



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Agenda Date: 5/8/2018

Item No.: 3.2.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution Recognizing May 1 - 31, 2018, as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution RECOGNIZING MAY 1 - 31, 2018, 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. This year, the national Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month theme is "Multiple Cultures, One person - Insight to the Asian American Experience".

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was established in 1977 as a congressional bill initiated by Representatives Norman Mineta of California and Frank Horton of New York, and 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 immigration of the first Japanese 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, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) 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.

The District will celebrate this month with activities led by the Asian Pacific Resources Group in partnership with the Diversity & Inclusion Program and the Employee Resource Groups. Articles on the Asian-Pacific American experience will be featured on Aqua.gov. On May 31, the District will present a lunchtime documentary called the Asian American Movement that explores the lack of representation in film and TV and the increasing visibility of Asian Americans in pop culture since the advent of new media forms such as YouTube.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

CEQA:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

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