



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, November 19, 2025**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on November 19, 2025, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Youth Commission Chairperson Aditya Shivakumar called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with 12 members present.

**Members in attendance were:**

District 2: Alonso Jose and Andrew Lomio

District 3: Prathik Janakiram, Parnika Sadhu, and Nina Yuan

District 4: Bryce Chen

District 5: Chairperson Aditya Shivakumar and Ethan Cheung

District 6: Ruhan Upreti, Sinit Hadgu and David Huynh

District 7: Doyoon Kim

**Members not in attendance were:**

District 1: Aadrit Talukdar, Ishaan Mandala and Abigail Ha-Neul Kim

District 2: Betalem Berhanu

District 4: Agata Bak

Vice Chairperson Ellie Zhou and Members Simran Soni, Ishika Anand, and Mina Van Roy arrived as noted below.

Directors in attendance were: Director Shiloh Ballard, District 2.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Dave Leon, Liz Park, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Members of the public in attendance were: Anon.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

There was no one who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**3.1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Member Anand arrived at 6:04 p.m., and Member Soni arrived at 6:05 p.m.

It was moved by Member Kim, seconded by Chairperson Shivakumar, and unanimously carried, to approve the September 30, 2025 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

**4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY**

The Members participated in an interactive game of Bingo.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**5.1. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S PROJECT GROUPS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AS NECESSARY.**

Recommendation: Receive updates from project groups, staff and make recommendations to the Board, as necessary.

Vice Chairperson Zhou and Member Van Roy arrived at 6:15 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

The Commission viewed videos relating to water taste and odor facts and where to find water quality reports.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

**5.2. REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS; AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA.**  
Recommendation: Review the Youth Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation and make recommendations as necessary.

Chairperson Shivakumar noted that the Board of Directors approved the 2025-2026 Work Plan.

Without discussion, the Commission took no action.

**6. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Kristen Yasukawa reported that a virtual tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center will be presented at the January Commission meeting.

**7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Without discussion, the Commission took no action.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Shivakumar adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:

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