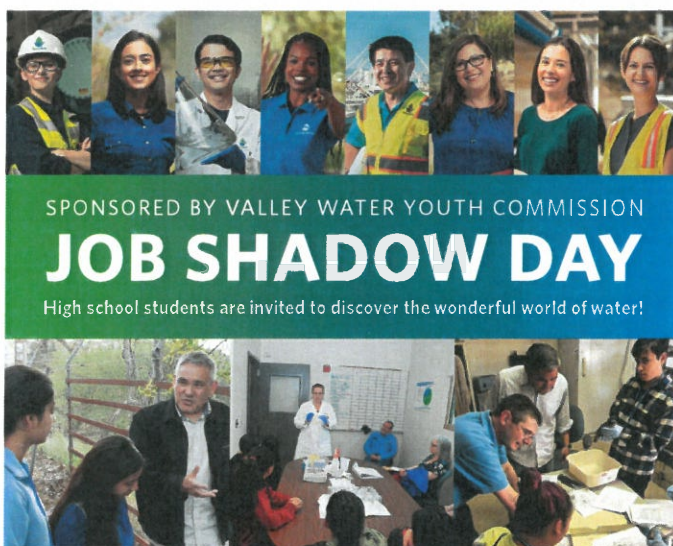


Office of Civic Engagement January 2020 Activities Update



YOUTH COMMISSION

- Staff continued to work with the Youth Commission to outreach for Job Shadow Day. Youth Commission Chair, Shloka Janapaty recorded a promotional video for Job Shadow Day to encourage her peers to attend the event. The promo video, along with registration links and other information about Job Shadow Day can be found at www.valleywater.org/jobshadowday2020.



Job Shadow Day Flyer.

CREEK STEWARDSHIP

- Coyote Creek Clean-up event has been rescheduled to Saturday, Apr. 4. Staff are continuing preparations, partner coordination, volunteer registration for the event and outreach to the community.
- The 29th Annual National River Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, May 16. Registration for Site-Coordination will launch in early Feb. 2020.

JANUARY ADOPT-A-CREEK

DATE	PARTNER	# OF VOLUNTEERS	LBS. OF TRASH COLLECTED	MILES CLEANED	CREEK
Jan. 5	Boy Scouts of America -Troop 286	15	1,500	.5	Guadalupe Creek
Jan. 9	David Lane	1	31	1	Los Gatos Creek
Jan. 10	Tim Dobbins	2	5	1.5	Permanente Creek

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

PUBLIC ARTS AND SIGNAGE

- Continued to facilitate the Youth Commission's Adopt-A-Bench Art Working Group's efforts to work with the artist to develop creative concepts for the seven pilot bench artworks throughout the county.

- 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

- Prepared the FY20 Safe, Clean Water grant funding recommendations to present to the Board in February for approval.
- Presented the FY19 accomplishments, opportunities and challenges to the Safe, Clean Water Independent Monitoring Committee at the subcommittee meetings on Jan. 6, 9 and 10.
- Conducted a site visit of the Greening Urban Watersheds grant project being implemented by Grassroots Ecology. The project provides designs for four rain barrels, two cisterns and four bio-retention/rain garden projects; coordinates 12 hands-on workshops to install rain barrels/gardens on city properties; conducts 21 community creek cleanup events along 3 creeks, removing 13,000 pounds of trash from 4 miles of riparian corridors.



Rail barrel installed in Palo Alto by Grassroots Ecology as part of the Greening Urban Watersheds project funded by Valley Water.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

During January, Education Outreach (EO) presented to 1,575 students from 57 classrooms in 19 Santa Clara County Schools.

- On Jan. 17, EO presented the "Elmo and Grover In The Park" puppet show to 87 attendees at the Palo Alto Library and also discussed how to be ready for floods and other emergencies by preparing emergency supplies.
- Led 2 tours for Girl Scouts at Coyote Creek Outdoor Classroom, and 2 school tours at Alamitos Outdoor Classroom. Students focused on watershed stewardship, pollution reduction and where our water comes from. EO staff also supported a Water Quality Lab tour for SJSU Biology Association students and a tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for high school students in the NextFlex program.
- On Jan. 27, EO Staff supported a Zoom video conference interview between Steve Twitchell and students from Tru School in Palo Alto. The students interviewed Steve to learn about his role as Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Manager.

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FY20 EDUCATION OUTREACH TOTALS (to date)

MONTH	SCHOOLS - STUDENTS & TEACHERS	PUBLIC EVENTS	MONTHLY TOTAL
Jul. - Dec.	5,775	1,683	6,960
Jan.	1,575	87	1,662
TOTAL	7,350	1,770	9,120

FY20 Goal: Reach at least 13,00 students and 2,000 members of the public.



Steve Twitchell is interviewed by students from Tru School, Palo Alto 01/27/20.



Girl Scouts learn about watershed stewardship at Coyote Creek Outdoor Classroom.

WATER SUPPLY OUTREACH

- Hosted 5 private tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for 78 people and distributed 76 OCWD bottles.
- Staff hosted a purification center tour for 10 UC Berkeley Environmental Engineering graduate students on Jan. 24.
- Staff hosted 24 students, 1 teacher, and 2 staff from NextFlex-Independence HS, for an interactive tour of the purification center with a Water Education and Outreach activity.
- Staff hosted 7 executives from SK Group (South Korea) for a purification center tour on Jan. 31.
- Staff hosted a second tour guide training with a newly created internal purification center virtual tour video to aid in the training efforts on Jan. 10.
- Staff created 2 new promotional videos for tours at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.
- Staff created a testimonial video with the Mayor of Morgan Hill.
- Staff published a "What AM I?" social media post showcasing the technology at the purification center.



UC Berkeley environmental engineering graduate students on a SVAWPC tour.

DATE	PURIFICATION CENTER TOURS	ATTENDEES	BOTTLE TASTE TEST	FY 19-20 TOTAL ATTENDEES
Jan. 18	Public Tour	21	42	916
Jan. 18	Antique Car Club	10	12	926
Jan. 24	UC Berkeley Engineers	10	0	936
Jan. 28	Exelon Corp	2	2	938
Jan. 31	NextFlex-Independence High School	27	12	965
Jan. 31	SK Group Leadership	8	8	973
TOTALS		78	76	973

FY20 Goal: Conduct public/private tours of the SVAWPC for at least 1,000 attendees.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Twenty-one candidates have been selected to be part of the 2nd annual Water 101 Academy and be trained as Water Ambassadors. The first session of the Water 101 Academy will occur on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

- Worked with Graphics to develop a new emergency preparedness community giveaway item.
- Continued partnering with Education Outreach on the "Get Flood Ready" Teacher Giveaway. All classrooms receiving flood preparedness outreach presentations will be entered in a raffle at a chance of receiving a ready flood prep backpack. One classroom per board district will receive the backpack. Drawing will take place in April.
- Continued working to prepare for the upcoming CRS Users Group Meeting on Feb. 27.

ENTITY/EVENT	# OF STARTER KITS DISTRIBUTED
Community Booth Events	70
Purification Center Tours	21
TOTAL	91

LOOKING AHEAD

- FY20 Grant Funding Recommendations Presented to the Board - **February 11**
- Next Youth Commission Meeting - **February 19**
- Job Shadow Day - **February 20**
- First Water 101 Academy session - **February 26**
- CRS Users Group Meeting - **February 27**
- Pilot expanded Water Supply Bus Tour - **February 29**