own, update, what would the site contain, pictures of events, job shadowing events, publicity/social media, featuring a youth commissioner. Valley Water Staff will check to see if this is a doable proposal for upcoming meeting.

Ms. Sherilyn Tran and Mr. Ricardo Barajas were available to answer questions.

The Youth Commission took no action.

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

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

7. ADJOURN

Chair Ms. Shloka Janapaty adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom. This date may change because of a conflict.

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

Approved: 2-19-2020