

APRIL 2025

Office of Civic Engagement Monthly Update



EDUCATION OUTREACH

In April, staff reached youth and educators in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 through classroom lessons, assemblies, field trips, and public events. On April 5, staff attended the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Environmental Literacy Summit and hosted an informational table as well as a round table session about Valley Water's Education Outreach Program. On April 10, staff hosted an informational table at the City of Santa Clara's Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration, where over 40 schools registered to participate. Students in attendance stopped by to share how they can save water and received giveaways such as stickers, coloring books, and bookmarks. On April 19, staff hosted a conservation activity table at San José State University's Sciencepalooza, where over 1,000 community members learned about the amount of water used in everyday goods and services.



1,849 youth
12,754 fiscal year-to-date



15 schools
96 fiscal year-to-date



39 classroom lessons
231 fiscal year-to-date



3 assemblies
28 fiscal year-to-date



1 field trip
8 fiscal year-to-date



3 public events
7 fiscal year-to-date



Students take the water conservation pledge at the City of Santa Clara's Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration.



Students participate in the classroom lesson Blue Hen at Action Day Schools in Mountain View.

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

In April, four Adopt-A-Creek partners conducted cleanups in Districts 3, 4, and 5. The combined effort of these cleanup events leveraged 66 volunteer hours and removed 403 pounds of litter from 1.6 miles of creek bank. Adopt-A-Creek volunteers continue to use the Access Valley Water System to report cleanup data, request trash pickup, and communicate creek concerns to staff.

On April 22, the Valley Water Board of Directors adopted a resolution declaring May 17, 2025, as National River Cleanup Day in Santa Clara County. Valley Water, in partnership with the Creek Connections Action Group, is coordinating creek cleanup sites throughout Santa Clara County and conducting outreach to encourage community members to sign up to participate at organized cleanup sites. Over 600 volunteers removed over 17,000 pounds of litter from local waterways during last year's National River Cleanup Day.



1.6 miles cleaned
85 fiscal year-to-date



403 pounds of trash
and recyclables
41,183 fiscal year-to-date



36 volunteers
1,421 fiscal year-to-date



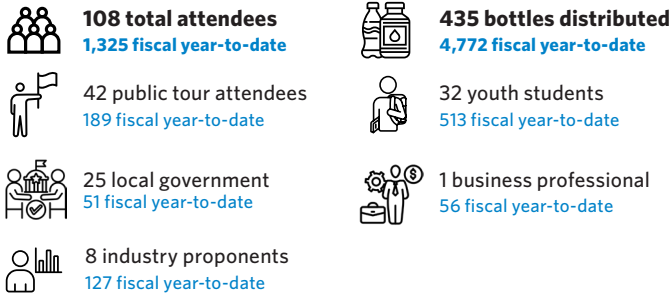
Volunteers from Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group work together to remove trash from the banks of San Tomas Aquino Creek in Santa Clara.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Recruitment for the Youth Commission is scheduled to begin in early May to fill 11 anticipated vacancies for the next school year, with openings in Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. To support a successful application period, planning is underway for a comprehensive outreach strategy, which will include Nextdoor posts, flyer distribution, and targeted social media posts and emails.

WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

In April, staff led six tours at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC). The SVAWPC was a stop in Valley Water's VIP Water Walk Tour, which included 28 elected officials, staff representing elected officials, and key advocacy stakeholders. This VIP Water Walk Tour allowed attendees to see firsthand and better understand the water purification process. Staff also participated in two tabling events celebrating Earth Day on April 22 at San José State University and Kaiser Permanente. Students, health professionals, and patients visited the Valley Water educational tables to learn more about water reuse initiatives and taste-tested purified water.



SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Refill Station Grants

Valley Water closed a \$5,000 Refill Station Grant Project with Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Milpitas. The grant funded the addition of a water refill station to an existing water fountain in the church's Parish Ministry Center. The refill station serves community members during large events where the church previously distributed disposable water bottles, as well as community members who utilize the church's charity services through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



A community member refills a reusable water bottle at the Valley Water grant-funded refill station in Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church's Parish Ministry Center.

Mini-Grants

On April 25, Valley Water attended the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation's Arbor Day Celebration Event in Lincoln Park in Los Altos. The event celebrated the organization's tree restoration and native planting efforts which was partly funded by a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant. There were approximately 55 attendees, including Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey and County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga.



Community members celebrate the 500th tree planted by GreenTown Los Altos during the Arbor Day Celebration event in Los Altos.

LOOKING AHEAD

Education Outreach Programs:

- MAY 1 Guadalupe Elementary School
- MAY 6 Silicon Valley Academy
- MAY 8 Graystone Elementary School
- MAY 9 Santa Teresa Elementary School
- MAY 12 Shirakawa Elementary School
- MAY 13 Sakamoto Elementary School
- MAY 14 Northwood Elementary School
- MAY 19 Millbrook Elementary School
- MAY 20 Da Vinci Academy of Silicon Valley
- MAY 21 Blue Hills Elementary School
- MAY 28 Glen View Elementary School
- MAY 29 Sylvia Cassell Elementary School
- JUN 7 Boys & Girls Club, Alviso Clubhouse

Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center Tours:

- MAY 2 Public Tour
- MAY 10 Public Tour
- MAY 10 Scouting America Pack 794

Youth Commission:

- MAY 29 Youth Commission Quarterly Meeting

Creek Stewardship:

- MAY 17 National River Cleanup Day