

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

In March, 12 Adopt-A-Creek volunteers conducted cleanups. Their combined effort contributed 316 volunteer service hours to remove approximately 1,956 pounds of litter from the banks of San Tomas Aquino Creek, Stevens Creek, Saratoga Creek, Lower Silver Creek, and others. 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.

	6.2 miles cleaned 111.82 fiscal year-to-date		1,956 pounds of trash and recyclables 37,073 fiscal year-to-date
	145 volunteers 2,450 fiscal year-to-date		



Teen volunteers and their mothers with the Young Men's Service League help clean Stevens Creek in Mountain View.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

In March, staff reached students in kindergarten through eighth grade through classroom lessons. Students at the French American School of Silicon Valley in Santa Clara learned about the importance of purified water to our local water supply and created posters that shared their knowledge about purified water as a part of *The Water We Share* lesson. Their educational posters featured astronauts and superheroes and emphasized the safety and reliability of purified water.

	660 youth 6,637 fiscal year-to-date		33 classroom lessons 170 fiscal year-to-date
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WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

In March, staff hosted 12 tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC). Attendees included students, industry proponents, local government, and other members of the public. Staff collaborated with internal units to provide purified water programming for Valley Water staff. High school interns from Valley Water's NextGen Career Pathways visited the SVAWPC and completed *The Water We Share* activity. Staff partnered with the Asian Pacific Resources Group, Indo-American Association, and Women of Water, to provide purified water beverages and education at their Asian New Year and Women's History Month events. Additionally, staff attended the 2026 WaterReuse Symposium



Staffers from the Office of Congressman Ro Khanna toast to purified water after a tour of the SVAWPC.

in Los Angeles, CA where they co-facilitated a session titled, "The Ripple Effect: Turning Community Engagement into Project Momentum." In this session, staff highlighted the robust tour program, engagement metrics, and youth programming. For its efforts, Valley Water received the Outreach and Education award from the WaterReuse Association.

	31 public tour attendees 328 fiscal year-to-date		12 industry proponents 40 fiscal year-to-date
	96 students & educators 780 fiscal year-to-date		9 local government 36 fiscal year-to-date
	856 bottles distributed 1,074 fiscal year-to-date		148 total attendees 1,352 fiscal year-to-date

YOUTH COMMISSION

In March, the Youth Commission successfully launched its first video contest for middle and high school students, focused on water conservation. The initiative encourages students to showcase their creativity while promoting stewardship of this critical resource. Participants have been invited to produce 20-60 second videos that deliver a fresh, youth-driven message aimed at motivating their peers to take action. The contest will recognize the top three submissions in both the middle and high school categories. The submission deadline is April 23 at 5:00 p.m.



Youth Commission Video Contest Flyer.

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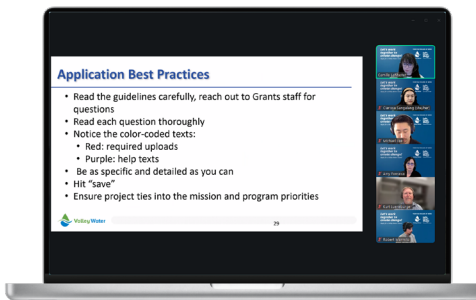
SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Refill Station Grants

Closeouts:

- **AchieveKids – Refill Station Grant Project:**
Through a \$5,000 FY 2025 Refill Station Grant, AchieveKids replaced an existing water fountain with a new refill station in the AchieveKids San Jose campus which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition to students and staff, the refill station also serves families and community members through various community events throughout the year. The installation helps improve access to safe, clean drinking water as well as student health, hydration, and sustainability.

Standard Grants



Standard Grants Program Informational Workshop.

Throughout March, staff conducted targeted outreach to various government agencies and groups to promote the FY 2026 Standard Grants

Program. The contacts include the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, and city and town agencies. Staff also hosted a virtual informational workshop that covered program guidelines, eligibility criteria, and application best practices. There were 19 attendees from various government agencies and nonprofit organizations in Santa Clara County. Staff will continue promoting the Standard Grants Program until the application deadline of April 24.



\$170,000 awards granted for fiscal year-to-date

WATER RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In March, WRAP assisted 122 households by paying water bills totaling \$59,991. To support water conservation efforts, WRAP mailers sent to applicants now include multi-lingual inserts promoting Valley Water’s free water-saving tools available to Santa Clara County residents. The inserts are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

122 households assisted
951 fiscal year-to-date

\$59,991 paid
\$408,684 fiscal year-to-date

LOOKING AHEAD

Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center Tours and Presentations:

- April 2 Amazon
- April 10-11 Public Tour
- April 16 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee
- April 16 Valley Water’s NextGen Career Pathways Program
- April 17 STEM Zone
- April 21 San José State University Nursing Program
- April 23 San José State University Environmental Resource Center Earth Day
- April 30 Environmental Health and Safety Association

Education Outreach Programs:

- April 1 Alamos Outdoor Classroom Field Trip for Blue Hills Elementary School
- April 2 Noddin Elementary School
- April 2 City of Santa Clara’s Earth Day/Arbor Day
- April 7-8 Hyde Middle School
- April 9 Easterbrook Discovery School
- April 11 San José State University Sciencepalooza
- April 15 Morrill Middle School
- April 16 ACE Empower Academy
- April 20 Cedar Grove Elementary School
- April 22 Northwood Elementary School
- April 23 Eisenhower Elementary School
- April 29 Stonegate Elementary School

Youth Commission:

- April 23 Water Conservation video submission deadline
- May 20 Graduation/Quarterly Meeting

Grants and Partnerships:

- April 24 Standard Grants application deadline