



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California

### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

SCVWD Youth Commission  
Niharika Koduru - Commission  
Chairperson  
Maitreya Banerjee - Commission  
Vice Chairperson

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**  
Director John Varela - District 1  
Director Barbara Keegan - District 2  
Director Nai Hsueh - District 5

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Liaison)

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Assistant Deputy Clerk II  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### 3.1. Approval of Minutes.

[24-0945](#)

Recommendation: Approve the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 082124 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 minutes

### 4. REGULAR AGENDA:

#### 4.1. Discuss, Determine and Approve Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Project(s) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and Assign Youth Commissioners to Work on Approved Projects.

[24-0890](#)

Recommendation: A. Review and discuss proposed Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY 25) 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 25 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 25 work plan.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Project Proposals](#)

Est. Staff Time: 30 minutes

### 5. MANAGER'S REPORT

### 6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

### 7. ADJOURN:

#### 7.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 20, 2024.



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 24-0945

**Agenda Date:** 10/16/2024

**Item No.:** 3.1.

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## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM** **Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒  
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes.

### **SUMMARY:**

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 082124 Youth Commission Minutes

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

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# DRAFT MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2024**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on August 21, 2024, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Youth Commission Vice Chair Daphne Zhu called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with 13 members present.

**Members in attendance were:**

District 1: Lorelei Henry

District 2: Ca Nha Dang, Andrew Lomio, and Niharika Koduru

District 3: Prathik Janakiram and Nina Yuan

District 4: Agata Bak, Ellie Zhou, and Christopher Barsoum

District 5: Aditya Shivakumar and Vice Chairperson Daphne Zhu

District 6: David Huynh

District 7: Maitreya Banerjee and Oded Bronicki

**Members not in attendance were:**

District 1: Ishaan Mandala and Elena Alegre

District 3: Parnika Sadhu

District 5: Grace Liu

District 6: Soleil Hernandez

Commissioners Jonathan Lopez and Doyoon Kim arrived late.

Board Chairperson Nai Hsueh, District 5, was present.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Ricardo Barajas, Lakeisha Bryant, Andy Gschwind, Nick Ingram, Dave Leon, Elizabeth Park, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: Elena Alegre, Jan Henry, PK, and Parnika Sadhu.

**2. WELCOME**

Director Hsueh provided remarks to the Commission.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Oaths of office were administered to new members in attendance.

**4. INTRODUCTIONS**

Valley Water staff and Commission members introduced themselves.

**5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY**

The Commissioners played a game called Four Corners.

**6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

The Commission elected Niharika Koduru as Chairperson and Maitreya Banerjee as Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Koduru assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Member Bronicki, seconded by Member Zhu, and unanimously carried, to approve the April 17, 2024 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

**9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.1. RECEIVE PRESENTATION RELATING TO VALLEY WATER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 17-75**

Ricardo Barajas and Dave Leon reviewed the information on this item relating to the establishment, structure, and purpose of the Youth Commission.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

**9.2. BROWN ACT OVERVIEW AND TRAINING**

Andy Gschwind provided information relating to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

**9.3. UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Member Lopez left at 8:03 p.m.

Chairperson Koduru introduced the first video of the Youth Commission Career Day video project series.

Member Dang noted that the Purified Water Outreach Working Group plans a post on social media inviting school environmental clubs to visit the water purification center.

Nick Ingram provided information relating to the September 21, 2024 Coastal Cleanup Day and invited the Commissioners to contact him if there is interest in participating or hosting a cleanup site.



Member Zhu noted that the Youth Community Science Network Working Group blog posts relating to where water comes from, water pollutants, and water purification are in the final stages of editing.

Director Hsueh informed the Commission that the Policy Writing Subcommittee item is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Directors on August 27, 2024.

**9.4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO PROJECT-BASED MODELS IN PLACE OF WORKING GROUPS FOR COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Kristen Yasukawa provided information relating to the Commission moving from the previously established working groups to a project-based model for Commission work.

It was moved by Member Zhu, seconded by Chairperson Koduru, and unanimously carried, to adopt a project-based approach in place of working groups.

**9.5. REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS; AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Member Shivakumar left at 8:33 p.m.

Member Zhu requested adding an item relating to updates on Board actions to the next meeting agenda.

**10. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Kristen Yasukawa provided information relating to the Commission retreat and distributed a QR code that leads to a poll to gauge interest in subject matter to be discussed at the retreat. She further reported that the Lexington Reservoir site will be the Youth Commission site for Coastal Cleanup Day.

**11. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

The Commission took no action.

**12. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Koduru adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved:

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

**File No.:** 24-0890

**Agenda Date:** 10/16/2024

**Item No.:** 4.1.

## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM** **Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒  
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Discuss, Determine and Approve Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Project(s) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and Assign Youth Commissioners to Work on Approved Projects.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Review and discuss proposed Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY 25) 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 25 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 25 work plan.

### **SUMMARY:**

On August 21, 2024, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Commission) decided to sunset their working groups and ad hoc committees, opting instead to adopt a project-based model for their FY25 work plan. Using the project-based approach, the Commissioners can now identify specific Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) topics of interest to them and submit proposed projects for consideration that will, hopefully, be achievable given available time and resources. The Youth Commission approves the projects they want to add to the work plan and implements them accordingly.

In separate small groups at the Youth Commission retreat, Commissioners discussed and developed potential FY 25 project proposals for later consideration by the full Youth Commission using a template developed by staff. The template prompted project details such as learning goals, final product and audience, required resources and timeline.

The following are summaries of the project proposals that were submitted for consideration:

- A) Creekside Community Care Initiative:

- This project aims to provide unhoused individuals with necessity kits containing trash bags, hygiene items, and a reference guide indicating the locations of designated trash cans to reduce littering. The goal is to reduce the amount of waste in creeks, promote responsible waste management, and raise awareness about the environmental impact that waste has on the environment.

**B) Youth Commission Data Availability/Public Engagement Project:**

- This project aims to engage the public by increasing awareness of local drinking water sources and water quality through data collection, education, and interactive events. The collected data will be made available to the public.

**C) Youth Commission Education Outreach Program:**

- This project aims to establish a Youth Commission Education Program and work with local high schools and youth organizations to raise awareness about the environment and Valley Water opportunities.

**D) Creek Stewardship Proposal:**

- **Partnership with Boy Scouts:** The Youth Commission will partner with Boy Scouts of America to create a badge for creek cleanups and gain further support the organization.
- **Raise Awareness on Pollution from Fireworks:** The Youth Commission will partner with the City of San Jose to stop firework pollution near creeks and spread awareness about the issue.
- **Raise Awareness on Water Pollution:** The Youth Commission will bring water testing kits to creek clean-ups and make a promotional video about pollution near creeks.

The Commission will discuss, review, and vote on these project proposals and select up to three (3) projects to recommend to the Valley Water Board of Directors to add to the FY 25 work plan. The Youth Commission's FY 25 work plan will be reviewed by the Valley Water Board of Directors for approval to implement.

After the Valley Water Board of Directors approve of the Youth Commission's proposed FY 25 work plan, the Chair of the Youth Commission, taking into account feedback and/or expressions of interest from individual Youth Commissioners and staff, will assign each Commissioner to work on at least one project during FY 25.

**Background:**

The Valley Water Board of Directors adopted Resolution 17-75 providing for and defining the

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structure and function of advisory committees to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and Repealing Resolution 15-28. Resolution 17-75, Section 4.4 states:  
“The Board approves and sets all Committee annual work plans and meeting agendas. Committee meeting agendas will be considered pre-approved by the Board once it has approved each of the annual Advisory Committee work plans. Modifications to meeting agendas will be considered by the Board, or Board Chair, as needed, through a review of the pre-approved work plans when it receives and considers Committee policy recommendations, comments, and requests, staff recommended modifications, and requests by members of the public. The Board may also initiate modifications to pre-approved work plans at any time.”

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Project Proposals

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

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<b>Name of Project:</b> A) Creekside Community Care Initiative	<b>Proposed Duration:</b> 10 weeks, overlapping with November 20th meeting
<b>Planning Team Members:</b> Andrew, Doyoon, Ca, Nina, Christopher	

**Driving Question:** What strategies can be implemented to reduce the improper waste disposal by unhoused individuals in the creeks of Santa Clara County, while also supporting the needs of the unhoused community?

**Project Summary:** Our group will provide unhoused individuals with necessity kits containing trash bags, hygiene items, and a reference guide indicating the locations of designated trash cans to reduce littering. This should aim to reduce the amount of waste in creeks, promote responsible waste management, and raise awareness about the environmental impact that waste has to our environment.

#### **Learning Goals:**

Community Engagement and Trust: As Youth Commissioners, we can build trust and improve relationships among each other, the public, as well as the unhoused.

Learning about the Unhoused: Working directly with the unhoused, we can understand their needs, and connect them to services that could help improve their living conditions. This project will help us reflect back on the small things we take for granted, such as proper trash disposal.

Improved Knowledge about our Creeks: Through this project, Youth Commissioners are able to learn more about the ecosystem of local creeks, the environmental impacts of littering, and necessary steps to preserve our creeks.

#### **Final Product and Audience:**

- Our audience is mainly unhoused individuals and residents who live near the Creek.
- The project will distribute necessity kits to the unhoused, containing trash bags, hygiene items, and educational resources.
- We will also create partnerships with organizations that provide support to the unhoused community in these areas.
- We will work to install trash and recycling cans at key locations, focusing on creeks that run through low-income neighborhoods, as well as areas with high levels of litter.

#### **Human Resources:**

- Valley Water Staff: 10 hours ish
- Youth Commissioners: 8 hours of planning work (Online) + 5 hours of event work (In-person)

#### **Other Resources:**

Equipment: Trash bags to give to the unhoused, as well as for general cleanup efforts. Gloves, grabbers, and other safety gear for trash collection near the creeks.

Materials: Necessity items for the kits (e.g., hygiene products, snacks, water bottles.) Reference sheets and educational materials about creek conservation and trash disposal locations. Trash cans to place near the creek.

Locations for distribution and material collection.

## Timeline

### Considerations:

- Which Youth Commission quarterly meeting will fall during your project? (Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)
- Does your project need to align with any specific dates (such as Day Without Water, National River Cleanup Day, Earth Day, Science Extravaganza, etc.)
- What seasonal restraints are there (for your school schedule, or other extra-curricular activities)?
- What are the steps needed to complete your project?
- What milestones need to be reviewed by Valley Water staff?

Date	Milestone/ Event	Notes
Before Nov.20th	Identify locations for partnership or creek identifying. What is going to be the scope of our distribution? + Assign people to reach out	Regular meetings (Possibly 3) before November 20th meeting -> figure out yellow section
Before Nov.20th	Brainstorm how can we contact local authorities to implement more trash cans + reach out to other youth commissions to have organization on this problem	
Before Nov.20th	Discuss what we want to put in the necessity kits. What information should go on the reference sheets? (Figure out what different cities offer.)	One full meeting, we can split cities amongst project members depending on where we live.
Before Jan 29	Where/how should we distribute it (Through a drive?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reach out to different organizations</li> <li>- Work on publicity, how could we reach our target audience?</li> </ul>	We could reach out to organizations like youth community services to make it an official drive that can be advertised well to different schools.
Before Jan 29	Distribution of necessity kits to the unhoused. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connected from the part above</li> <li>- Have it at a centralized location to ensure safety</li> </ul>	(Could be a volunteer opportunity) Resource sheet
Before Jan 29	Reflection after distribution + check in on our work, notice the impact created by our project.	1 meeting Wait about 2-3 weeks after distribution.



**Name of Project: B) Youth Commission Data Availability/Public Engagement Project**

**Proposed Duration:** (8-10 weeks total, must overlap with a general YC meeting: Nov. 20, **Jan. 29**, Apr. 23)

**Planning Team Members:** Niharika, Aditya

**Driving Question:**

*Create an open-ended question using words such as: How, should, what, could...*

*Ex: How can we, as community members, inspire the public in Santa Clara County to participate in environmental stewardship?*

How can we, as youth commissioners, engage with the public data about water purification and where their water originates from?

**Project Summary:**

Our project aims to engage the public by increasing awareness of local drinking water sources and water quality through data collection, education, and interactive events. We will organize an Adopt-a-Stream event where the public will test our community's primary sources of water for pH levels and contaminants using water quality sensors. This data will be displayed on Valley Water's social media page and through flyers, improving public confidence and transparency with our water supply and engaging the public with water quality issues.

**Learning Goals:**

*What will Youth Commissioners gain from this project?*

- Advocacy Skills
- Public Engagement
- Awareness about Water Quality
- STEM-based Learning

**Final Product and Audience:**

- Audience: High schoolers, Middle schoolers (possibly), parents of students, teachers, water quality activists, elementary school students?
- Final Product: Public data collected about water quality, ensuring transparent data availability and public engagement

**Human Resources:**

*What Valley Water staff support will be needed?*

- Valley Water Staff: 5-10 hours total
- Youth Commissioners: 20-25 hours total

**Other Resources:**

*What facilities, technology, equipment, materials, etc. will your group need?*

- Basic Presentation Materials (Projector, etc.)
- Raffle (Amazon Gift Cards) to increase public engagement?
- Water Quality Test Kits (pH levels, chlorine, etc.)
- Access to Valley Water's facilities where water is obtained before going through purification process (e.g. local streams/ivers)

**Timeline**

**Considerations:**

- Which Youth Commission quarterly meeting will fall during your project? (Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)
- Does your project need to align with any specific dates (such as Day Without Water, National River Cleanup Day, Earth Day, Science Extravaganza, etc.)

- What seasonal restraints are there (for your school schedule, or other extra-curricular activities)?
- What are the steps needed to complete your project?
- What milestones need to be reviewed by Valley Water staff?

Date	Milestone/ Event	Notes
Oct	Locations of Valley Water Purification Center Facilities are identified	
Oct	Ordering low-cost sensors for pH levels/water quality testing kits	Check with Valley Water staff to see if possible
Nov-Dec	Reach out to organizations inside/outside of school to reach wide-ranged audience Valley Water staff involved w/science and data collection, give speaker talk at school	
Nov-Dec	Identify different control groups (e.g. river that is not as clean vs river for purified water vs. water after it goes through purification process)	Check with Valley Water staff for specific process
Jan-Feb	Advertising methods (e.g. social media – Valley Water + Personal, flyers around busy areas in communities)	
Mid Feb	Host event for collecting samples for water quality testing	
Mid Feb	On the day of the event, attendees divided into groups (some testing water from ValleyWater-purified sites, some at unpurified water) -> builds trust with Valley Water purification	We will ensure that adult site coordinators (e.g. ValleyWater staff with experience with water quality sensors) supervise the sites for safety
End Feb	Engage the public with mini-quiz questions about the data collected (e.g., "What was the difference in contaminant levels between Valley Water's purified and unpurified water? Was it A, B, or C?"), displayed on Valley Water's social media + website	

<b>Name of Project: C) Youth Commission Education Outreach Program</b>	<b>Proposed Duration:</b> (8-10 weeks total, must overlap with a general YC meeting: Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)
<b>Planning Team Members: David, Grace, Ishaan, Parnika</b>	<b>10 weeks</b>

### Driving Question:

*Create an open-ended question using words such as: How, should, what, could...*

*Ex: How can we, as community members, inspire the public in Santa Clara County to participate in environmental stewardship?*

How can we, as Youth Commissioners, promote more awareness among students in Santa Clara County about purified water—e.g. water bottle refill station grant, important environment-related policies, and the water purification process?

### Project Summary:

Establish a youth commission education program and work with local high schools/youth organizations to raise more awareness about the environment and Valley Water opportunities.

### Learning Goals:

*What will Youth Commissioners gain from this project?*

- Advocacy & Public Speaking Skills
- Importance of Refillable Water Stations
- Community Thoughts on Refillable Water Bottle Stations
- Insight on Local-Level Policies

### Final Product and Audience:

- Audience: High schoolers, Middle schoolers (possibly), parents of students, teachers
- Final Product: Slides about spreading awareness on water purification, prop 4, water bottle refill stations; brochure; social media content (short vertical videos, Insta posts)

### Human Resources:

*What Valley Water staff support will be needed?*

- Valley Water Staff: 5-10 hours total
- Youth Commissioners: 10 hours

### Other Resources:

*What facilities, technology, equipment, materials, etc. will your group need?*

- Basic Presentation Materials (Projector, etc.)
- Valley Water Merch for audience engagement??
- Social media platforms

## Timeline

### Considerations:

- Which Youth Commission quarterly meeting will fall during your project? (Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)
- Does your project need to align with any specific dates (such as Day Without Water, National River Cleanup Day, Earth Day, Science Extravaganza, etc.)
- What seasonal restraints are there (for your school schedule, or other extra-curricular activities)?
- What are the steps needed to complete your project?
- What milestones need to be reviewed by Valley Water staff?

Date	Milestone/ Event	Notes
10/25	Create social media content/brochure/flyers about Proposition 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- can post on Instagram &amp; send emails to high school clubs and organizations (e.g., green teams)</li> <li>- can also send promotional material to other organizations</li> </ul>
11/20	Outreach to organizations/high schools; prepare presentation/brochures for refill station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- establish a time to give the presentation</li> <li>- can reuse Valley Water brochures for refill stations</li> </ul>

Dec-Jan	Present to schools in person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work with the activities director or administration of schools to establish some time outside of classes for presentations (during tutorial, after school, etc.)</li> </ul>
Jan-Feb	Valley Water Refill Station grant workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- online meeting or in person at a library</li> <li>- go through the grant application process with interested high schoolers/adults from other organizations</li> </ul>
Earth Week	Hand out brochures at an in-person event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- can set up a booth to promote Valley Water &amp; hand out merch</li> </ul>

**Name of Project: D) Creek Stewardship Proposal**

**Proposed Duration:** (8-10 weeks total, must overlap with a general YC meeting: Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)

**Planning Team Members:** Prathik Janakiram, Ellie Zhou, Maitreya

**Boy Scouts (or other groups) partnership(s)? Consider the timeline for partnership, how long?**

- Scout badge?

**Sign and dispose places for fireworks/holiday materials. Clean up after holidays. Education info for signs and fireworks**

- + Education Goal

**Increase awareness on water pollution and invite people to test water samples and cameras on water sites. Outreach the Youth app?**

**Driving Question:**

*How can we get the youth as involved in our community as possible, specifically for reducing water pollution.*

**Project Summary:**

**Partnership with Boy Scouts:** We will partner with Boy Scouts to create a badge for creek cleanups and gain some manpower from the organization.

**Raising Awareness on Pollution from Fireworks:** We will partner with the city of San Jose to stop pollution from fireworks near creeks and spread awareness about the issue.

**Raising Awareness on Water Pollution:** We will bring water testing kits to creek clean ups as well as make a promotional video about pollution near creeks.

**Boy Scouts (or other groups) partnership(s)? Consider the timeline for partnership, how long?**

- Scout badge?

**Sign and dispose places for fireworks/holiday materials. Clean up after holidays. Education info for signs and fireworks**

- + Education Goal
- + Possible partnership with city of San Jose

**Raising Awareness on water pollution:** We aim to increase awareness of water pollution and promote community action. We

**Increase awareness on water pollution**

- Spreading word about creek cleanups

- Spreading more word about the Youth app (When users see trash near creek, they can use the app the mark the location. Valley Water staff can then organize a response to pick up the trash)
- Make video to post to website
- Bring water test kits to cleanup sites

#### Learning Goals:

*What will Youth Commissioners gain from this project?*

- What pollutants are causing algae blooms?
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#### Final Product and Audience:

- Boy Scouts/School
- Alviso Slew residents

#### Human Resources:

*What Valley Water staff support will be needed?*

- Water testing kits from staff depending on site
- Correspondence and communication w/ city

#### Other Resources:

*What facilities, technology, equipment, materials, etc. will your group need?*

- Money for boy scouts badge (might be needed might not)
- Need firework awareness flier designed

### Timeline

#### Considerations:

- Which Youth Commission quarterly meeting will fall during your project? (Nov. 20, Jan. 29, Apr. 23)
- Does your project need to align with any specific dates (such as Day Without Water, National River Cleanup Day, Earth Day, Science Extravaganza, etc.)
- What seasonal restraints are there (for your school schedule, or other extra-curricular activities)?
- What are the steps needed to complete your project?
- What milestones need to be reviewed by Valley Water staff?

Date	Milestone/ Event	Notes
November 20	Make Social Media Post to spread word about the Youth App	Before YC mtg
3rd week of May	National River cleanup day	Bring water testing kits Bring boy scouts Film video at creek
Around July 4th	Fireworks	Work w/ city of san Jose to post sign for firework awareness Spread flyers Temp Trash can the day of so ppl can clean up
	Make firework flyer before school year ends	
	Research water testing kits before National River cleanup day	