



MEMORANDUM
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TO: Board of Directors

FRO Santa Clara Valley Water
District Youth Commission
Meeting

SUBJECT: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth
Commission Meeting Summary for
August 24, 2022

DATE September 13, 2022

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) held on August 24, 2022.

Attendees:

Youth Commission Members in attendance were: Ana Torrico, Eileen Tran, and Joshua Wei (District 1), Emma Gao and Danica Kubota (District 2), Anika Kulkarni, Vaibhavi Kulkarni, and Ivan Zhang, (District 3), Agata Bak and Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati (District 4), Pramath Doddaballapur, Daniel Shih, and Daphne Zhu (District 5), Nilansh Dey Ghosh, Jonathan Lopez, and Nancy Malu Romero Ordoñez, (District 6), Maitreya Banerjee, Oded Bronicki, and Patrick Van Kerckhove (District 7).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Andrew (Andy) Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Nick Ingram, Robert Marmito, Clarissa Sangalang, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

3. WELCOME

Andrew (Andy) Gschwind welcomed the Youth Commissioners and some of the expectations for the upcoming meetings.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to 13 Youth Commissioners: Ana Torrico, Eileen Tran, and Joshua Wei (District 1), Emma Gao and Danica Kubota (District 2), Ivan Zhang, (District 3), Agata Bak and Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati (District 4), Daphne Zhu (District 5), Jonathan Lopez, and Nancy Malu Romero Ordoñez, (District 6), Maitreya Banerjee and Patrick Van Kerckhove (District 7).

5. INTRODUCTIONS

5A. VALLEY WATER STAFF introduced themselves with title and unit: Sherilyn Tran, Kirsten Yasukawa, Nick Ingram, Robert Marmito, Glenna Brambill, Clarissa Sangalang, Andy Gschwind.

5B. YOUTH COMMISSIONERS introduced themselves with name, district they represent and school they attend: Ana Torrico, Eileen Tran, and Joshua Wei (District 1), Emma Gao and Danica Kubota (District 2), Anika Kulkarni, Vaibhavi Kulkarni, and Ivan Zhang, (District 3), Agata Bak and Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati (District 4), Pramath Doddaballapur, Daniel Shih, and Daphne Zhu (District 5), Nilansh "Neil" Dey Ghosh, Jonathan Lopez, and Nancy Malu Romero Ordoñez (District 6), Maitreya Banerjee, Oded Bronicki, and Patrick Van Kerckhove (District 7).

5C. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: The Youth Commissioners took a group photo with the "Let's Say Yes To Saving Water", Banner.



6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Sherilyn Tran reported on the upcoming Youth Commission Retreat tentatively scheduled October 15th. It will be in-person from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a day filled with hands on experience, at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center, learning about the Working Groups' purpose, who the leaders are, also looking at the work plan, and taking a tour of the Silicon Valley Water Advanced Purification Center.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Youth Commission elected Anika Kulkarni as the 2022-2023 Chair and Vaibhavi Kulkarni as the 2022-2023 Vice Chair.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Chair Anika Kulkarni and Sherilyn Tran reviewed the following, with reports from the below Youth Commissioners:

Summary from the Agenda Memo:

At the November 2018 meeting, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Commission) approved three working groups to work on issues and policies that the Commission has on their work plan and calendar for this year.

This will be a standing agenda item.

BACKGROUND:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Board Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Board's Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

The Youth Commission reported on the following Working Groups' activities:

Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group (YCSNWG):

Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported the drought awareness campaign, saving water, youth toolkit, social media posts, phase 2 of the campaign, more information can be seen on the youth commission web page. There is still time to take pictures for the campaign.

Public Art Working Group (PAWG):

Oded Bronicki reported on the progress of the pilot mural project, on July 23rd was a fun paint day joined by 6 water ambassadors, directors, and members of the public. The artist Paul J. Gonzalez will be finishing the mural. Information can be seen on the youth commission web page.

Creek Stewardship Working Group (CSWG):

Nick Ingram thanked the youth commissioners that participated for the May 21, 2022, River Clean Up Day, Director Hsueh, Water Ambassadors, and members of the public that joined. September 17, 2022, Coastal Clean-up Day is coming up please help to spread the word!

Job Shadow/Mentoring Working Group (JSMWG):

Sherilyn Tran reported on February 2022's Job Shadow Day (JSD), and planning for the 2023 JSD will begin shortly after the Retreat. Proposed JSD is February 23, 2023.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at, gbrambill@valleywater.org or 1.408.630.2408.

Thank you.

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