



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018
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 28, 2018, 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 6:15 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	Ishita Verma	Serena Wood	
District 2	Kalie Ching	Elise Mullen	Visala Tallavarjula
District 3	Thomas Nguyen	Yugam Satija*	
District 4	Adrienne Couteau	Shloka Janapaty	
District 5	Alden Hughes	Michael Zhao	
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Hugo Marquez	
District 7	Cole Baker*	Sofia Ruiz*	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Christina Vo		
District 3	Ari Feinsmith		
District 4	Navya Pariti		
District 5	Arnav Gattani		
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

*Youth Commission Members arrived as noted.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Rick Callender, Janet Hedley, Michal Helman, Meda Okelo, Amir Qadir and Sherilyn Tran.

Guest in attendance was: Hon. Forrest Williams.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

There was no one present to receive the oath of office.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Serena Wood, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Couteau, and unanimously carried, to approve the September 12, 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity, having the Youth Commission dividing into groups.

*Mr. Yugam Satija arrived at 6:20 p.m.

*Ms. Sofia Ruiz arrived at 6:29 p.m.

*Mr. Cole Baker arrived at 6:35 p.m.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Chair Visala Tallavarjula proceeded to Agenda Item 6.2.

6.2 YOUTH COMMISSION SURVEY RESULTS

Ms. Michal Helman reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and distributed the survey results.

The Youth Commission took the following actions:

It was moved by Mr. Michael Zhao, seconded by Mr. Thomas Nguyen, and unanimously carried, to approve the survey results report as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Serena Wood, seconded by Ms. Elise Mullen, and unanimously carried, to approve the below four working groups as presented:

1. Mentorship
2. Adopt-A-Creek
3. Job Fair
4. Career Shadowing

Chair Visala Tallavarjula proceeded to Agenda Item 6.1.

6.1 PRESENTATION OF THE ADOPT-A-CREEK ART PROJECT (PILOT)

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and available to answer questions.

Ms. Serena Wood and Mr. Michael Zhao had the following questions: is this pilot open to the public, school groups, other organizations, what does it cost and how are the benches going to be repurposed?

The Youth Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Adrienne Couteau, seconded by Ms. Serena Wood, and unanimously carried, to approve the Adopt-A-Bench Pilot Program as presented.

6.3 SYNOPSIS SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

Chair Visala Tallavarjula reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Forest Williams, Synopsis guest clarified what the Fair does, how the Water District will be involved and was available to answer questions.

Ms. Serena Wood, Mr. Michael Zhao, Ms. Visala Tallavarjula, Ms. Shloka Janapaty and Mr. Rick Callender had the following questions or concerns: Will the Youth Commissioners undertake this as a project, when will this begin, is advertising happening now, monetary incentive, deadline, alternative methods to receive recognition and pre-approvals/impacts?

Director Nai Hsueh gave input on what the Board of Directors' potential commitment level could be for the Science Fair, however, it would have to be decided by the full board.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Serena Wood, seconded by Mr. Michael Zhao, and unanimously carried, to approve touring district facilities, giving public recognition and monetary gifts.

6.4 DISCUSS AND POPULATE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND PROPOSE THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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

Commissioners had questions regarding: meeting frequency, quorum and working groups.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were three action items for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 6.2:

The Youth Commission unanimously approved the survey results and the four working groups as presented:

1. Mentorship
2. Adopt-A-Creek
3. Job Fair
4. Career Shadowing

Agenda Item 6.1:

The Youth Commission unanimously approved the Adopt-A-Bench Pilot Program.

Agenda Item 6.3:

The Youth Commission unanimously approved touring district facilities, giving public recognition and monetary gifts.

8. ADJOURN

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

Chair Visala Tallavarjula adjourned at 7:52 p.m. to the next regular meeting TBD in 2019.

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

Approved: 2-27-19