

## CREEK STEWARDSHIP

In March, five Adopt-A-Creek partners conducted cleanups in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. These cleanups leveraged 86 volunteer hours to remove a total of 918 pounds of litter from the banks of Guadalupe River, San Tomas Aquino Creek, Permanente Creek, and Calabazas Creek.



4 miles cleaned  
83 fiscal year-to-date



918 pounds of trash and recyclables  
40,780 fiscal year-to-date



64 volunteers  
1,389 fiscal year-to-date



*Adopt-A-Creek volunteers from Shockwave Medical Corporation celebrate their cleanup along the banks of San Tomas Aquino Creek in Santa Clara.*

## EDUCATION OUTREACH

In March, staff reached youth and educators in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 through classroom lessons and assemblies. Students in kindergarten through second grade learned how to stay safe during flood season and how to pack their own emergency preparedness backpacks at home.



1,356 youth  
9,432 fiscal year-to-date



13 schools  
81 fiscal year-to-date



32 classroom lessons  
191 fiscal year-to-date



3 assemblies  
25 fiscal year-to-date



*First-grade students at Bertha Taylor Elementary School in San José learn about how to stay safe during flood season.*

## WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

In March, staff hosted several tours for upper elementary, middle school, high school, and college students. The month began with a tour for a graduate wastewater class at Stanford University and students from San José City College. Staff also conducted a tour for the San José Conservation Corps and the Valley Water New Hire Fun Bus. The month concluded with a tour for PureWater Peninsula Parties and a presentation at the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility for Evergreen Valley College students.



311 total attendees  
1,364 fiscal year-to-date



418 bottles distributed  
4,337 fiscal year-to-date



27 public tour attendees  
230 fiscal year-to-date



169 youth students  
375 fiscal year-to-date



37 Valley Water staff  
37 fiscal year-to-date



47 university students  
691 fiscal year-to-date



20 community organization members  
20 fiscal year-to-date



11 industry proponents  
11 fiscal year-to-date

## YOUTH COMMISSION

In March, the Youth Commission (YC) toured the Water Quality Lab at Valley Water Headquarters. They learned how the lab is responsible for ensuring that the drinking water that Valley Water provides meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water standards. After the tour, the YC participated in a chain of custody activity to learn how water samples are tracked. The YC will use what they learned to create videos that showcase their visit to the lab, share where the community can find their water quality data, and highlight frequently asked questions about water quality.



*The Youth Commission tours the Water Quality Lab at Valley Water Headquarters.*

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

On March 26, Valley Water hosted the first of two Santa Clara County CRS Users Group/Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee meetings. There were 26 participants, with staff representing 11 local jurisdictions and Valley Water. This meeting focused on program updates, flood-preparedness outreach initiatives, and kicking off the PPI Annual Report process. The next meeting will be held in May.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Refill Station Grants

Valley Water closed a Refill Station Grant with the California State PTA after it completed the installation of a water bottle refill station at Pearl Zanker Elementary School in Milpitas. The station replaced an outdated drinking fountain that was not used by students or community members during events. The new dual-function refill station allows users to drink from the fountain and refill their water bottles. It provides safe, clean drinking water to visitors, staff, and more than 600 students in transitional kindergarten through 6th grade.



Through a refill station grant, a drinking water fountain was replaced with a dual-function water refill station at Pearl Zanker Elementary School in Milpitas.

Mini-Grants

In March, Valley Water awarded two mini-grants:

- Compasspoint Mentorship was awarded \$10,000 for their Coyote Watershed Exploration and Education Project, which will help fund youth summer camp with water-focused educational activities and field trips.
- The Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort was awarded \$10,000 for its Strengthening Community Resilience, Environmental Stewardship, and Water Sustainability Project, which supports water conservation and flood preparedness in underserved areas of Santa Clara County.

Standard Grants

Standard Grant applications for the FY 2025 Standard Grant Cycle closed on Friday, March 28. In April, the grant evaluation panels will review and score the 42 applications received. The evaluation panel's funding recommendations will be presented to the Valley Water Board of Directors for approval in June.

LOOKING AHEAD

Education Outreach Programs:

APR 8

Stipe Elementary School

APR 9

Anthony Spangler Elementary School

APR 10

City of Santa Clara Earth Day

APR 14

Evergreen Elementary School

APR 16

Campbell School of Innovation

APR 17

Bean in Nature Outdoor Program

APR 19

Sciencepalooza at San José State University

APR 21

Mountain View Action Day School

APR 22

Alexander Rose Elementary School

APR 23

Briarwood Elementary School

APR 24

Tesselations School

APR 28

Nimitz Elementary School

APR 29

Del Roble Elementary School

APR 30

Briarwood Children's Center

Purification Center Tours and Presentations:

APR 3

The Girls' Middle School

APR 3

Da Vinci Academy

APR 4

Public Tour

APR 11

Valley Water's VIP Water Walk Tour

APR 12

Public Tour

APR 30

Almaden Lions Club