



## MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-02-07)

**TO:** Board of Directors

**SUBJECT:** Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) Meeting Summary for August 26, 2020

**FROM:** Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

**DATE:** September 8, 2020

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) held on August 26, 2020

### Attendees:

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5 and Director Barbara Keegan, District 2.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Julie Abbatelli, Ricardo Barajas, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Mera Burton, Rick Callender, Rachael Gibson, Andrew Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Peggy Lam, Marta Lugo, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, KJ Scott and Sherilyn Tran.

Youth Commission Members in attendance were:

District 1	Paula Escobar, Ishita Verma
District 2	Colin Lim, Elise Mullen, Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Aroshii Ghosh, Vedant Janapaty
District 5	Hillary Chang, Alden Hughes, Michael Zhao
District 6	Kathryn Bravo, Tammy Cao, Nilansh Dey Ghosh
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki, Arushi Saxena

Please note the red font are our newest Youth Commissioners.

Guest in attendance was: Director Richard P. Santos.

### 3. WELCOME

We had welcoming remarks from Ms. Marta Lugo, the new Executive Oversight for the Youth Commission, Board Chair and Youth Commission Board Representative Director Nai Hsueh, Board Representative Director Barbara Keegan, guest Director Richard P. Santos and new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr. Rick Callender, Esq.

#### **4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY**

Ms. Janet Hedley and Ms. Mera Burton facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners worked on an interactive poll and were asked to think about: "How will you use your involvement in the Youth Commission to have a positive impact on the issues that you care about."

#### **5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the annual retreat coming up, development of the Commission's workplan and potential activities. There is a vacancy for District 7 so there will be an active recruitment and we could use assistance from the Youth Commission.

#### **6. OATH OF OFFICE:**

Ms. Glenna Brambill, administered the oath of office to the following new Youth Commissioners:

Ms. Paula Escobar, District 1

Mr. Colin Lim and Mr. Soren Ryan-Jensen, District 2

Mr. Mathew Walsh, District 3

Ms. Aroshi Ghosh and Mr. Vedant Janapaty, District 4

Ms. Hillary Chang, District 5 and

Mr. Nilansh Dey Ghosh, District 6

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Michael Zhao by majority vote was elected as Youth Commission Chair and

Ms. Ishita Verma by majority vote was elected as Youth Commission Vice Chair.

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

Chair Michael Zhao reviewed the following:

##### **Summary:**

##### **8/26/2020, 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 activities:

Chair Michael Zhao reported on behalf of the Career Shadowing and Mentorship Working Group stating that the February 2020 Job Shadow Day was a great success.

Mr. Ricardo Barajas reporting for the Creek Stewardship Working Group, that every Saturday in September, Californians will take to their streets, sidewalks, and parks for this year's socially-distanced coastal cleanup.

Ms. Janet Hedley reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group needing to get input for upcoming activities and projects.

Ms. Peggy Lam gave an update on the Adopt-A-Bench project of the 7 benches in each District and showed approved artwork designed by guest artist Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez.

The Youth Commission took no action.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020, and subject to change.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at, [gbrambill@valleywater.org](mailto:gbrambill@valleywater.org) or 1.408.630.2408.

Thank you.

Glenna Brambill, Management Analyst II,  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK