



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 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 November 20, 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 6:07 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 12 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Lorelei Henry

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

District 3: Nina Yuan and Prathik Janakiram

District 4: Agata Bak

District 5: Grace Liu and Aditya Shivakumar

District 7: Oded Bronicki, Vice Chairperson Maitreya Banerjee, and Dovoan Kim

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Elena Alegre and Ishaan Mandala

District 3: Parnika Sadhu

District 4: Christopher Barsoum and Ellie Zhou

District 5: Daphne Zhu

District 6: Soleil Hernandez and Jonathan Lopez

Commissioner David Huynh arrived late as noted below.

Directors in attendance were: Nai Hsueh, District 5. Director Jim Beall, District 4, attended virtually.

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

Public in attendance were: Anon, Nick Ingram, Mateo M., Advait Rajagopalan, and Daphne Zhu.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

No oaths were administered.

4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Liz Park led an activity called Foil Stories, wherein Commissioners each created sculptures using a piece of foil and used all of their sculptures to create short stories. Each group then shared their stories with the rest of the commissioners.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristen Yasukawa reported that the Board will consider the Water Resources Protection Zone Ordinance on November 26, 2024.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Shivakumar, seconded by Chairperson Koduru, and unanimously carried, to approve the October 16, 2024 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7.1. UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S PROJECT GROUPS

Member Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group met on November 19, 2024 and received a presentation from the Bill Wilson Center.

Ricardo Barajas noted that the project is one of the first projects that the group is embarking on, and staff estimates having the project finalized in December 2024.

Member Huynh arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Member Shivakumar noted that the Education Outreach Program Project Group is focusing on creating presentations to area high schools relating to the mini-grant program, water refill stations, and field trips to water purification facilities. He further noted that the presentations are planned for February and March 2025, and stated that a survey has been sent to the members to collect information on water refilling stations at schools in the area.

Vice Chairperson Banerjee reported that the Creek Stewardship and Water Quality Outreach Project Group is considering a series of educational videos relating to water testing in people's homes. Member Shivakumar stated that the group is considering hosting a website for data availability.

7.2. 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

Chairperson Koduru noted that the Board approved the revised Commission work plan. Director Hsueh noted that the Board is impressed by the initiative shown by the Commission on the three projects.

The Commission took no action.

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

The Commission took no action.

9. ADJOURN

Chairperson Koduru adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved: January 22, 2025

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