



Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

SCVWD Youth Commission
TBD - Commission Chairperson
Ellie Zhou - Commission Vice
Chairperson
BOARD REPRESENTATIVES
Director John Varela - District 1
Director Shiloh Ballard - District 2
Director Nai Hsueh - District 5

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. WELCOME:

Board of Directors

3. OATHS OF OFFICE

4. INTRODUCTIONS

4.1. Valley Water Staff

4.2. Commission Members

5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

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

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All public comments requiring a response will be referred to staff for a written reply. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

8.1. Approval of Minutes.

[26-0660](#)

Recommendation: Approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 05202026 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 minutes

9. REGULAR AGENDA:

9.1. Receive Presentation Relating to Valley Water Board Resolution No. 17-75 and Expectations.

[26-0647](#)

Recommendation: Receive Presentation Relating to Board Resolution No. 17-75, which defines the structure and purpose of the Valley Water Youth Commission and expectations.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

Attachments: [Attachment 1 Board Resolution 17-75](#)
[Attachment 2: 2026 Youth Commission Bylaws Expectations](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 minutes

9.2. Receive Brown Act Overview and Training.

[26-0648](#)

Recommendation: Receive training regarding Brown Act requirements governing public meetings.

Manager: Andrew Gschwind, 408-630-2804

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 YC Brown Act Training](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 minutes

9.3. Receive the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report, Recognition of the 2026 Outgoing Santa Clara

[26-0659](#)

Valley Water District Youth Commission Members and Forward the Accomplishments Report to the Board for Consideration.

Recommendation: A. Receive and accept the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report; and
 B. Acknowledge and recognize the 2026 outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members; and
 C. Approve forwarding the Accomplishments Report to the Board for consideration.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 Youth Commission Accomplishments Report](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 minutes

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

11. 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.

12. ADJOURN:

12.1. Adjourn. The Next Special Meeting is Scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2026.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0660

Agenda Date: 8/19/2026

Item No.: 8.1.

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:

Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

SUMMARY:

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

Upon Commission approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Commission's meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 05202026 Youth Commission Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 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 May 20, 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 6:05 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 13 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Aadrit Talukdar

District 2: Alonso Jose

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

District 4: Ellie Zhou, Agata Bak, and Bryce Chen

District 5: Simran Soni and Ethan Cheung

District 6: David Huynh

District 7: Ishika Anand, Doyoon Kim, and Mina Van Roy

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Abigail Ha-Neul Kim and Ishaan Mandala

District 2: Andrew Lomio and Betalem Berhanu

District 5: Chairperson Aditya Shivakumar

District 6: Ruhan Upreti and Sinit Hadgu

Board appointees in attendance were: Director Shiloh Ballard, District 2, and Director Nai Hsueh, District 5.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Christie Heng, Dave Leon, Fiona Reyes, and Blanca Sanchez-Cruz.

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 JANUARY 28, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

It was moved by Member Anand, seconded by Member Kim, and unanimously carried, to approve the January 28, 2026 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

The Commission members participated in a year-end reflections collage activity, some of which were presented to the Commission as a whole.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ricardo Barajas reported that 70 miles and 14,000 pounds of trash were cleared on National River Cleanup Day. He further noted that recruitment is in progress to fill the vacancies being left by the graduating seniors, and that a survey is online for members to provide feedback on their experiences with the Commission.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

6.1. 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 Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Project Group concluded its work on the hygiene kit project, and the group created a video which was used in Commission recruitment efforts.

Member Anand stated that the One Water Pitch Project Group concluded its video contest on April 23. She noted that 12 students submitted seven videos, which were evaluated by Commissioners and subject matter experts, and announced the winners at the middle school and high school levels, stating that the winners have been notified prizes will be mailed to them.

Member Cheung reported that the Data and Accessibility Project Group collected 56.7 pounds of trash on National River Cleanup Day at the Alviso Slough.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

6.2. 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.

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.

Without discussion, the Commission took no action.

6.3. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS

Recommendation: Acknowledge and recognize outgoing Youth Commission Members.

Director Ballard provided remarks to the Youth Commission and presented the graduating members of the Commission with a Certificate of Recognition for their service, and each graduate was given the opportunity to address the Commission.

1. Ishaan Mandala - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
2. Aadrit Talukdar - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
3. Abigail Ha-Neul Kim - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
4. Andrew Lomio - representing District 2 (Director Ballard)
5. Alonso Jose - representing District 2 (Director Ballard)
6. Betalem (Betty) Berhanu - representing District 2 (Director Ballard)
7. Agata Bak - representing District 4 (Director Beall)
8. Aditya Shivakumar - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh)
9. David Nguyen Huynh - representing District 6 (Chair Estremera)
10. Sinit Hadgu - representing District 6 (Chair Estremera)
11. Doyoon Kim - representing District 7 (Director Eisenberg)

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 6:52 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.: 26-0647

Agenda Date: 8/26/2026

Item No.: 9.1.

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:

Receive Presentation Relating to Valley Water Board Resolution No. 17-75 and Expectations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Presentation Relating to Board Resolution No. 17-75, which defines the structure and purpose of the Valley Water Youth Commission and expectations.

SUMMARY:

This is an informational item intended to acquaint members of the Youth Commission with the group's purpose, roles and responsibilities, expectations and rules.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice and equity impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Board Resolution 17-75

Attachment 2: 2026 Youth Commission Bylaws Expectations Presentation

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 17- 75
PROVIDING FOR AND DEFINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 15-28**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

There have been established as advisory to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors (Board), in accordance with the District Act, the following committees (hereafter "Committees"), which shall continue in accordance with the provisions of this resolution:

1. Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (established by the District Act, which states ". . . The Board shall create an advisory committee consisting of farmers to represent users of agricultural water.");
2. Environmental and Water Resources Committee;
3. Santa Clara Valley Water Commission; and
4. Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This resolution sets forth the purpose, activities, and membership guidelines of the Committees.
- 1.2 The Committees are established to assist the Board with policy review and development, provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration, and to identify Board-related issues pertaining to the following:
 - 1.2.1 **Agricultural Water Advisory Committee:** agricultural water supply and use and groundwater production charges.
 - 1.2.2 **Environmental and Water Resources Committee:** water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship.
 - 1.2.3 **Santa Clara Valley Water Commission:** water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship.
 - 1.2.4 **Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission:** public policy, education, outreach, and all matters impacting the Santa Clara County youth and the water district.

- 1.3 In accordance with Governance Process Policy-8, the specific duties of the Committees are to:
 - 1.3.1 Provide input on policy alternatives for Board deliberation.
 - 1.3.2 Provide comment on the activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration.
 - 1.3.3 Produce and present to the Board an Annual Accomplishments Report summarizing the outcomes of the Committee's annual Board-approved work plan.
 - 1.3.4 Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.
- 1.4 In carrying out these duties, the Committee members bring to the District their respective expertise and the interests of the communities they represent.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Committee membership shall consist of the following:

Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

- 2.1.1 The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 16 members who are farmers and reside or do business, as determined by the Board, within Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.2 The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee shall also be comprised of one member who owns a private well (non-retail) within Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.3 Each Director may nominate up to two farmers who reside and/or farm within the nominating Director's district. In the event that a Director is unable to nominate a farmer from his/her district, the Director may nominate a farmer from anywhere within Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.4 The Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District and the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau may each nominate one representative for appointment as long as the nominee is a farmer who resides or does business, as determined by the Board, within Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.5 The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee does not have alternate members.

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

- 2.1.6 Effective July 1, 2015, the Environmental and Water Resources Committee shall be comprised of 21 At-Large members, who reside or do business, as determined by the Board, within Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.7 Effective July 1, 2015, each Director may nominate up to three at-large members.

Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

- 2.1.8 The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission shall be comprised of 18 elected representatives: one from each City and Town in Santa Clara County, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Each elected representative may have at least one alternate who may be another elected official or staff person from the same jurisdiction.
- 2.1.9 All municipal representatives and alternates to the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission shall be appointed by their perspective agency.

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

- 2.1.10 The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission shall be comprised of 21 Board-appointed members who reside and attend high school in Santa Clara County.
- 2.1.11 Each Director may nominate up to three at-large members of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission.
- 2.2 Members and alternates (where applicable) of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, Environmental and Water Resources Committee, and Santa Clara Valley Water Commission serve a two-year renewable term that begins upon appointment, or January 1 if a renewed appointment, and expires on December 31 of the year following appointment. Term of office for Committee members and alternates who are appointed mid-year shall begin upon appointment and run through December 31 of the year following appointment.
- 2.3 Members of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission serve a two-year renewable term that begins upon appointment, or September 1 if a renewed appointment, and expires on August 31 of the year following appointment. Term of office for Committee members and alternates who are appointed mid-term shall begin upon appointment and run through August 31 of the year following appointment.
- 2.4 Board appointed Committee members shall be held over until they are reappointed or successors are appointed by the Board.
- 2.5 Municipal appointed Committee members shall be held over until they are reappointed or successors are appointed by the County of Santa Clara and each City and Town therein.

- 2.6 Board member nominee appointments to Committees shall be subject to a majority vote of a quorum of the Board.
- 2.7 Following two or more consecutive unexcused absences, the Board may choose to remove a Board appointee. An unexcused absence is defined as failure to notify the District at least 48 hours in advance that the member will not attend the meeting.
- 2.8 Nothing in this resolution affects the eligibility of any current member of any Committee to serve out his or her current term, as long as the member continues to meet the eligibility criteria in effect when he or she was appointed to the Committee.

3. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- 3.1 The officers of each Committee shall be a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, both of whom shall be members of that Committee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee.
- 3.2 The term of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, Environmental and Water Resources Committee, and Santa Clara Valley Water Commission is one year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 and for no more than two consecutive terms. The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, Environmental and Water Resources Committee, and Santa Clara Valley Water Commission shall elect their officers at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers shall hold over in their respective offices after their term of office has expired until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.
- 3.3 The term of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission shall commence on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following year. However, the term of the first Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission will commence at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's first meeting and end on August 31 of the following year.
- 3.4 The Chairperson of each Committee shall have the following authority and duties:
 - (a) Preside at all meetings of the Committee;
 - (b) Facilitate productive meetings in accordance with posted Agenda and the Ralph M. Brown Act (open meeting law);
 - (c) Add items to the committee agenda;
 - (d) Invite speakers for any agenda item;
 - (e) Manage speaker time limits;

- (f) Facilitate communication of committee comments, requests, and recommendations to the Board of Directors;
 - (g) Report to the committee on decisions of the Board of Directors which impact the committee's activities; and
 - (h) Perform other such duties as the Committee may prescribe consistent with the purpose of the Committee.
- 3.5 The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. In case of the unexpected vacancy of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform such duties as are imposed upon the Chairperson until such time as a new Chairperson is elected by the Committee.
- 3.6 Should the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson become vacant during the term of such office, the Committee shall elect a successor from its membership at the earliest meeting at which such election would be practicable and such election shall be for the unexpired term of such office.
- 3.7 Should the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson know in advance that they will both be absent from a meeting, the Chair may appoint a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over that meeting. In the event of an unanticipated absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Committee may elect a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over the meeting in their absence.

4. MEETINGS

- 4.1 Meetings of the Committees shall be open and public and called in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Sections 54950 and following. Such meetings shall be held at the District Headquarters or such other place and time within Santa Clara County as the Board may designate.
- 4.2 Special meetings may be called by the Board and conducted in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code.
- 4.3 Committees shall convene four times per year or more often, as authorized by the Board, except for the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, which shall convene at least once a year, or more often, as authorized by the Board.
- 4.4 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.

- 4.5 Notices of each meeting, together with an agenda, the draft minutes of the preceding meeting, and supporting meeting materials, shall be provided to the Committee members no less than ten business days in advance.
- 4.6 Any Committee meeting in which all items on the Agenda are informational, excluding the approval of meeting minutes, will be cancelled and notification sent from the Clerk of the Board at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
- 4.7 A majority of the appointed members of the Committee or their alternates is required to constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. If the Clerk of the Board, or his/her designated representative (Clerk), has been notified at least two business days in advance of a scheduled meeting that a quorum will not be present, the Clerk will cancel the meeting and notice the membership of the cancellation.
- 4.8 In the event that a Committee meeting is cancelled due to the lack of a quorum, upon concurrence of the Committee Chair and the Board Representative, the Committee meeting may be re-scheduled or re-convened to a specified date, time, and place.
- 4.9 In the event a quorum of the Committee is not present at the scheduled start time of the meeting, or is lost during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair of each Advisory Committee, individual Committee members present in the room may proceed to hear informational agenda items, including any staff reports. No action shall be taken on any agenda item when a quorum does not exist. No official record of statements made by individual Committee members, staff, or members of the public will be created. However, if a quorum is achieved at any time, action items may be heard, discussed, and voted upon.
- 4.10 Except for such actions to adjourn, action of the Committee may be taken only upon the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the appointed members or their alternates present. The voting on all matters shall be by voice vote unless a roll call vote is called for by any member of the Committee. Only appointed Committee members or appointed alternates (who are sitting in an appointed member's stead) may vote on a matter.
- 4.11 Discussion on any agenda item by either Committee members or by any member of the general public may be limited, at the discretion of the Chairperson, to such length of time as the Chairperson may deem reasonable under the circumstances.
- 4.12 The Committee may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

- 5.1 Subcommittees of Board Advisory Committees will not be recognized. However, less than a quorum of Committee members may meet informally outside of meetings in accordance with Ralph M. Brown Act requirements.

PROVIDING FOR AND DEFINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 15-28

RESOLUTION 17- 75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 15-28 is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on

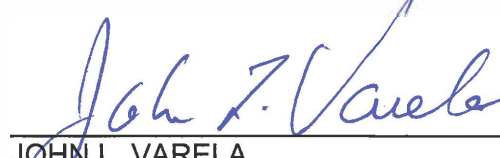
AYES: Directors T. Estremera, R. Santos, N. Hsueh, G. Kremen,
L. LeZotte, J. Varela

NOES: Directors None

ABSENT: Directors B. Keegan

ABSTAIN: Directors None

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



JOHN L. VARELA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC



Clerk/Board of Directors

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Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

Youth Commission: Bylaws and Expectations

Presented by Stephanie Simunic, Asst. Deputy Clerk II and Ricardo Barajas, Supervising Program Administrator
August 26, 2026

Mission Statement



Valley Water's mission is to provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy.

Youth Commission Bylaws

- Purpose:

- 1.2.4** To assist the board with public policy, education, outreach, and all matters impacting the Santa Clara County youth and the water district. Foster greater involvement of youth in local government to inspire and develop future public policy leaders and professionals with an awareness of issues and activities relating to water supply, conservation, flood protection, and stream stewardship.

Source: Board Resolution 17-75

Youth Commission Bylaws continued...

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- Officers and Duties:

- 3.1 The officers of each Committee shall be a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, both of whom shall be members of that Committee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee.
- 3.3 The term of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission shall commence on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following year. However, the term of the first Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission will commence at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's first meeting and end on August 31 of the following year.

Source: Board Resolution 17-75

Youth Commission Bylaws continued...

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- Meetings:

- 4.1 Meetings of the Committees shall be open and public and called in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Sections 54950 and following. Such meetings shall be held at the District Headquarters or such other place and time within Santa Clara County as the Board may designate.
- 4.3 Committees shall convene four times per year or more often, as authorized by the Board, except for the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, which shall convene at least once a year, or more often, as authorized by the Board.

Source: Board Resolution 17-75

Expectations

- **Meeting Attendance:**

- While time commitments will vary depending upon schedules and workload, Board Committee members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings.
- Following **two or more** unexcused absences, the Board may choose to rescind a Board Committee member's appointment.
- An unexcused absence is defined as **failure to notify the Office of the Clerk of the Board at least 48 hours** in advance that the member will not attend the meeting.

- **Participation:**

- Participate in group discussions.

- **Maintain an active level of communication:**

- Always reply to emails, texts, voicemails, etc.



Resources

- **Advisory Committee Handbook:**
 - <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>
- **Advisory Committee Bylaws:**
 - **Board Resolution 17-75** (PROVIDING FOR AND DEFINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 15-28).
- **Questions/Requests:**
 - Email **BOTH:**
 - Dave Leon daveleon@valleywater.org and
 - Youth Commission inbox youthcommission@valleywater.org

QUESTIONS





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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0648

Agenda Date: 8/26/2026

Item No.: 9.2.

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:

Receive Brown Act Overview and Training.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive training regarding Brown Act requirements governing public meetings.

SUMMARY:

The Ralph M. Brown Act was enacted to ensure that actions of local public agencies are taken in open and public meetings, with posted agendas. The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission is a Board Advisory Committee, and pursuant to the SCVWD Board Advisory Committee Handbook of Guidelines and Responsibilities, Youth Commission meetings must be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act.

The following interactive training is designed to introduce Youth Commission members to some of the most important requirements under the Brown Act regarding notice and transparency in government.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2026 YC Brown Act Training

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Andrew Gschwind, 408-630-2804

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SCVWD Youth Commission 2024 Review of the Ralph M. Brown Act

Valley Water Youth Commission - August 26, 2026
Presented by **Andy Gschwind, Assistant District Counsel**

The Ralph M. Brown Act

- Ralph M. Brown was a member of the California State Assembly
- He is best known for authoring the “Ralph M. Brown Act”
- Enacted in 1953, this was California’s first sunshine law designed to increase transparency in government.

III.B. – Public Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act

“All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be **open and public**, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency.” (Gov. Code § 54953)





PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Brown Act protects the public's right to attend and participate at meetings.
- In addition to reviewing agendas, the public has a right to all meeting handouts considered by the Committee.

What is the Purpose of this Training?

Purpose:

- Educational: to introduce you to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs how most official government meetings are conducted in California. This law governs:
 - County Board of Supervisors Meetings
 - City Council Meetings
 - Special District Meetings (Valley Water is a special district)
 - School Board Meetings
 - [very similar to homeowners' association (HOA) meetings and corporate board meetings]
- Assist you on carrying out your work on the Commission during your term.



Brown Act – What is a Public Meeting

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- **Meeting:**

- Any gathering of a majority of the legislative body to "hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action" on a matter within the agency's jurisdiction.
- Typically, a physical meeting in an ADA-accessible, secular place open to all members of the public. But because of coronavirus, Gov. Newsom passed an executive order authorizing live-stream meetings.
- **Not necessarily in-person** – can be by [phone](#), [email](#) or [Internet/social media](#)
 - Here, an email chain or a phone call involving 11 or more Youth Commissioners would be a “meeting” under the Brown Act!
- Newish law - Sept. 2020 (AB 992) allows elected officials to use the Internet to interact with the public but expressly prohibits an official from commenting on a posting concerning agency business by even one other member.

Brown Act Basics – the Agenda

- Legislative body must give public notice before each meeting of its governing body of what items it will be considering in that meeting and what action it might take. This public notice is the **meeting agenda**.
 - Body may only consider items on the agenda and take actions requested/contemplated on posted agenda. Action or detailed discussion on any other item is prohibited.
 - Rule of reason: Okay to briefly or incidentally discuss issues or items not on agenda; can respond to public comment or question, etc.
 - this ensures that a member of the public, can, if she is interested, participate in the proceeding and speak out on the issues.
 - for example, if I live next door to a school that closed a few years ago that has a large school ground or grassy area and the City is debating a proposal to rezone this land to allow development of a strip mall on it, I would want to know this and speak out against it. The meeting agenda lets me know when and where to go to speak out against (or in favor of) it.



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Thursday, May 14, 2020
City Hall, 980 Applegate St., Philomath
5:00 PM

Committee Chair:	Dale Collins
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City Staff:	Chris Workman

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of January 9, 2020

3. BUSINESS

- 3.1 Music in the Park status
- 3.2 Update on the Fossie Overman Park landscape planting
- 3.3 Tennis Court opening status
- 3.4 Parks open
- 3.5 Cochran Memorial Park status update

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Access Information

This meeting is being held via video conference. Citizens should use the video link or phone number provided below to listen to the meeting. For residents that do not have a phone or access to the internet, a small number of chairs will be provided at City Hall to comply with public meetings laws and social distancing requirements.

Please use the following link or phone number to access the meeting:

Video: <https://zoom.us/j/2065507870?pwd=LTJlL3NuZk43ODJKTkVlUjU0QVYxNzZ0>
Phone: 312-628-6799
Meeting ID: 206 550 7670
Password: Philomath

Meeting Conduct

All non-city participant microphones and screens will be muted. Presenters and members of the public will only be unmuted if called on to speak. The chat function will be disabled during the meeting.

Brown Act – Agenda Cont'd

- The agenda lists all items that will be discussed at the meeting and any action being requested of the governing body.
- Under the Brown Act, a “meeting agenda” must be posted publicly on the Internet and in one or more prominent public places **at least 72 hours (3 days) before the meeting.**
 - [Note: VW policy requires 10 days notice on most items]
 - There are two rare exceptions:
 - urgency exception – may discuss a non-agenda item at a regular meeting if, by 2/3 vote, board determines that there is a need for immediate action and the need to take action “came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.”
 - emergency - may discuss a non-agenda item at a regular meeting if, by majority vote, the body determines that the matter in question constitutes an emergency.
- The agenda description may be brief but **must be sufficiently detailed to inform public of the nature of the issue being discussed and action being requested.**



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Brown Act – Agenda Cont'd

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- Examples:

Bad

“Discuss Proposed Art Beautification Project.”

Good:

“Recommend to Valley Water Board of Directors that Valley Water Commission Artist Pablo Caruba to Paint Water Conservation Mural on Headquarters West Wall for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$165,000.”

Bad (Probably doesn't violate law – just bad):

“Discuss Global warming and water impacts.”

Good:

“Recommend to Valley Water Board of Directors that Valley Water Consider Retaining Consultant to Study Anticipated Local Water Supply Impacts of Global Warming Over Next 50 Years.”

- Agenda should include all attachments provided to decisionmakers (provided to public at same time as decision-maker)
 - E.g., proposed resolution, proposed contract, Powerpoint presentations



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Getting Items on Agenda

- Here, Valley Water Board pre-approves all Youth Commission meeting agendas when it approves the Commission's annual work plan
 - Typically, Chair can put an item on the agenda
 - Any Commissioner may request that an item be placed on the agenda
 - The Clerk and other VW staff will help
 - Member of the public may request to put an item on the agenda and commissioners may approve



PUTTING IT IN PRACTICE

SUFFICIENT PUBLIC NOTICE?



The Youth Commission wants to hear a report on bottled water and plastic waste.

It also wishes to make a recommendation to the Board on measures the Board should adopt to discourage bottled water consumption.

Which agenda language would best give the public notice of what the Commission was taking up at its meeting?

- A. Bottled Water, friend or foe?
- B. Receive report regarding bottled water consumption in Santa Clara County. Consider recommendations to Board of Directors regarding measures to adopt to discourage bottled water consumption.
- C. Bottled Water Consumption Trends and recommendations.

Brown Act & Public Meetings – Cont'd

The Agenda Requirements are enforceable.

Judge Rules L.A. Planners Hid Environment Reports, Violated Brown Act

By Peter B. Matuszak
Daily Journal Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — Open government advocates won a victory last week when a judge ruled that the city's practice of using internal city codes to disguise key environmental matters before the Planning Commission was illegal.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Yaffe ruled in favor of public interest attorney Robert Silverstein on Oct. 6, finding that the city had repeatedly violated the Brown Act, the state's open government law, by not clearly disclosing when commissioners would be deciding whether to approve environmental reports for new developments mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act.

"The evidence before the court, which is uncontradicted, shows that the City Planning Commission of the City of Los Angeles repeatedly posted agendas of its meetings during the year 2007 that clearly disclosed each action that it intended to take or discuss at a meeting except actions to be taken or considered under the California Environmental Quality Act," Yaffe wrote. *La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Assoc. v. Los Angeles*, BS108652 (L.A. Super. Ct., filed March 30, 2007).

The judge pointed out that all other items on at least six Planning Commission agendas were spelled out in simple

understandable terms but that environmental matters to be taken up under CEQA were only mentioned in, "a cryptic reference like the following 'CEQA: ENV-2005-7720-EIR.'"

"Such cryptic references are meaningless to most members of the public ... Such descriptions not only violate the Ralph M. Brown Act, but they also violate the fundamental purposes of CEQA," he wrote.

The ruling will force the city to change how it informs the public about pending environmental and land use decisions. The order enjoined the Planning Commission from taking any actions under CEQA that are not "described with clarity, particularity and detail," understandable to the general public.

The ruling will not stop any current projects, including the Paseo Plaza, which the suit was originally filed against. The preservationists who opposed the mixed-use project have settled their grievances with the developer, who agreed to pay into a fund that will be used to fix potential traffic problems. The plan calls for 437 residential units and 377,900 square feet of commercial space to be built near the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Western Avenue.

Despite the agreements, Silverstein continued to pursue
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ROBERT LEVINS / Daily Journal

"It has now become a lawsuit to vindicate the public's right to a transparent government," said attorney Robert Silverstein.

Conduct of Meetings

- Public must be given opportunity to speak on any agenda item
 - Should be given the opportunity to do this **before** the Commission takes action.
 - Okay to set time limit on all speakers – e.g., each speaker only get 3 minutes
- Public must be given opportunity to speak regarding any matters within the body's jurisdiction during "public comment" period.
- Cannot require sign-in or speaker identification
 - voluntary sign-in permitted if sheet specifies that it is voluntary
 - speakers can choose to remain **anonymous**: so if one of your friends or parents wants to “zoom” into a meeting and talk while remaining anonymous, they can!
- Broadcasting, videotaping and photography must be permitted



Conduct of Meetings – Rosenberg or Roberts Rules of Order or Conduct

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Most governmental bodies follow some variation on these rules.

- The Chairperson, with the help of the Clerk, typically runs the meeting;

Generally, to take action on an item:

- a Commissioner makes a motion to take a certain action on an item. For example, “I move that the Commission recommend to Valley Water’s Board that the Valley Water host a high school creek cleanup event.”
 - (If a motion is poorly phrased or if another commissioner wants to change it slightly, anyone can make an “amended motion” that clarifies or slightly changes the original motion.)
- another Commissioner then “seconds” the motion or else it fails.
- If the motion is seconded, all Commissioners then vote on the motion.
- If a majority of Commissioners present at the meeting vote in favor of motion, it passes. If not, it fails.



Brown Act Violations – Prohibited Meetings

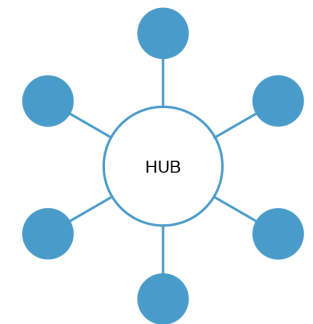
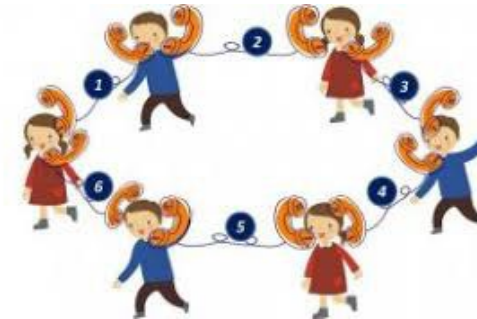
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- **Quorums outside of noticed meetings**

- 11 of you discussing Youth Commission business outside of a regular meeting
- Youth Commission work groups should keep discussions of issues within their own work group. Do not discuss with commissioners in other work groups.

- **Serial Meetings Prohibited:**

- **Daisy Chain:** If Member A contacts Member B, and Member B contacts Member C, and so on, passing along commission information, until a quorum (11 members) has been contacted, this is a “serial meeting” that violates the Brown Act.
- **Hub and spoke:** one person separately contacts a quorum of members (11 or more) discussing her/his views on action to be taken by the government body.



Serial meetings
don't have to be
face-to-face

The test is
whether there is
a series of
communications



QUESTIONS





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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0659

Agenda Date: 8/19/2026

Item No.: 9.3.

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:

Receive the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report, Recognition of the 2026 Outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members and Forward the Accomplishments Report to the Board for Consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive and accept the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report; and
- B. Acknowledge and recognize the 2026 outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members; and
- C. Approve forwarding the Accomplishments Report to the Board for consideration.

SUMMARY:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was established to assist the Santa Clara Valley Water Board of Directors with public policy, education, outreach, and all matters impacting the Santa Clara County youth and Valley Water. Participation on the commission also helps to foster greater involvement of youth in local government to inspire and develop future public policy leaders and professionals with an awareness of issues and activities relating to water supply, conservation, flood protection, and stream stewardship.

The Board's Advisory Committees report annually to the Board on their accomplishments of the preceding year. This item conveys the Youth Commission's accomplishments for the 2026 school year and provides the opportunity for the Board to acknowledge and recognize the outgoing eleven (11) Youth Commission members who graduated as part of the Class of 2026 and will no longer be eligible to participate on the Commission after August 2026.

Highlights from the Youth Commission's Accomplishments this year include:

- 1. The Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group assembled and donated enhanced hygiene kits for unhoused youth, expanding the kits to include flood preparedness items such as Mylar blankets, whistles, socks, and flashlights.

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2. The One Water Pitch Youth Video Competition Project Group launched a video competition, recognizing middle and high school students for creative projects promoting water conservation.
 3. The Data Accessibility Project Group hosted a National River Cleanup Day site at Alviso Slough, where members conducted trash sorting activities and developed an educational flyer to promote community awareness.

The following Youth Commissioners graduated this year and were recognized and presented with their Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation at the May 20, 2026, Youth Commission meeting by Board representatives, Valley Water staff, and fellow Youth Commissioners:

1. Ishaan Mandala - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
2. Aadrit Talukdar - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
3. Abigail Ha-Neul Kim - representing District 1 (Director Varela)
4. Andrew Lomio - representing District 2 (Director Ballard)
5. Alonso Jose - representing District 2 (Director Ballard)
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7. Agata Bak - representing District 4 (Director Beall)
8. Aditya Shivakumar - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh)
9. David Nquyen Huynh - representing District 6 (Chair Estremera)
10. Sinit Hadgu - representing District 6 (Chair Estremera)
11. Doyoon Kim - representing District 7 (Director Eisenberg)

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2026 Youth Commission Accomplishments Report

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

YOUTH COMMISSION 2025/2026 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting Valley Water occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the Valley Water Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	8-20-2025	<u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u> The Youth Commission elected Aditya Shivakumar as the 2025-2026 Chair and Ellie Zhou as the 2025-2026 Vice Chair.
2	Oath of Office - Youth Commission Members	8-20-2025	<u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u> Dave Leon administered the Oath of Office to new Youth Commissioners in attendance.
3	Brown Act Review and Training	8-20-2025	<u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u> Andrew Gschwind gave a review and training on the Brown Act. The Youth Commission took no action.
4	Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Orientation	8-20-2025	<u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u> Ricardo Barajas gave an orientation presentation to the Youth Commission along with the expectations and regulations for the Commission to follow when attending and conducting meetings. The Youth Commission took no action.
5	Virtual Tour of Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center	01-28-2026	<u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u> 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.
6	Review Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests,	8-20-2025 9-30-2025 10-28-2025	<u>Accomplished August 20, 2025:</u> The Commission elected Aditya Shivakumar as Chairperson and Ellie Zhou as Vice Chairperson.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
	and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda	11-19-2025 01-28-2026 05-20-2026	Chairperson Aditya Shivakumar reported that the Creek Stewardship and Water Quality Outreach Project Group created a series of videos, which began with a visit to the water quality lab, including a chain of custody simulation. A video of the lab day was screened for the Commission. He further noted that the project group hosted a National River Cleanup Day site where 32 bags of trash were collected from the waterways. Member David Huynh reported that the Education Outreach Program Project Group hosted a live informational outreach webinar to provide information relating to grant opportunities to school personnel and students. Member Andrew Lomio reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group is finalizing a blog that will highlight the projects completed by the Commission during the year. <u>Accomplished September 30, 2025:</u> The Youth Commission held a special meeting to review and vote on submitted project proposals. Following a comprehensive discussion, a straw poll was conducted to gauge overall interest and prioritize options. Each commissioner identified their top three preferred projects by placing up to three dot stickers on a board corresponding to project titles. Based on this process, the Youth Commission selected and approved the following projects: • One Water Pitch • Data Accessibility Project • Creekside Community Care Project Additionally, the Youth Commission reviewed and accepted the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report and agreed to forward the report to the Board of Directors for consideration. <u>Accomplished October 28, 2025:</u>

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			The Board received the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report and recognized the 2025 Outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members. The Valley Water Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Work Plan, which includes the Youth Commission's project recommendations submitted on September 30, 2025. <u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u> Chairperson Shivakumar noted that the Board of Directors approved the 2025-2026 Work Plan. Without discussion, the Commission took no action. <u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u> 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. <u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u> Without discussion, the Commission took no action.
7	Youth Commission Annual Retreat	8-23-2025	<u>Accomplished August 23, 2025:</u> The Youth Commission attended the Annual Youth Commission Retreat via Zoom. The Youth Commission participated in various interactive activities to get to know each other and learn about Valley Water.
8	One Water Pitch: A Youth Video Competition on Water Sustainability	11-19-2025 01-28-2026 05-20-2026	<u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u> Member Sadhu reported that the One Water Pitch Project Group has outlined the structure and rules of tentative video competition guidelines, including video length and a focus on creativity, and separate categories for middle school and high school entrants. She further noted that the competition is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-February 2026.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			<u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u> 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. <u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u> Member Anand stated that the One Water Pitch Project Group concluded its video contest on April 23. She noted that 12 students submitted seven videos, which were evaluated by Commissioners and subject matter experts, and announced the winners at the middle school and high school levels, stating that the winners have been notified prizes will be mailed to them.
9	Data Accessibility Project, based on Water Watch, Microplastic Interception Program and Trash Pollution Heatmap	11-19-2025 01-28-2026 05-20-2026	<u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u> Member Soni reported that the Data Accessibility Project Group outlined the revised project to include two main components: a trash and water quality heat map using existing Valley Water data, and educational workshops supported by low-water testing kits, as well as a social media presence. <u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u> 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. <u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u> Member Cheung reported that the Data and Accessibility Project Group collected 56.7 pounds of trash on National River Cleanup Day at the Alviso Slough.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
10	Creekside Community Care Project, with elements from Providing Safe Drinking Water	11-19-2025 01-28-2026 05-20-2026	<u>Accomplished November 19, 2025:</u> Member Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Initiative Project Group discussed a list of items to be included in the hygiene kits including emergency blankets, flashlights, and safety items including handouts with hotlines. She further reported that a proposed budget was sent to the Bill Wilson Center, and that \$2,500 is needed to enable the purchase of the items. <u>Accomplished January 28, 2026:</u> 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. <u>Accomplished May 20, 2026:</u> Member Kim reported that the Creekside Community Care Project Group concluded its work on the hygiene kit project, and the group created a video that was used in Commission recruitment efforts.
11	Recognition of Outgoing Youth Commission Members	05-20-2026	<u>2026 Youth Commission Graduates:</u> • Ishaan Mandala - District 1 (Director Varela) • Aadrit Talukdar - District 1 (Director Varela) • Abigail Ha-Neul Kim - District 1 (Director Varela) • Andrew Lomio - District 2 (Director Ballard) • Alonso Jose - District 2 (Director Ballard) • Betaleme (Betty) Berhanu - District 2 (Director Ballard) • Agata Bak - District 4 (Director Beall) • Aditya Shivakumar - District 5 (Director Hsueh) • David Nguyen Huynh - District 6 (Chair Estremera) • Sinit Hadgu - District 6 (Chair Estremera) • Doyoon Kim - District 7 (Director Eisenberg)

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