



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) Meeting Summary for August 25, 2021

FROM: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

DATE: September 14, 2021

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) held on August 25, 2021.

Attendees:

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5, Director Barbara Keegan, District 2 and Director John L. Varela, District 1.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Noemi Agagianian, Julie Abbatelli, Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Andy Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Marta Lugo, Perla Montes de Oca, Madison Owens, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Youth Commission Members in attendance were:

District 1	Ranveer Saini, Ana Torrico, Jonathan Xia
District 2	Kate Hanson, Niharika Koduru, Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Anika Kulkarni, Vaibhavi Kulkarni, Matthew Walsh
District 4	Anousha Athreya, Lucia Parakh
District 5	Pramath Doddaballapur, Daniel Shih,
District 6	Luis Hernandez, David Khoury, Nilansh Dey Ghosh
District 7	Oded Bronicki, Ye'ela Bronicki, Yehchan Martin Kim

Please note the red font are our newest Youth Commissioners.

3. WELCOME

We had welcoming remarks from Youth Commission Board Representatives:

Director Nai Hsueh, Director Barbara Keegan and Director John L. Varela and Valley Water Staff: Ms. Marta Lugo, Ms. Sherilyn Tran, Ms. Janet Hedley, Ms. Julie Abbatelli, Ms. Perla Montes de Oca, Ms. Madison Owens, Ms. Kristen Yasukawa, Ms. Mera Burton, Mr. Andy Gschwind, Ms. Noemi Agagianian, and Ms. Glenna Brambill.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to the new Youth Commission Members, Mr. Ranveer Saini representing Director Varela's District 1, Ms. Kate Hanson and Ms. Niharika Koduru representing Director Keegan's District 2, Ms. Lucia Parakh representing Director LeZotte's District 4, Mr. Pramath Doddaballapur and Mr. Daniel Shih representing Director Hsueh's District 5, Mr. Luis Hernandez and Mr. David Khoury representing Director Estremera's District 6 and Mr. Oded Bronicki representing Director Kremen's District 7.

5. INTRODUCTIONS/INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Janet Hedley explained and facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners were

engaged in a Poll Everywhere.

The Youth Commissioners introduced themselves, the name of their school and grade.

The new Youth Commissioners; Mr. Ranveer Saini, Ms. Kate Hanson, Ms. Niharika Koduru, Ms. Lucia Parakh, Mr. Pramath Doddaballapur, Mr. Daniel Shih, Mr. Luis Hernandez, Mr. David Khoury, and Mr. Oded Bronicki,

The returning youth Commissioners; Ms. Ana Torrico, Mr. Jonathan Xia, Mr. Soren Ryan-Jensen, Ms. Anika Kulkarni, Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni, Mr. Matthew Walsh, Ms. Anousha Athreya, Mr. Nilansh Dey Ghosh, Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki and Mr. Yehchan Martin Kim.

The interactive activity was based on several questions consisting of water conservation, water savings, drought, and water conservation programs.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the Annual Youth Retreat for October 2021 and the youth commissioners would be receiving a doodle poll to determine which date would work best for the majority of the members.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Glenna Brambill opened the floor for nominations for Chair:

1. Anika Kulkarni, 2. Yehchan Martin Kim, 3. Anousha Athreya

Each nominee gave background on their experiences and desires to be the Chair.

The Youth Commission by roll call and majority vote elected Ms. Anika Kulkarni as Chair.

Ms. Glenna Brambill opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair:

1. Nilansh Dey Ghosh, 2. Vaibhavi Kulkarni 3. Ye'ela Bronicki

Each nominee gave background on their experiences and desires to be the Vice Chair.

The Youth Commission by roll call and majority vote elected Ms. Ye'ela as Vice Chair.

9. ACTION ITEMS

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

Youth Commission Chair Ms. Anika Kulkarni reviewed the agenda item and received Youth Commissioner's reports for the working groups:

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 Commissioners and Valley Water Staff reported on the following Working Groups' activities:

Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported on the Youth Citizen Science Network (YCSN), participated in giving a Youth Commission overview presentation to 30 Santa Clara County High School Teachers attending the Baywork Ignited Teacher Externship Week in July 2021, a time to promote the youth commission to the high school students, sent email invitations for a virtual tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center to 6 youth commissions in District 7 included, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Los Gatos, and Monte Sereno. This will be expanding to other youth commissions in district's 1 through 6, to get more youth involvement and make them aware of the purified water efforts given the drought emergency. There were no meetings this summer but looking forward to meeting soon.

Ms. Kristen Yasukawa reported on the Public Art, recapped the Adopt-A-Bench's successful completion and the virtual ribbon cutting ceremony, the new pilot mural project working again with Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez, a local artist in San Jose, working on designing and painting a mural at Valley Water's Blossom Hill Annex site where it will be visible from the street, located by the creek, trail, and a VTA stop.

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the Communication/Public Outreach, there were no meetings this summer, however, the group's focus is on public outreach efforts on events that occur, worked on the recruitment flyer for the commission's vacant positions, and development of the Youth Commission website.

Ms. Mera Burton reported on the Job Shadow Day/Mentorship. there were no meetings this summer but looking forward to working on the planning and promoting the Job Shadow Day event scheduled for February 2022. The working group will be working with Ms. Mera Burton, Ms. Perla Montes de Oca and Ms. Noemi Agagianian.

Ms. Anika Kulkarni reported on the Coastal Cleanup event, September 18, 2021, will be in-person around the creek behind the Valley Water's Headquarters, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be supplies, snacks, and since the commissioners are youth, a signed waiver will be required to be turned in at the event, and social distancing will be in place, this is a public event. There will be an Eventbrite page available. The working group is working with Ms. Julie Abbatelli and Ms. Lilian Bui.

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

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021(subject to change).

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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