

JUNE 2025

Office of Civic Engagement Monthly Update



EDUCATION OUTREACH

In June, staff reached youth and educators in Districts 1, 3, and 6 through summer programming with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley. Students participated in interactive lessons covering topics about steelhead trout, the water cycle, watersheds, and purified water through The Water We Share lesson.



184 youth
12,823 fiscal year-to-date



6 classroom lessons
271 fiscal year-to-date



Students take part in a hands-on lesson at Escuela Popular in San Jose during summer programming.

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

In June, four Adopt-A-Creek partners conducted cleanups in Districts 2 and 4. Their combined efforts leveraged 54 volunteer hours to remove an estimated 700 pounds of litter from 2.5 miles of creeks along Ross Creek, Saratoga Creek, Guadalupe Creek, and the Guadalupe River. Adopt-A-Creek partners continue to use the Access Valley Water system to request trash pickup and report other creek-related concerns.



2.5 miles cleaned
162 fiscal year-to-date



700 pounds of trash and recyclables
67,550 fiscal year-to-date



26 volunteers
2,362 fiscal year-to-date

WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

In June, staff led four tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, welcoming attendees ranging from a youth group, industry proponents, and other community members.

Staff also distributed purified water demonstration bottles at events. Internally, bottles were distributed at Valley Water's Live Town Hall, the PRIDE Flag Raising, the Juneteenth event hosted by the Association of Black Employees and

the Network and Activities for Parents, the Summer Intern Scavenger Hunt, and the Summer Intern Stories: Student Panel. Bottles were distributed to the public in partnership with the Office of Government Relations at the Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival, iWEPA! FEST 2025, and the African American Community Service Agency's 44th Annual Juneteenth in the Streets Festival. Altogether, staff distributed 1,026 purified water bottles.



78 total attendees
1,567 fiscal year-to-date



1,026 bottles distributed
7,028 fiscal year-to-date



35 public tour attendees
262 fiscal year-to-date



26 youth students
569 fiscal year-to-date



17 industry proponents
239 fiscal year-to-date



Silicon Valley Tech Academy students learn about water purification during a Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center tour.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Refill Station Grants

Valley Water closed two Refill Station Grants with the Morgan Hill Unified School District after it completed the installation of water bottle refill stations at San Martin/Gwinn Elementary School in San Martin and Ann Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill. Combined, the two stations provide access to clean water for over 2,150 students.

Valley Water also closed a Refill Station Grant with the Silicon Valley Academy Project, resulting in the installation of the school's first-ever bottle refill station. This station enhanced access to clean drinking water for over 200 students and helped reduce plastic waste, with more than 500 plastic bottles saved within the first two months of use.

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Additionally, a Refill Station Grant was completed with the Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center, where a new station was installed in an area that previously lacked accessible drinking water infrastructure. The refill station now serves more than 10,000 users annually, offering a convenient and sustainable hydration option for visitors and athletes.



Through a refill station grant, a new water refill station was installed at San Martin/Gwinn Elementary School in San Martin, providing clean water to students and staff.

Mini-Grants

In June, Valley Water awarded the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council a \$10,000 Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant to support its annual stewardship event, Ridge Trail Service Day. The event will mobilize over 300 volunteers to build and maintain more than 10 miles of trails while promoting conservation and habitat restoration. This project will focus on two sites in Santa Clara County: Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve in Morgan Hill and the Skyline Trail in Sanborn County Park, Saratoga. Additional activities include native planting, weeding and removing invasive plants, decommissioning trails, and clearing debris.

Standard Grants

On June 5, Valley Water's District 4 Director Jim Beall and grants staff attended West Valley Stormwater Authority's Stormwater Quality Leadership Presentation event at Rolling Hills Middle School in Los Gatos. Approximately 25 students presented on a campuswide stormwater pollution prevention program that they implemented during the school year. Other special guests included City of Campbell Vice Mayor Dan Furtado and City of Campbell Councilmember Terry Hines. This event was part of the West Valley Stormwater Authority's School Site Stormwater Quality Leadership Program Project, which was awarded \$44,000 in funding through the FY 2023 Safe, Clean Water F9 Standard Grant Program.

On June 24, the Board of Directors unanimously awarded 13 standard grants for a total amount of \$1.84 million as part of the FY2025 Safe, Clean Water Standard Grants Program. The grants will fund community-led projects that support Valley Water's mission of providing safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship to Santa Clara County.

LOOKING AHEAD

Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center Tours:

- JULY 2 San José Conservation Corps + Charter School
- JULY 7 Ignited Industry Experience Week
- JULY 9 Public Policy Institute of California
- JULY 10 American Association of University Women Tech Trek
- JULY 11 Public Tour
- JULY 12 Public Tour
- JULY 15 Valley Water Summer Interns Fun Bus
- JULY 16 San José City College Biology Class
- JULY 22 San José Conservation Corps + Charter School
- JULY 23 Gilroy Unified School District
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- JULY 24 Valley Water and City of San José Legal Staff
- JULY 25 Almaden Lions Club

Education Outreach Programs:

- JULY 7 Surakshacares
- JULY 8 Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Alum Rock Clubhouse
- JULY 9 Compasspoint Mentorship
- JULY 14 Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse
- JULY 16 Compasspoint Mentorship
- JULY 17 Bascom Branch Library
- JULY 21 Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Levin Clubhouse
- JULY 22 Almaden Branch Library
- JULY 23 Compasspoint Mentorship
- JULY 24 Alviso Branch Library