



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 2026

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on January 28, 2026, 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 6:03 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 12 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Abigail Ha-Neul Kim

District 2: Alonso Jose and Betalem Berhanu

District 3: Prathik Janakiram, Parnika Sadhu, and Nina Yuan

District 4: Ellie Zhou

District 5: Simran Soni

District 6: Ruhan Upreti and Sinit Hadgu

District 7: Doyoon Kim and Mina Van Roy

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Aadrit Talukdar and Ishaan Mandala

District 2: Andrew Lomio

District 4: Agata Bak

District 5: Aditya Shivakumar

Members Bryce Chen, Ethan Cheung, David Huynh, and Ishika Anand arrived as noted below.

Board appointees in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5. Director John Varela, District 1, and Director Shiloh Ballard, District 2, attended virtually.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Ricardo Barajas, Dave Leon, Jimmy Qiu, and Elleri Tlaxcala.

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 NOVEMBER 19, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Member Huynh arrived at 6:05 p.m.

It was moved by Member Doyoon Kim, seconded by Vice Chairperson Zhou, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 19, 2025 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. RECEIVE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SILICON VALLEY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION CENTER; PARTICIPATE IN THE “THE WATER WE SHARE” ACTIVITY AND DISCUSS IDEAS FOR PROMOTING PURIFIED WATER

Recommendation:

- A. Receive a virtual tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center;
- B. Participate in “The Water We Share” activity; and
- C. Discuss ideas for promoting purified water.

Members Chen and Cheung arrived at 6:11 p.m. and Member Anand arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Brandon Adriano and Jimmy Qiu reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 through 5, and were available to answer questions.

The Commission received an interactive presentation relating to the Advanced Water Purification Center, including a PowerPoint presentation, videos, and interactive worksheets. The members then broke into small groups to design posters to promote the use of purified water.

4.2. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION’S PROJECT GROUPS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AS NECESSARY

Recommendation: Receive updates from project groups, staff and make recommendations to the Board, as necessary.

Member Doyoon Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group assembled hygiene kits to be donated to the Bill Wilson Center. Ricardo Barajas noted that the City of San Jose donated 40 extra kits, as well as blankets and socks.

Member Anand reported that the One Water Pitch Project Group is working on fliers and social media posts while waiting for approvals relating to prizes and competition prompts.

Vice Chairperson Zhou reported that the Data Accessibility Project Group is exploring opportunities to present at the Los Altos High School Green Schools event and the Fremont Union High School District Climate Collective. She further noted that the Working Group is hosting a site for National River Cleanup Day.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

4.3. 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.

Recommendation: Review the Youth Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation and make recommendations as necessary.

Dave Leon informed the members that the April 29, 2026 meeting was rescheduled to May 20, 2026 as a result of the poll sent to the members to choose a new meeting date.

Without discussion, the Commission took no action.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ricardo Barajas distributed a mailer relating to being flood safe and requested that the members respond to email messages and texts in a timely manner.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1. STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Recommendation: Standing Items Report

The Commission took no action.

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

The Commission took no action.

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chairperson Zhou adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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

Approved: May 20, 2026

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