

May 6, 2021

**MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP****TO: SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
District 1	Ana Torrico	Ishita Verma	Jonathan Xia
District 2	Colin Lim	Elise Mullen	Soren Ryan-Jensen
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District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Tammy Cao	Nilansh Dey Ghosh
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki	Yehchan Martin Kim	Arushi Saxena

The regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, teleconference via Zoom.

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/s/88360673957>

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please have this packet with during to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on-line at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>

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Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items.

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Please confirm your attendance **no later than Monday, May 17, 2021; 4:00 p.m.** by contacting Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or [gbrambill@valleywater.org](mailto:gbrambill@valleywater.org).



## **SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
6:00 PM**

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

SCVWD Youth Commission  
Michael Zhao- Commission Chair  
Ishita Verma- Commission Vice Chair

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Glenna Brambill -  
Management Analyst II  
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BOARD REPRESENTATIVES  
Nai Hsueh - District 5  
Barbara Keegan - District 2  
John L. Varela - District 1

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**Santa Clara Valley Water District**  
**Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Teleconference

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the Committee, staff, and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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**3. WELCOME**

**4. OATH OF OFFICE**

**5. INTRODUCTIONS/INTERACTIVITY**

**6. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

7.1. Approval of Minutes.

[21-0574](#)

Recommendation: Approve the February 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 02242021 Youth Comm Draft Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- 8.1. Update from Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Working Groups. [21-0575](#)

Recommendation: Approve, discuss, and consider any new working groups. Receive updates on working groups, recommendations and make recommendations to the Board, as necessary. Two additional specific considerations:

- Vote to approve changing the Adopt-A-Bench Working Group to the Public Art Working Group, and
- Vote to recommend to the Board to approve pilot mural design criteria.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Working Group 2021](#)

Est. Staff Time: 25 Minutes

- 8.2. Review, Discuss, and Approve Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Work Plan, and Propose the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda. [21-0576](#)

Recommendation: Review, Discuss, and Approve the Commission's work plan to guide the Commission's discussions and schedule the next meeting and agenda.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2021 Youth Comm Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 9.1. Recognition of Outgoing Youth Commission Members [21-0577](#)

Recommendation: Acknowledge and Recognize Outgoing Youth Commission Members.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Est. Staff Time: 25 Minutes

**10. 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.*

**11. ADJOURN:**

- 11.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on August 25, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.





# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 21-0574

**Agenda Date:** 5/19/2021  
**Item No.:** 7.1.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the February 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

**SUMMARY:**

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

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 02242021 SCVWD Youth Comm Draft Meeting Mins

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Michele King, 408-630-2711





SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021  
6:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on February 24, 2021, teleconference via Zoom.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ms. Ishita Verma called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### 1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 16 Members present.

#### Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ishita Verma		
District 2	Colin Lim	Elise Mullen*	Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Anousha Athreya	Aroshi Ghosh	
District 5	Hillary Chang	Alden Hughes	
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Tammy Cao	Nilansh Dey Ghosh
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki	Yehchan Martin Kim	Arushi Saxena

#### Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Paula Escobar	Jonathan Xia	
District 4	Vedant Janapaty		
District 5	Michael Zhao		

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Director Barbara Keegan and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Julie Abbatelli, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Mera Burton, Chelsea Busick, Leonardo Foster, Janet Hedley, Matt Keller, Marta Lugo, Linda Nguyen, Sherilyn Tran, Warren Whitlock, and Kristen Yasukawa.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. WELCOME**

We had welcoming remarks from Youth Commission Board Representatives Director Nai Hsueh, Director John L. Varela and Director Barbara Keegan.

**4. OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to the new Youth Commission Member Mr. Yehchan Martin Kim representing District 7.

**5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY**

The Youth Commissioners introduced themselves with their name, school attend, and Grade (16 Members=Verma, Lim, Ryan-Jensen, A. Kulkarni, V. Kulkarni, Walsh, Athreya, Gosh, Chang, Hughes, Bravo, Cao, Dey Ghose, Bronicki, Kim and Saxena).

Ms. Mera Burton and Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners engaged in an interactive Kahoot game.

Congratulations to the Top 3 winners; 1. Arushi Saxena, 2. Anika Kulkarni and 3. Vaibhavi Kulkarni.

**6. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Sherilyn Tran introduced Mr. Matt Keller who gave tips on communication-social media, writing blogs by telling a story, keeping it simple, being open to feedback and be courageous.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**7.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Colin Lim, seconded by Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki,, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the November 18, 2020, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 PRESENTATION OF THE PILOT MURAL ART PROJECT**

Ms. Kristen Yasukawa reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission discussed the following (Mr. Colin Lim, Ms. Ishita Verma and Ms. Anika Kulkarni) support the project, beautify the area, rename the Adopt-a Bench Working Group to Mural Art Project Working Group, and anti-graffiti coating to protect this project.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took the following action. It was moved by Ms. Aroshi Ghosh, seconded by Ms. Anika Kulkarni, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the staff's recommendation that the Board of Directors consider approving the Youth Commission's participation in the pilot Mural Art Project; and approve the location for the pilot mural at the Blossom Hill Annex building at 1020 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA.

## **8.2 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS**

Vice Chair Ishita Verma reviewed the agenda item and received Youth Commissioner's reports for the working groups:

The Youth Commission reported on the following Working Groups' activities:

Mr. Alden Hughes reported on behalf of the Adopt-A-Bench Project; the benches are completed and installed, working on completing the advertising with videos, social media and maps of the district benches. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021.

Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki reported on behalf of the Creek Stewardship; looked at making the adopt-a-creek maps easier to read to identify locations of the creeks, and recruiting more members.

Mr. Nilansh Dey Ghosh reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network; contacting different organizations for outreach, the Synopsys Fair for Junior (Middle) and High School students is occurring March 10-11, 2021. Expressed having the Youth Commission recommend that the Valley Water Board consider approving being an annual sponsor for the Synopsys Championship Science Fair's Special Awards, depending on the budget, to start in 2022, for those students that place emphasis on water related projects.

The Youth Commission took the following action.

It was moved by Ms. Anika Kulkarni, seconded by Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, approving the Youth Commission's recommendation that the Valley Water Board consider approving being an annual sponsor for the Synopsys Championship Science Fair's Special Awards (depending on the budget) to begin in 2022, for those students that place emphasis on water related projects.

Mr. Colin Lim reported on behalf of the Job Shadow and Mentorship; the virtual February 18, 2021, Job Shadow Day, record number of 128 students signed up but 64 in attendance, 56 Valley Water Staff Mentors, Staff Panelists, the breakout sessions, it was a great turnout and engaging. Thanked everyone that worked on the Job Shadow Day.

Ms. Aroshi Ghosh reported on behalf of the new group Outreach-Media, the new website is live and shows Commissioners' head shots, the working groups, the Job Shadow Day information and posting of events.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 (subject to change).

The Youth Commission took no action.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9.1 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S CREATION OF NEW OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AND BOARD ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND PROMOTING EQUITY**

Ms. Lynda Nguyen reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission took no action

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported two action items for Board consideration.

**Agenda Item 8.1**

The Youth Commission by roll call and unanimous vote approved Staff's recommendation: That the Board of Directors consider approving the Youth Commission's participation in the pilot Mural Art Project; and approve the location for the pilot mural at the Blossom Hill Annex building at 1020 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA.

**Agenda Item 8.2**

The Youth Commission by roll call and unanimous vote approved the Youth Commission's recommendation that the Valley Water Board consider approving being an annual sponsor for the Synopsys Championship Science Fair's Special Awards (depending on the budget) to begin in 2022, for those students that place emphasis on water related projects.

**11. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Ishita Verma adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. {This date is subject to change.}

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

Approved:





# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0575

Agenda Date: 5/19/2021

Item No.: 8.1.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Update from Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Working Groups.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve, discuss, and consider any new working groups. Receive updates on working groups, recommendations and make recommendations to the Board, as necessary.

Two additional specific considerations:

- Vote to approve changing the Adopt-A-Bench Working Group to the Public Art Working Group, and
- Vote to recommend to the Board to approve pilot mural design criteria.

**SUMMARY:**

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's (Commission) approved working groups will work on issues and policies that the Commission has on their work plan for the year.

This will be a standing agenda item.

**BACKGROUND:**

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Board Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Board's Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2020-2021 Working Groups Spreadsheet

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**File No.:** 21-0575

**Agenda Date:** 5/19/2021  
**Item No.:** 8.1.

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**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**  
Michele King, 408-630-2711

**2020-2021 Youth Commission Working Groups Updated May 2021**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Adopt-A-Bench</b>	<b>Communications/ Public Outreach</b>	<b>Creek Stewardship (formerly Adopt-A-Creek) (FULL)</b>	<b>Job Shadow &amp; Mentorship</b>	<b>Youth Citizen Science Network (FULL)</b>
Anousha Athreya			1		1
Kathryn Bravo			1		
Ye'ela Bronicki			1		
Tammy Cao	1				
Hillary Chang			1		1
Nilansh (Neil) Dey Ghosh			1		1
Aroschi (Yoshi) Ghosh		1		1	1
Alden Hughes	1		1		
Anika Kulkarni			1		1
Vaibhavi Kulkarni		1	1		1
Vedant Janapaty		1		1	
Yehchan Martin Kim	1				
Colin Lim	1			1	
Elise Mullen	1	1		1	
Soren Ryan-Jensen					1
Arushi Saxena			1	1	
Ana Torrico					
Ishita Verma	1	1			
Matthew Walsh	1		1		
Jonathan Xia				1	1
Michael Zhao		1		1	1
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 21-0576

**Agenda Date:** 5/19/2021

**Item No.:** 8.2.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Review, Discuss, and Approve Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Work Plan, and Propose the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review, Discuss, and Approve the Commission's work plan to guide the Commission's discussions and schedule the next meeting and agenda.

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission was formed to assist the board with public policy, education, outreach, and all matters impacting Santa Clara County youth related to the water district. The purpose of the Commission is to foster greater involvement of youth in local government and 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.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2021 Youth Comm Work Plan

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Michele King, 408-630-2711



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 the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	8-26-2020	<p><b>Accomplished August 26, 2020:</b> The Youth Commission elected Michael Zhao by majority vote as Youth Commission Chair and Ishita Verma was elected by majority as Youth Commission Vice Chair.</p>
2	Oath of Office - Youth Commission Members	8-26-2020 10-10-2020 2-24-2021 5-19-2021	<p><b>Accomplished August 26, 2020:</b> The Oath of Office was administered to the following Youth Commissioners: Paula Escobar, Colin Lim, Soren Ryan-Jensen, Mathew Walsh, Aroshi Ghosh, Vedant Janapaty, Hillary Chang, Nilansh Dey Ghosh</p> <p><b>Accomplished October 10, 2020:</b> The Oath of Office was administered to the following Youth Commissioners: Anousha Athreya, Anika Kulkarni, Vaibhavi Kulkarni</p> <p><b>Accomplished February 24, 2021:</b> The Oath of Office was administered to the following Youth Commissioner: Yehchan Martin Kim.</p>
3	Youth Commission Annual Retreat	10-10-2020	<p><b>Accomplished October 10, 2020:</b> Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the annual retreat was held via Zoom. 17 of the 20 youth commissioners were in attendance. Staff planned several team building activities to allow the commissioners to get to know each other better. The youth commissioners convened in their working groups and drafted their 2021 workplan for the year. Three new commissioners were also sworn in during the retreat.</p>

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ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			Valley Water Board Chair Nai Hsueh provided opening remarks and CEO Rick Callender helped to close out the retreat with hopes for the upcoming year.
4	<p><b>Working Groups Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adopt-A-Bench</b></li> <li>• <b>Creek Stewardship</b></li> <li>• <b>Job Shadowing &amp; Mentorship</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Citizen Science Network</b></li> <li>• <b>Communications/Public Outreach</b></li> </ul>	<p>8-26-2020                      11-18-2020                      2-24-2021                      5-19-2021</p>	<p><b>Accomplished August 26, 2020:</b>                      The Youth Commission reported on the following activities:                      Chair Michael Zhao reported on behalf of the Career Shadowing and Mentorship Working Group stating that the February 2020 Job Shadow Day was a great success.</p> <p>Ricardo Barajas reporting for the Creek Stewardship Working Group, that every Saturday in September, Californians will take to their streets, sidewalks, and parks for this year's socially-distanced coastal cleanup.</p> <p>Janet Hedley reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group needing to get input for upcoming activities and projects.</p> <p>Peggy Lam gave an update on the Adopt-A-Bench project of the 7 benches in each District and showed approved artwork designed by guest artist Mr. Paul J. Gonzalez.</p> <p>The Youth Commission took no action</p> <p><b>Accomplished November 18, 2020:</b>                      The Youth Commission reported on the following activities:                      Mr. Alden Hughes reported on behalf of the Adopt-A-Bench Project, designs are approved, casts are being worked on, the project is being advertised with videos, social media and maps of the district benches and the ribbon cutting ceremony is to be scheduled.</p> <p>Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported on behalf of the Creek Stewardship Working Group, the cleanup in September, having a user-friendly app and working on an adopt-a-creek program.</p>

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ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			<p>Ms. Elise Mullen reported on behalf of the Job Shadowing and Mentorship Working Group they are working on virtual February 2021 Job Shadow Day.</p> <p>Ms. Aroshi Ghosh reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group will be meeting more frequently and assigned roles to Aroshi (Collaboration Coordinator), Jonathan (Social Media), Vaibhavi (Secretary), and Anika (Outreaching).</p> <p>Chair Michael Zhao reiterated the importance of attending regular and working groups meetings, responding to staff emails and staying engaged. The Communications/Public Outreach Working Group will be able to have information on what the Youth Commission is doing, having flyers, accessing public media. Valley Water Staff will assist with the content of the website and have control on the updates.</p> <p>The Youth Commission took the following action: The Commission approved unanimously to add a new Communications Public Outreach Working Group.</p> <p><b>Accomplished February 24, 2021:</b> The Youth Commission reported on the following Working Groups' activities: Mr. Alden Hughes reported on behalf of the Adopt-A-Bench Project; the benches are completed and installed, working on completing the advertising with videos, social media and maps of the district benches. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021.</p> <p>Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki reported on behalf of the Creek Stewardship; looked at making the adopt-a-creek maps easier to read to identify locations of the creeks and recruiting more members.</p>

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ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			<p>Mr. Nilansh Dey Ghosh reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network; contacting different organizations for outreach, the Synopsys Fair for Junior (Middle) and High School students is occurring March 10-11, 2021. Expressed having the Youth Commission recommend that the Valley Water Board consider approving being an annual sponsor for the Synopsys Championship Science Fair's Special Awards, depending on the budget, to start in 2022, for those students that place emphasis on water related projects.</p> <p>The Youth Commission took the following action. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Youth Commission's recommendation that the Valley Water Board consider approving being an annual sponsor for the Synopsys Championship Science Fair's Special Awards (depending on the budget) to begin in 2022, for those students that place emphasis on water related projects. <i>The Board approved the Youth Commission's recommendation at its April 27, 2021, meeting.</i></p> <p>Mr. Colin Lim reported on behalf of the Job Shadow and Mentorship; the virtual February 18, 2021, Job Shadow Day, record number of 128 students signed up but 64 in attendance, 56 Valley Water Staff Mentors, Staff Panelists, the breakout sessions, it was a great turnout and engaging. Thanked everyone that worked on the Job Shadow Day.</p> <p>Ms. Aroshi Ghosh reported on behalf of the new group Outreach-Media, the new website is live and shows Commissioners' head shots, the working groups, the Job Shadow Day information and posting of events.</p> <p>:</p>

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5	<p><b>Review Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda</b></p>	<p>8-26-2020 11-18-2020 2-24-2021 5-19-2021</p>	<p><b>Accomplished August 26, 2020:</b> Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed work plan, introduced new District Counsel Representative, Mr. Andrew Gschwind, who will be going over the District Act. Additional agenda items will be orientation, meeting conduct, and other meeting processes.</p> <p>The Youth Commission took no action. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020. {date is subject to change}.</p> <p><b>Accomplished November 18, 2020:</b> Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the work plan and took the following action. The Commission unanimously approved the new work plan with the correction of item #6 (two #6’s, change to #7), and adding of the Communications/Public Outreach Working Group.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2021. {date is subject to change}.</p> <p><b>Accomplished February 24, 2021:</b> The Youth Commission reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 (subject to change). The Youth Commission took no action.</p>
6	<p><b>Communications/Public Outreach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Network with other Youth Commissions, student clubs (science clubs), youth organizations</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Commission Video/Website</b></li> </ul>	<p>11-18-2020</p>	<p><b>Accomplished November 18, 2020:</b> The Commission discussed the Communications/Public Outreach as a new working group and took the following action: The Youth Commission took action as noted in the Working Groups update.</p>

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7	Review Brown Act	11-18-2020	<b>Accomplished November 18, 2020:</b> The Youth Commission received a presentation on the review of the Brown Act and took no action.
8	Review the Youth Commission’s Roles, Responsibilities and Meeting Conduct	11-18-2020	<b>Accomplished November 18, 2020:</b> The Youth Commission received a presentation on the review of the Youth Commission’s Roles, Responsibilities and Meeting Conduct and took no action.
9	Pilot Mural Art Project	2-24-2021	<b>Accomplished February 24, 2021:</b> The Youth Commission received a presentation on the Pilot Mural Art Project and took the following action: Unanimous vote carried, to approve the staff’s recommendation that the Board of Directors consider approving the Youth Commission’s participation in the pilot Mural Art Project; and approve the location for the pilot mural at the Blossom Hill Annex Building at 1020 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA. <i>The Board approved the Youth Commission’s recommendation at its April 27, 2021, meeting.</i>
10	Update on Valley Water’s Creation of New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Board Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity	2-24-2021	<b>Accomplished February 24, 2021:</b> The Youth Commission received an update on Valley Water’s Creation of New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Board Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity and took no Action.
11	Recognition of Outgoing Youth Commission Members	5-19-2021	

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Recognition of Outgoing Youth Commission Members

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Acknowledge and Recognize Outgoing Youth Commission Members.

**SUMMARY:**

Eight Youth Commissioners will be graduating as the Class of 2021 and will no longer be eligible to participate on the Commission after August 2021. The Board Representatives and Youth Commission will recognize:

1. Ishita Verma - representing District 1 (Director Varela),
2. Colin Lim - representing District 2 (Director Keegan),
3. Elise Mullen - representing District 2 (Director Keegan),
4. Alden Hughes - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh),
5. Michael Zhao - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh),
6. Kathryn Bravo - representing District 6 (Director Estremera),
7. Tammy Cao - representing District 6 (Director Estremera), and
8. Arushi Saxena - representing District 7 (Director Kremen).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None: Note, Certificates of Recognition will be mailed.

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