

# YOUTH COMMISSION 2025/2026 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting Valley Water occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the Valley Water Board of Directors.

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| 1    | Election of Chair and Vice Chair                                      | 8-20-2025                            | <b><u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u></b><br>The Youth Commission elected Aditya Shivakumar as the 2025-2026 Chair and Ellie Zhou as the 2025-2026 Vice Chair.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2    | Oath of Office - Youth Commission Members                             | 8-20-2025                            | <b><u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u></b><br>Dave Leon administered the Oath of Office to new Youth Commissioners in attendance.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3    | Brown Act Review and Training                                         | 8-20-2025                            | <b><u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u></b><br>Andrew Gschwind gave a review and training on the Brown Act. The Youth Commission took no action.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4    | Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Orientation        | 8-20-2025                            | <b><u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u></b><br>Ricardo Barajas gave an orientation presentation to the Youth Commission along with the expectations and regulations for the Commission to follow when attending and conducting meetings. The Youth Commission took no action.                                                     |
| 5    | Virtual Tour of Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center     | 01-28-2026                           | <b><u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u></b><br>The Commission received an interactive presentation relating to the Advanced Water Purification Center, including a PowerPoint presentation, videos, and interactive worksheets. The members then broke into small groups to design posters to promote the use of purified water. |
| 6    | Review Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, | 8-20-2025<br>9-30-2025<br>10-28-2025 | <b><u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u></b><br>The Commission elected Aditya Shivakumar as Chairperson and Ellie Zhou as Vice Chairperson.                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|      | <b>and the Committee's Next Meeting<br/>Agenda</b> | 11-19-2025<br>01-28-2026<br>05-20-2026 | <p>Chairperson Aditya Shivakumar reported that the Creek Stewardship and Water Quality Outreach Project Group created a series of videos, which began with a visit to the water quality lab, including a chain of custody simulation. A video of the lab day was screened for the Commission. He further noted that the project group hosted a National River Cleanup Day site where 32 bags of trash were collected from the waterways.</p> <p>Member David Huynh reported that the Education Outreach Program Project Group hosted a live informational outreach webinar to provide information relating to grant opportunities to school personnel and students.</p> <p>Member Andrew Lomio reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group is finalizing a blog that will highlight the projects completed by the Commission during the year.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished September 30, 2025:</u></b></p> <p>The Youth Commission held a special meeting to review and vote on submitted project proposals. Following a comprehensive discussion, a straw poll was conducted to gauge overall interest and prioritize options. Each commissioner identified their top three preferred projects by placing up to three dot stickers on a board corresponding to project titles. Based on this process, the Youth Commission selected and approved the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One Water Pitch</b></li> <li>• <b>Data Accessibility Project</b></li> <li>• <b>Creekside Community Care Project</b></li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the Youth Commission reviewed and accepted the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report and agreed to forward the report to the Board of Directors for consideration.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished October 28, 2025:</u></b></p> |

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|      |                                                                    |                                        | <p>The Board received the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report and recognized the 2025 Outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members.</p> <p>The Valley Water Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Work Plan, which includes the Youth Commission's project recommendations submitted on September 30, 2025.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u></b><br/>Chairperson Shivakumar noted that the Board of Directors approved the 2025-2026 Work Plan. Without discussion, the Commission took no action.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u></b><br/>Dave Leon informed the members that the April 29, 2026 meeting was rescheduled to May 20, 2026 as a result of the poll sent to the members to choose a new meeting date. Without discussion, the Commission took no action.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u></b><br/>Without discussion, the Commission took no action.</p> |
| 7    | Youth Commission Annual Retreat                                    | 8-23-2025                              | <p><b><u>Accomplished August 23, 2025:</u></b><br/>The Youth Commission attended the Annual Youth Commission Retreat via Zoom. The Youth Commission participated in various interactive activities to get to know each other and learn about Valley Water.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8    | One Water Pitch: A Youth Video Competition on Water Sustainability | 11-19-2025<br>01-28-2026<br>05-20-2026 | <p><b><u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u></b><br/>Member Sadhu reported that the One Water Pitch Project Group has outlined the structure and rules of tentative video competition guidelines, including video length and a focus on creativity, and separate categories for middle school and high school entrants. She further noted that the competition is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-February 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|      |                                                                                                                        |                                        | <p><b><u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u></b><br/>Member Anand reported that the One Water Pitch Project Group is working on fliers and social media posts while waiting for approvals relating to prizes and competition prompts.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u></b><br/>Member Anand stated that the One Water Pitch Project Group concluded its video contest on April 23. She noted that 12 students submitted seven videos, which were evaluated by Commissioners and subject matter experts, and announced the winners at the middle school and high school levels, stating that the winners have been notified prizes will be mailed to them.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9    | <b>Data Accessibility Project, based on Water Watch, Microplastic Interception Program and Trash Pollution Heatmap</b> | 11-19-2025<br>01-28-2026<br>05-20-2026 | <p><b><u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u></b><br/>Member Soni reported that the Data Accessibility Project Group outlined the revised project to include two main components: a trash and water quality heat map using existing Valley Water data, and educational workshops supported by low-water testing kits, as well as a social media presence.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u></b><br/>Vice Chairperson Zhou reported that the Data Accessibility Project Group is exploring opportunities to present at the Los Altos High School Green Schools event and the Fremont Union High School District Climate Collective. She further noted that the Working Group is hosting a site for National River Cleanup Day.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u></b><br/>Member Cheung reported that the Data and Accessibility Project Group collected 56.7 pounds of trash on National River Cleanup Day at the Alviso Slough.</p> |

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| 10   | Creekside Community Care Project,<br>with elements from Providing Safe<br>Drinking Water | 11-19-2025<br>01-28-2026<br>05-20-2026 | <p><b><u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u></b><br/>Member Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group discussed a list of items to be included in the hygiene kits including emergency blankets, flashlights, and safety items including handouts with hotlines. She further reported that a proposed budget was sent to the Bill Wilson Center, and that \$2,500 is needed to enable the purchase of the items.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u></b><br/>Member Doyoon Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group assembled hygiene kits to be donated to the Bill Wilson Center. Ricardo Barajas noted that the City of San Jose donated 40 extra kits, as well as blankets and socks.</p> <p><b><u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u></b><br/>Member Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Project Group concluded its work on the hygiene kit project, and the group created a video that was used in Commission recruitment efforts.</p> |
| 11   | Recognition of Outgoing Youth<br>Commission Members                                      | 05-20-2026                             | <p><b><u>2026 Youth Commission Graduates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ishaan Mandala - District 1 (Director Varela)</li> <li>• Aadrit Talukdar - District 1 (Director Varela)</li> <li>• Abigail Ha-Neul Kim - District 1 (Director Varela)</li> <li>• Andrew Lomio - District 2 (Director Ballard)</li> <li>• Alonso Jose - District 2 (Director Ballard)</li> <li>• Betaleme (Betty) Berhanu - District 2 (Director Ballard)</li> <li>• Agata Bak - District 4 (Director Beall)</li> <li>• Aditya Shivakumar - District 5 (Director Hsueh)</li> <li>• David Nguyen Huynh - District 6 (Chair Estremera)</li> <li>• Sinit Hadgu - District 6 (Chair Estremera)</li> <li>• Doyoon Kim - District 7 (Director Eisenberg)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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