

Office of Civic Engagement June 2019 Activities Update



YOUTH COMMISSION

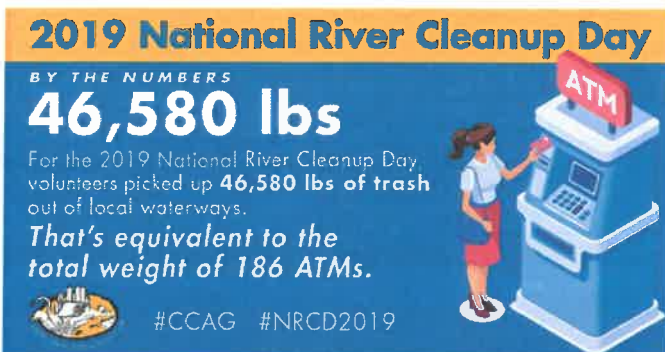
- Five new Youth Commissioners were appointed at the June 25 Board meeting. The new commissioners are Jonathan Xia, Justin Cai, Disha Yadav, Tammy Cao, and Ye'ela Bronicki. The official swearing in ceremony will be at the next Youth Commission meeting on August 28.

ADOPT-A-CREEK

DATE	PARTNER	# OF VOLUNTEERS	LBS OF TRASH COLLECTED	MILES CLEANED	CREEK
June 15	Shay Franco Clausen/IBW 332	21	1,200 lbs	1	Guadalupe Creek

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY

- The infographics below have been shared via social media to inform the public of all the efforts that were produced by the 1,060 volunteers that attended National River Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 18.



PUBLIC ARTS AND SIGNAGE

- Staff has coordinated with the Youth Commission and has identified seven interpretive benches (one in each district) for the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project. Staff will now work with an artist and the Youth Commission to come up with a design concept for each of the seven benches.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Executed agreements for one partnership for B3: Pollution Prevention activities, one grant for D3: Provide Access to Trails, and three grants for B7: Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts that

were previously awarded by the Board in the FY19 cycle. A budget adjustment to carry forward the funds for the remaining agreements that were awarded, but not yet executed, will be brought to the Board in August.

- Continued the development of the new grants online management system, including data migration and system training for staff, targeting the system launch in August. Staff is preparing training sessions and other outreach materials for the grantees and internal reviewers to align with the launch.
- On June 7, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) celebrated the grand opening of a new bridge over Webb Creek in the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Reserve in Los Gatos (BCR). This project received an FY18 D3-Grants and Partnerships to Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Trails for \$149,500. This bridge is part of a multi-phased plan to open the preserve for public access, including opening approximately four miles of trails that will function as a future regional multi-use trail connection between the Lexington Basin and Skyline, as well as emergency service access throughout the preserve.



Midpen staff and supporters, including Valley Water's Lisa Bankosh, take part in the ribbon cutting at the grand opening of the BCR to the public.



Midpen General Manager, Ana Maria Ruiz, addresses the attendees at the BCR ribbon cutting event.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

- Engaged with a total of 1,938 contacts through five school visits, one Outdoor Classroom presentation, three Summer Camp events, and one outreach event.
- Participated in the 2019 Summer Science Symposium hosted by the Gilroy Unified and Morgan Hill Unified School Districts at Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, CA. 90 educators in attendance.

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- Kicked off the summer season with their first summer camp event and engaged 100 active 5-13-year-old campers at City of San José's camp at Almaden Lake Park.
- The Education Outreach team hosted a tour of Anderson Dam for 20 students and one teacher from Yerba Buena High School. Students participated in hands-on learning of Santa Clara County's water sources, heard information about Dam Safety monitoring, and toured the Anderson Dam facility.

EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	COUNT
SCHOOLS- STUDENTS & TEACHERS	1,438
PUBLIC EVENTS	500
JUNE TOTAL	1,938



Yerba Buena High School students tour Almaden Dam.

RECYCLED AND PURIFIED WATER OUTREACH

- Hosted 101 people during 6 tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and distributed 52 bottles of Orange County Water District advanced purified water.
- Began developing the annual water reuse tracking poll for this summer and the next social marketing campaign to launch this winter.
- Participated in the quarterly WaterReuse Communications Collaborative meeting and provided an outreach update at the Retailers Recycled Water Subcommittee meeting on June 26.
- Evaluated high school student projects for NextFlex's FlexFactor Finals as follow up to the NextFlex/Valley Water Tour Day for Leland High School students in April 2019.
- Provided interactive recycled water education activity booth at the Apricot STEM Fair on June 30 at the Los Altos History Museum with Education team and two volunteers.



Attendees learn about purified water during a public tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

DATE	PURIFICATION CENTER TOURS	COUNTS	BOTTLE TASTE TESTS
June 3	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority	16	6
June 12	DELL Employee Environmental ERG	12	0
June 15	Public tour (10 a.m.)	23	19
June 15	Public tour and volunteer orientation session (1 p.m.)	18	12
June 20	Public tour (10 a.m.)	18	15
June 27	Regional Water Quality Control Board	14	0
	TOTALS	101	52

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Over 26 year-round volunteers are registered in system and ready for deployment.
- Volunteer Information Session held on June 15 where at least 1 new volunteer attended.
- One (1) water ambassador volunteered to facilitate workshop tables at the Coyote Creek Project Update Public Meetings on June 3.
- Staff held Zoom call on June 20 to develop a feature profile story on two water ambassadors who served as facilitator volunteers at Coyote Creek Project Update Public Meetings.

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)

- **Audit Preparations:** CRS Program staff continues to work with FEMA auditor to ensure proper documentation is being submitted via our shared electronic filing system in Egnyte for their review prior to the August 6 audit.
- **Program Implementation:** Emergency preparedness starter kits are being handed out at various community booth events coordinated by the Office of Government Relations and by Santa Clara County cities.
- **PPI Annual Evaluation Report:** All CRS communities that have adopted the 2015 Multi-Jurisdiction Program for Public Information (PPI) submitted their updates of outreach projects completed during FY19. These updates have been incorporated into the FY19 Annual Evaluation Report for (Year 4) reporting period. The Annual Evaluation Report will be sent to all CRS communities by the end of the month, to present to their respective governing bodies.

ENTITY/EVENT	# OF STARTER KITS DISTRIBUTED
COMMUNITY BOOTH EVENTS	280
PURIFICATION CENTER TOURS	90
TOTAL	370

LOOKING AHEAD

- Continue promoting summer camp engagement opportunities and purification center tours to youth organizations.
- Valley Water Summer Intern Fun Bus & Tours of the Purification Center and Lab, including Youth Commissioners and Synopsys award winners – **July 17 & 23**
- Submission of Evaluation Report for FY19 (Year 4) of the 2015 Multi-Jurisdiction Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual – **July 2019**
- Public tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, including a volunteer orientation session – **July 18 & 20**
- Recycled Water Committee meeting, including a FY19 outreach recap – **July 10**
- CRS Board Non-Agenda Item: 2015 Multi-Jurisdiction Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Evaluation Report for FY19 (Year 4) – **July 2019**