



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on November 15, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Youth Commission Chair Emma Gao called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 15 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Lorelei Henry	Ishaan Mandala	
District 2	Ca Nha Dang	Emma Gao	
District 3	Parnika Sadhu*	Ivan Zhang	
District 4	Agata Bak	Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati	
District 5	Sophie Beck	Grace Liu	Daphne Zhu
District 6	Samuel Alvarez	Nilansh (Neil) Dey Ghosh	
District 7	Maitreya Banerjee	Oded Bronicki	Patrick Van Kerckhove

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ana Torrico
District 2	Niharika Koduru
District 3	Anika Kulkarni
District 4	Bryan Blair
District 6	Jonathan Lopez

Other Commission Members arrived as indicated below.

Valley Water Board Representatives in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), and Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Ricardo Barajas, Glenna Brambill, Lakeisha Bryant, Andrew (Andy) Gschwind, Nick Ingram, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, and Clarissa Sangalang.

Public in attendance was: Jan

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. WELCOME

Director Nai Hsueh welcomed Commissioners and provided a brief overview of the Board's Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (July 2023 through June 2024), including what the Board will be focusing on such as the top priority projects. The Commissioners received a copy of the work plan.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to 1 new Commissioner:

- Sophie Beck – representing District 5 (Director Hsueh)

5. INTRODUCTIONS

The following Valley Water Staff introduced themselves to the Youth Commission: Brandon Adriano, Ricardo Barajas, Lakeisha Bryant, Andrew Gschwind, Nicholas Ingram, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, Clarissa Sangalang and Board Member Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

The following Youth Commissioners introduced themselves with school they attend and district they represent: Lorelei Henry, Ishaan Mandala (District 1), Ca Dang, Emma Gao (District 2), Ivan Zhang (District 3), Agata Bak (District 4), Sophie Beck, Grace Liu and Daphne Zhu (District 5), Samuel Alvarez, and Neil Dey Ghosh (District 6), Maitreya Banerjee, Oded Bronicki, and Patrick Van Kerchove-District 7.

5.1 INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY:

Brandon Adriano led the Marshmallow Challenge activity, a game wherein the members were divided into teams and challenged to build the tallest freestanding structure possible using only the materials provided, with a marshmallow placed on top. The activity encourages creativity and collaboration within each team, emphasizing the importance of communication and teamwork.

Parnika Sadhu arrived at 6:30 p.m.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Blanca Sanchez-Cruz provided information on efforts of the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion relating to tribal engagement within Santa Clara County and provided an overview of indigenous people and the linguistic families within the County. She further provided information relating to balancing laws with the needs of tribal communities and giving those communities an opportunity to participate in decisions on projects on ancestral lands.

Clarissa Sangalang and Brandon Adriano provided a summary of events held at the Commission retreat.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Daphne Zhu, seconded by Agata Bak, and unanimously carried, to approve the April 19, 2023 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 BROWN ACT REVIEW AND TRAINING

Andrew Gschwind reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

8.2 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

8.3 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Sherilyn Tran reported on the upcoming planning for Job Shadow Day in February 2024.

Emma Gao and Ca Dang reported on Youth Community Science Network Working Group Science Research Projects, including the science behind the water purification process, researching main pollutants within the United States, and suggested topics for research.

Nicholas Ingram reported on the Creek Stewardship Working Group's focus with youth volunteers for the two major creek cleanups - National River Clean-up Day in May 2023 and Coastal Creek Cleanup Day in September 2023. He further encouraged Commissioners to promote the events with posters within their youth networks.

Rene Moreno reported on the Public Art Working Group's disbandment and creating new working groups.

The Commission took no formal action.

8.4 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chair Emma Gao reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no formal action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were four action items for Board consideration.

10. ADJOURN

Commission Chair Emma Gao adjourned 8:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: