



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Meeting Summary for November 28, 2018

FROM: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

DATE: December 11, 2018

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Meeting held on November 28, 2018:

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Presentation of the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project (Pilot)

Ms. Sherilyn Tran presented the materials as outlined below:

SUMMARY:

The s launching a Public Arts Program to engage all sectors of the community and to be a part of the fabric and culture of the various communities it serves. Staff is proposing to utilize the existing interpretive benches that have been installed throughout the county as potential art projects to engage the community.

Program Overview

There are close to 200 interpretive benches installed throughout the county. Many of them have not been maintained and are in poor condition. The Adopt-A-Bench Art Project would allow the District to revitalize the benches by adding artwork inspired by the District's mission of safe, clean water; flood protection; and environmental stewardship. The District would solicit design ideas by releasing a request for proposal to the community. The Board of Directors would select final design ideas.

Pilot Program

Staff is proposing to pilot the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project with the Youth Commission. Should the Youth Commission approve to participate, commissioners would adopt the first seven benches - one bench per district. The commissioners would work with an art advisor to design the benches and the final design would go to the Board of Directors for approval. Once the Board approves, the commissioners would work with art advisor to paint the design on the bench.

Proposed Timeline:

December through February - Develop a design concept for the bench
March - Present design concept to Board of Directors for approval
April through May - Paint benches
June - Unveiling events with each board member.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

The Youth Commission unanimously voted in becoming partners in the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project Pilot Program (with Board approval).

6.2. Youth Commission Survey Results

Ms. Michal Helman presented the materials as outlined below:

SUMMARY:

The survey was developed to get feedback from the Youth Commission to fit more in accordance with the Board of Directors' vision. Staff wanted to seek commissioner input and their thoughts on the Youth Commission's function as to what they would like to achieve from their youth commission membership experience.

Staff will share the results with the Youth Commission and discuss outcomes at the meeting.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

The Youth Commission unanimously voted to accept the survey results as presented.

6.3. Synopsys Science Fair Update

Youth Commission Chair Visala Tallavarjula presented the materials as outlined below:

Special guest, Hon. Forrest Williams was in attendance to answer any questions about the Synopsys Science Fair Process.

SUMMARY:

At the September 12, 2018, meeting, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission unanimously approved having the Board of Directors consider approving the Water District's participation and sponsorship for the 2019 Synopsys Science Fair.

The Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair would like to have further discussion on what the District's sponsorship and participation entails.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

The Youth Commission unanimously voted in requesting that the Board consider adding components to Synopsys Fair Special Award Sponsorship: a. Tour of District Facilities for the winner, b. Public Recognition at a Board of Directors meeting, and c. Contribute an additional \$550 for a second category at the Synopsys Fair.

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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