



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### **SUBJECT:**

Adopt Resolutions Expressing Appreciation to the Third Annual Water 101 Academy Graduates.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Resolutions EXPRESSING APPRECIATION to 21 Third Annual Water 101 Academy Graduates.

### **SUMMARY:**

Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) third annual Water 101 Academy program launched on March 3, 2021. The Board of Directors selected 21 Santa Clara County community members (three from each board district) to participate in the leadership program. As the program concluded on May 26, staff recommends that the Board of Directors formally acknowledge each participant's completion and graduation from the program to become the third cohort of water ambassadors.

### **Background**

Since it was first launched in 2019, the Water 101 Academy has served as an annual leadership program open to all community members in Santa Clara County. Selected participants learn about local water issues, current opportunities, and challenges in the water industry. This year, the Water 101 Academy took place between March 3 and May 26 and consisted of five sessions: 1) Value of water: Water challenges in California and Silicon Valley, 2) Where does our water come from? 3) Watershed works in action, 4) Water is life: Securing our future and 5) Let's get WET (Water Education Training). Presenters for each session included Valley Water staff throughout the agency.

The following are the names of each of the graduating Water 101 Academy participants for this year:

#### **District 1:**

- Kristin Carlson, Morgan Hill
- Beth DeVincenzi, San Jose
- Sean Mulligan, Morgan Hill

#### **District 2:**

- Francine Bacchini, San Jose
- Andria Ventura, San Jose

- Jason Jung, Sunnyvale

**District 3:**

- Fathina Thahseen, Milpitas
- Christopher Leon, San Jose
- Lennard David, San Jose

**District 4:**

- Matthew Frazier, San Jose
- Jillian Allison, Campbell
- Doug Peterson, San Jose

**District 5:**

- Sushmita Senmajumdar, Cupertino
- Amy Cody, San Jose
- John Chan, Sunnyvale

**District 6:**

- Noemi Abundiz, San Jose
- Danny Garza, San Jose
- Anna Jacobs, San Jose

**District 7:**

- Ellen Payne, Palo Alto
- Larry Lang, Los Altos
- Emily Ramos, Mountain View

**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: Resolutions

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

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