



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020
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 19, 2020, 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 6:04 p.m.

1.1 /ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 11 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 2	Justin Cai	Kalie Ching	
District 3	Thomas Nguyen		
District 4	Adrienne Couteau	Shloka Janapaty	
District 5	Alden Hughes	Arnav Gattani*	Michael Zhao
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Tammy Cao	
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	Serena Wood	Jonathan Xia
District 2	Elise Mullen		
District 3	Yugam Satija	Disha Yadav	
District 4	Navya Pariti		
District 6	Hugo Marquez		
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh and Director Barbara Keegan Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Rick Callender, Janet Hedley, Marta Lugo, Brian Mendenhall, KJ Scott, Sherilyn Tran and Kristen Yasukawa.

Guest in attendance: Paul Gonzalez

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners worked on a prototype, with statistical numbers in matching information of the answers regarding water involved questions of our plants, trash pickup, rainfall, creeks/reservoirs, board members and recycled water.

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 November 20, 2019, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE AND UPDATE THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM BY EVALUATING A FUTURE FUNDING MEASURE

Ms. Marta Lugo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission (Mr. Michael Zhao, Ms. Adrienne Couteau and Ms. Shloka Janapaty) discussed the following: having different languages, outreach, survey and how could the Youth Commission contribute.

Mr. Rick Callender and Sherilyn Tran emphasized the Youth Commission doing a video.

The Youth Commission took no action.

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

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

Went to a break out session:

Creek Stewardship, the following Youth Commissioners joined: Kathryn Bravo, Ye'ela Bronicki and Tammy Cao.

Youth Citizen Science Network: Justin Cai joined.

Mr. Michael Zhao reported out on the Job Shadow Day, there were 49 students registered and that it begins at 8:30 a.m. February 20, 2020.

Ms. Sofia Ruiz and Ms. Adrienne Couteau reported on the Creek Day Clean up on May 16, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Anyone interested in participating could let them know.

Ms. Sherilyn Tran showed the Job Shadow video.

Ms. Shloka Janapaty reviewed the Adopt-A-Bench pilot program. Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez (Artist), handout out the slides on the 7 bench sites and needed the Commission's feedback.

The Youth Commission (Mr. Justin Cai, Ms. Adrienne Couteau, Mr. Michael Zhao and Ms. Sofia Ruiz) discussed the following: impressed with the overall design was concerned with the natural channel of Saratoga, words of animals not proportionate, species of plants names, heavily used trail on Alamitos, logo should be consistent throughout, sprinkle in some human quality, Uvas Creek ridgeway rail, coastland species may be a better fit,

Director Nai Hsueh was available to answer questions.

Ms. Janet Hedley reminded everyone that the ceramic tiles will be painted during a party gathering and later fired.

The Youth Commission took action unanimously voted to keep the traditional designs. Youth Commission signature should have the actual name and year.

Ms. Kristen Yasukawa reported that the local art commissions had to approve the art work and that she and Mr. Gonzalez would be attending the various meetings to present the work.

There will be a ceremony and ribbon cutting after the tiles are completed.

Justin Cai reported out on the Youth Citizen Network Group and trying to reach out and promoting events.

Mr. Michael Zhao reported on the Grass Roots Ecology event being rescheduled as there has to be a set number of participants.

Mr. Janet Hedley reported that if the Youth Commissioners attend the public event, there is no minimum requirement.

5.3 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 Youth Commission took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported one action item for Board advisement.

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The Youth Commission unanimously approved the traditional design and agreed to have their signature and year on the project benches.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Ms. Shloka Janapaty adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom. This date subject to change.

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

Approved: 5-27-2020