



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 20-0388

Agenda Date: 5/12/2020

Item No.: 3.4.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Recognizing May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

SUMMARY:

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions that generations of Asian and Pacific Americans have made to American history, society and culture.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was introduced in 1977 as a congressional bill by Representative Norman Mineta of California, the late Representative Frank Horton of New York, and the late Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii. Initially, the resolution was to declare the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week.

In 1978, President Carter made it an annual event. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush extended the recognition and proclaimed the entire month of May to be Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and in 1992, the official designation was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was mainly built by Chinese immigrants.

With this Resolution, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) can further promote the Board's Governance Policies committed to creating an inclusive work environment, which reflects and supports the diversity of our community and enriches our perspectives.

Valley Water will celebrate this month with articles about the Asian-Pacific American community from the Asian Pacific Resources Group featured on Aqua.gov throughout the month of May.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

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