



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 30, 2025

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on September 30, 2025, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Youth Commission Vice Chairperson Ellie Zhou called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 13 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Aadrit Talukdar

District 2: Alonso Jose and Betalem Berhanu

District 3: Nina Yuan

District 4: Agata Bak, Ellie Zhou, and Bryce Chen

District 5: Aditya Shivakumar, Simran Soni, and Ethan Cheung

District 6: Ruhan Upreti

District 7: Doyoon Kim and Mina Van Roy

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Ishaan Mandala and Abigail Ha-Neul Kim

District 2: Andrew Lomio

District 3: Prathik Janakiram

District 6: Sinit Hadgu and David Huynh

Members Parnika Sadhu and Ishika Anand arrived as noted below.

Directors in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Stephanie Simunic, and Kristen Yasukawa.

No members of the public were in attendance.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was no one who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

3.1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

It was moved by Member Kim, seconded by Chairperson Shivakumar, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 20, 2025 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. DISCUSS, DETERMINE AND APPROVE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION PROJECT(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND ASSIGN YOUTH COMMISSIONERS TO WORK ON APPROVED PROJECTS.

Recommendation:

- A. Review and discuss proposed Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 26) projects;
- B. Select and approve up to three projects to recommend to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors to place on the Youth Commission's FY 26 work plan for implementation; and
- C. The Chair, in consultation with Youth Commissioners and staff, will assign each Youth Commissioner to work on at least one approved project, upon the Board of Directors approval of the FY 26 work plan.

Kristen Yasukawa and Ricardo Barajas reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1, and were available to answer questions.

It was noted that the Commission can approve up to three of the proposed projects which can include those listed in the agenda packet or other proposals made during discussion of the item.

Member Sadhu arrived at 6:20 p.m. and Member Anand arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Member Kim created Project H, which combined Projects C, D, and E.

Chairperson Shivakumar created Project I, which combines Projects C, D, and F.

Member Soni created Project J, which combines Projects A and E.

It was moved by Member Kim, seconded by Vice Chairperson Zhou, and unanimously carried to approve proposed Project J.

It was moved by Member Soni, seconded by Member Upreti, and carried by a vote of 14-1 to approve proposed Project I, with Member Talukdar voting no.

It was moved by Member Sadhu, seconded by Chairperson Shivakuma, and unanimously carried to approve proposed Project G.

The members then noted their interest in serving on one of the three approved project committees.

4.2. RECEIVE THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT, RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 OUTGOING SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND FORWARD THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and accept the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report;
- B. Acknowledge and recognize the 2025 outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members; and
- C. Forward the Accomplishments Report to the Board for consideration.

It was moved by Chairperson Shivakumar, seconded by Member Talukdar, and unanimously carried, to accept the Accomplishments Report and forward it to the Board for consideration.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristen Yasukawa provided information relating to Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Without discussion, the Commission took no formal action.

7. ADJOURN

Chairperson Shivakumar adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: November 19, 2025

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