

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

In June, seven Adopt-A-Creek Program partners conducted cleanups. Their combined effort contributed 147 volunteer service hours to remove approximately 489 pounds of litter from the banks of Calabazas Creek, Guadalupe Creek, San Tomas Aquino Creek, Saratoga Creek, and McClellan Groundwater Recharge Ponds. Adopt-A-Creek volunteers continue to use the Access Valley Water system to report cleanup results, request trash pickup, and report large debris and other concerns related to creeks.



3 miles cleaned
197 fiscal year-to-date



489 pounds of trash and recyclables
53,326 fiscal year-to-date



82 volunteers
3,453 fiscal year-to-date



Volunteers show off litter collected from the banks of San Tomas Aquino Creek.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

In June, staff engaged youth from TK to 6th grade through summer programs and camps in partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs, 4-H, the City of Santa Clara, and the City of Los Altos. At Boys and Girls Clubs, students learned about our local water supply and the importance of purified water as a future water source through *The Water We Share* lesson. At the Cities of Santa Clara and Los Altos summer camps, students created 3-D maps of landforms and bodies of water, then discussed the importance of keeping watersheds clean in the *Watershed Maps* lesson.



290 youth
9,372 fiscal year-to-date



7 summer programs
21 fiscal year-to-date



Students at Boys and Girls Club Alviso learn about where local water comes from during *The Water We Share* lesson.

WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

In June, staff continued to engage the public and Valley Water partners through tours, events, and purified water outreach activities. At the annual Live Town Hall event, employees learned about purified water while enjoying popsicles made from it.

On June 20, 2026, Director Ballard and Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens hosted a community town hall at the UC Santa Cruz extension campus in Santa Clara. The event featured Valley Water's purified water, and attendees sampled agua frescas made with purified water and learned about the purification process. During the event, 43 attendees sampled agua frescas and 10 attendees received purified demonstration water.



Director Ballard and Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens sample agua frescas made with purified water at the Community Town Hall.

Throughout the month, staff welcomed visitors to the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for in-person tours and continued outreach efforts to increase awareness and understanding of purified water and local water supply reliability. Altogether, 68 attendees participated in tours and 496 bottles of purified water were distributed through outreach activities.



39 public tour attendees
444 fiscal year-to-date



18 university students
253 fiscal year-to-date



10 industry proponents
65 fiscal year-to-date



68 total attendees
1,677 fiscal year-to-date



1 educator
124 fiscal year-to-date



496 bottles distributed
2,524 current year-to-date

SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Refill Station Grants

Closeouts:

- City of Gilroy – Refill Station Grant Project:**

Through three \$5,000 FY 2025 Refill Station Grants, the City of Gilroy installed water refill stations at its Sunrise, Las Animas, and Chestnut Fire Stations, all publicly accessible facilities. Since installation, these refill stations have saved approximately 900 bottles of water.

- Roman Catholic Bishop of San José – Refill Station Grant Project:**

Through a \$5,000 FY 2025 Refill Station Grant, the Roman Catholic Bishop of San José installed a water refill station at St. John Vianney Parish, in a publicly accessible location. Since installation, the refill station has saved 470 bottles of water.

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Standard Grants

On June 23, the Board approved four new FY 2026 Standard Grant applications for a total of \$1.78 million through Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

The Board also approved allocating the total remaining funds to the FY 2027 Mini-grant (\$73,240) and Refill Station Grant (\$20,000) Programs due to their increasing popularity. In FY 2026, Valley Water awarded 17 mini-grants and 21 refill station grants, a record for both programs.

Standard Grant Awards:

- **City of Cupertino – Lawrence-Mitty Park and Trail Project (\$500,000)**
- **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District – Santa Cruz Kangaroo Rat Habitat Management Plan Implementation (\$500,000)**
- **Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency – Pajaro River Riparian and Floodplain Restoration Project (\$500,000)**
- **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority – Green Line Water Conservation Landscaping and Pocket Forests (\$276,760)**

Closeouts:

- **West Valley Stormwater Authority – School Site Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans Project:**
Through a \$35,088 FY 2020 Safe, Clean Water Program Standard Grant, West Valley Stormwater Authority successfully delivered an educational curriculum for Westmont High School in Campbell. The curriculum included hands-on water quality and stormwater activities, such as runoff testing, trash assessments, and development of site-specific best practices. Additionally, they engaged youth commissions in the City of Campbell, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, and the Town of Los Gatos in implementing a stormwater pollution prevention project.



17 Mini-Grants FY 2026
\$170,000 awarded



21 Refill Station Grants FY 2026
\$105,000 awarded



4 Standard Grants FY 2026
\$1,776,760 awarded

WATER 101 ACADEMY

On June 4, the Water 101 Academy held an in-person graduation ceremony, where 18 participants received certificates of completion and officially became Water Ambassadors. Director Hsueh provided opening remarks. Participants learned about the work of External Affairs and were given ideas about how they can advocate as ambassadors. They also participated in a networking mixer after the formal program. The graduates shared positive feedback on their academy experience at the graduation event.



Water 101 Academy Graduates engage with fellow Water Ambassadors during the networking mixer.

WATER RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In June, WRAP assisted 200 households by paying water bills totaling \$70,403.



200 households assisted
1,525 fiscal year-to-date



\$70,403 paid
\$616,853 fiscal year-to-date

LOOKING AHEAD

Creek Stewardship:

AUG 28 Volunteer Recognition Night at the San José Giants

SVAWPC Tours and Presentations:

JULY 9 West Valley Stormwater Authority

JULY 10 Public Tour

JULY 11 Public Tour

JULY 14 Independence High School Private Tour

JULY 14 Estuary Youth Council

JULY 16 Valley Water New Hire Fun Bus Tour

JULY 29 San José Conservation Corps

Education Outreach Programs:

JULY 2 Boys and Girls Club: Rocketship Discovery Prep

JULY 6 Central High School

JULY 8 Bright Horizons at South Mountain View

JULY 9 Boys and Girls Club: Alum Rock

JULY 10 Emma Prusch Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp

JULY 13 Southwest YMCA

JULY 15 Stratford Schools Los Gatos

JULY 16 Boys and Girls Club: Smythe

JULY 20 Neighborhood Christian Center

JULY 23 Boys and Girls Club: El Toro

Youth Commission:

AUG 26 Youth Commission First Quarterly Meeting

AUG 29 Youth Commission Retreat