

Office of Civic Engagement

December 2019 Activities Update



Valley Water

YOUTH COMMISSION

- Staff continued to engage the Mentorship/Job Shadowing Working Group in planning the upcoming Job Shadow Day. Job Shadow Day will take place on Feb. 20, 2020.

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

- Volunteer Recognition Event took place on Dec. 11. Seven recipients, one per boardmember district, were selected and recognized for their volunteer efforts, creek stewardship efforts and for supporting other Valley Water efforts in the community. The recipients included participants in National River Cleanup Day, Coastal Cleanup Day, year-round Volunteer Program, Adopt-A-Creek Program, and Water Ambassadors.
- In 2019, a total of 3,668 volunteers helped clean up local creeks, cleaning over 149 miles of local waterways and removing 116,660 pounds of trash. The overall value of volunteer time given in 2019 for creek cleanups and other activities amounts to \$403,000.



2019 Volunteer Recognition Event recipients received certificates of appreciation, awards, and emergency backpack gifts.



Volunteers and guests enjoy awards ceremony.

DECEMBER ADOPT-A-CREEK

DATE	PARTNER	# OF VOLUNTEERS	LBS. OF TRASH COLLECTED	MILES CLEANED	CREEK
Dec. 15	Elaine Talerico	25	2600	4	Thompson Creek

FY20 CREEK STEWARDSHIP TOTALS (to date)

PROGRAM	# OF VOLUNTEERS	LBS. OF TRASH COLLECTED	MILES CLEANED
Adopt-A-Creek	169	10,222	35.25
Coastal Cleanup Day	2,166	53,297	58.1
TOTAL	2,335	63,519	93.35

FY20 Goal: Increase Creek Stewardship volunteer participation by 3% from FY19.

PUBLIC ARTS AND SIGNAGE

- Staff continued working with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to develop the full signage inventory scavenger hunt campaign for Spring 2020. The full campaign will incorporate feedback from the participants from the pilot run in Oct. 2019.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Staff facilitated the evaluation committee meetings for the FY20 Safe, Clean Water grants with internal and external subject matter experts reviewing the applications. The grant funding recommendations will be presented to the Board in early 2020 for approval.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

During December, Education Outreach (EO) presented to 780 students from 29 classrooms at 6 Santa Clara Schools.

- EO Staff presented to the CommUniverCity Steering Committee during their "Partner Spotlight" segment at their Dec. 6 meeting. EO focused on Watershed In A Box curriculum development.
- On Dec. 11 staff led a tour at Edith Morley Outdoor Classroom in Campbell for 84 x 4th and 5th grade students from Bagby Elementary where students focused on watershed stewardship, pollution reduction and where our water comes from.
- Students from FIRST Lego Team RoboZombies and Team NextGen presented their rainwater and greywater catchment designs to staff from EO and Conservation in advance of their participation in the second round of regional Lego robotics competitions.



Bagby Students visit Edith Morley Park Outdoor Classroom 12/11/19.

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FY20 EDUCATION OUTREACH TOTALS (to date)

MONTH	SCHOOLS - STUDENTS & TEACHERS	PUBLIC EVENTS	MONTHLY TOTAL
Jul. - Nov.	4,931	2,029	6,960
Dec.	812	0	812
2019 TOTAL	5,743	2,029	7,772

FY20 Goal: Reach at least 13,000 students and 2,000 members of the public

RECYCLED AND PURIFIED WATER OUTREACH

- During December, Recycled and Purified Water Outreach hosted 2 private tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for 22 people and distributed 16 OCWD bottles.
- Staff hosted 8 people from Alameda County Water District and 2 from California Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water for a technical stakeholder tour on Dec. 18th.
- Staff hosted 10 students and 2 teachers from Calaveras Hills High School for a private tour on December 19th.
- Staff created videos with Chair LeZotte, Director Santos, and Director Estremera highlighting the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center's 5th anniversary of operation; all three videos were posted throughout Dec. 2019.
- Staff hosted the first of a series of Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center Tour Program training sessions on Dec. 12 to train staff on tour program guide and coordinator roles.



Group photo from the Calaveras Hills High School tour on Dec. 19.

FY20 RECYCLED/PURIFIED OUTREACH TOTALS (to date)

DATE	PURIFICATION CENTER TOURS	ATTENDEES	BOTTLE TASTE TEST
Jul. - Nov.	39 Public & Private Tours	873	552
Dec. 18	Alameda County Water District and CA Water Resources Control Board	10	13
Dec. 19	Calaveras Hills High School v	12	3
TOTALS		895	568

FY 20 Goal: Conduct public/private tours of the SVAWPC for at least 1,000 attendees.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- The Board selected 21 water ambassadors for the 2020 Water 101 Academy. Selected water ambassadors will be notified in January. The first academy session will take place on Feb. 26, 2020.

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

- February 27 and May 12, 2020 have been confirmed as the dates for the 2020 CRS Users Group (Group) meetings. The primary meeting objectives will be to complete the 2015 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Year 5 (FY20) Annual Evaluation Report and to update the PPI which is required to be done at least every five years.
- Staff continues to work with the Education Outreach Program on an emergency backpack giveaway to teachers. All classrooms receiving flood preparedness messaging during the months of October through April will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an emergency backpack. A total of 7 backpacks will be awarded; one teacher per Valley Water board member district. The emergency backpacks have been purchased and embroidered with Valley Water's logo.

FY20 EMERGENCY PREP KIT DISTRIBUTION TOTALS (to date)

ENTITY/EVENT	# OF STARTER KITS DISTRIBUTED
Jul. - Nov. Events	335
Dec. Community Booth Events	50
Dec. Purification Center Tours	24
TOTAL	409

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 6, 9, 10

Safe, Clean Water Independent Monitoring Committee subcommittee meetings

Jan. 17

Education Outreach will be presenting two library programs

Jan. 24

UC Berkeley Environmental Engineers Study Tour