



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2024**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on October 16, 2024, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Youth Commission Chairperson Niharika Koduru called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with 12 members present.

**Members in attendance were:**

District 1: Lorelei Henry and Ishaan Mandala

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

District 3: Nina Yuan

District 4: Agata Bak and Ellie Zhou

District 5: Grace Liu and Daphne Zhu

District 7: Vice Chairperson Maitreya Banerjee and Dovoan Kim

**Members not in attendance were:**

District 1: Elena Alegre

District 3: Prathik Janakiram

District 6: Soleil Hernandez

Commissioners Christopher Barsoum, Oded Bronicki, David Huynh, Jonathan Lopez, Parnika Sadhu, and Aditya Shivakumar arrived late as noted below.

Director Barbara Keegan, District 2, attended virtually.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Dave Leon, Elizabeth Park, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: Clarissa, Elena, Jan Henry, and Shiva Shivakumar.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

Member Shivakumar arrived at 6:06 p.m.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Chairperson Koduru, seconded by Member Zhu, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 21, 2024 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 2024-2025; AND ASSIGN YOUTH COMMISSIONERS TO WORK ON APPROVED PROJECTS**

Ricardo Barajas, Elizabeth Park, and Kristen Yasukawa 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.

Commissioners Barsoum and Sadhu arrived at 6:21 p.m., Commissioner Lopez arrived at 6:23 p.m., Commissioner Huynh arrived at 6:25 p.m., and Commissioner Bronicki arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Members Zhu and Shivakumar created Project E, which incorporates elements of Projects B and D.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Banerjee to approve proposed Project D. Member Barsoum seconded the motion, which failed on a vote of 7-11.

It was moved by Commissioner Zhu, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and carried by a vote of 17-1 to approve proposed Project A, with Vice Chairperson Banerjee voting no.

It was moved by Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Dang, and unanimously carried to approve proposed Project C.

It was moved by Commissioner Zhu, seconded by Commissioner Shivakumar, and unanimously carried to approve proposed Project E.

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

## **5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Kristen Yasukawa provided information relating to the Coastal Cleanup Day Youth Commission cleanup site in Alviso, and reminded the Commission of the invitation from Director Beall for Commissioners to tour the Bill Wilson Center.

Member Dang left at 7:37 p.m.

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

The Commission took no action.

**7. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Koduru adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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: November 20, 2024

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