

November 14, 2018

MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP

TO: SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION

Jurisdiction

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
District 6
District 7

Representative

Ishita Verma, Christina Vo, Serena Wood
Kalie Ching, Elise Mullen, Visala Tallavarjula
Ari Feinsmith, Thomas Nguyen, Yugam Satija
Adrienne Couteau, Shloka Janapaty, Navya Pariti
Arnav Gattani, Alden Hughes, Michael Zhao
Kathryn Bravo, Hugo Marquez,
Cole Baker, Sofia Ruiz, Arushi Saxena

The regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California. Dinner will be provided.

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you 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>

A majority of the appointed membership is required to constitute a quorum, which is fifty percent plus one. A quorum for this meeting must be confirmed at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date or it will be canceled.

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.

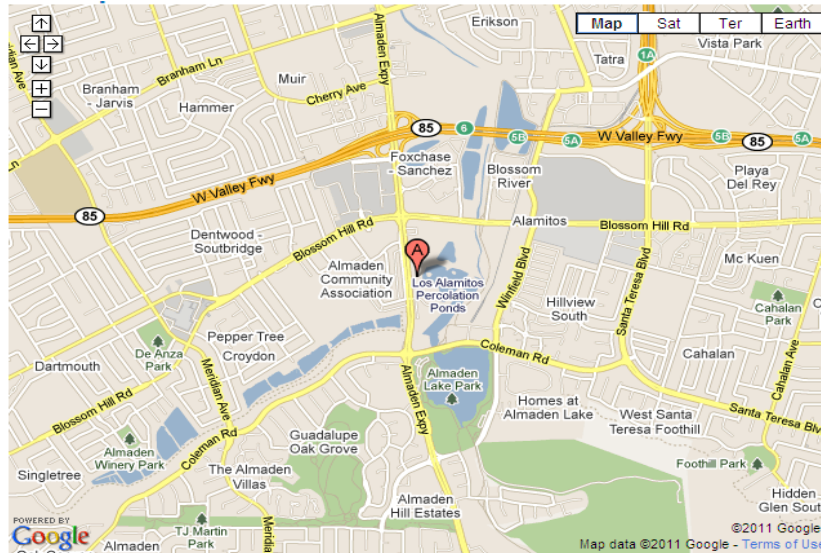
Members with two or more consecutive unexcused absences will be subject to rescinded membership.

Please confirm your attendance **no later than Monday, November 26, 2018; 4:00 p.m.** by contacting Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or gbrambill@valleywater.org.

Enclosures



**Santa Clara Valley Water District - Headquarters Building,
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118**



From Oakland:

- Take 880 South to 85 South
- Take 85 South to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Plaza Way
- Turn right (south) on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Morgan Hill/Gilroy:

- Take 101 North to 85 North
- Take 85 North to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Expressway
- Cross Blossom Hill Road
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Sunnyvale:

- Take Highway 87 South to 85 North
- Take Highway 85 North to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From San Francisco:

- Take 280 South to Highway 85 South
- Take Highway 85 South to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Plaza Way
- Turn right (south) on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Downtown San Jose:

- Take Highway 87 - Guadalupe Expressway South
- Exit on Santa Teresa Blvd.
- Turn right on Blossom Hill Road
- Turn left at Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (first traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Walnut Creek, Concord and East Bay areas:

- Take 680 South to 280 North
- Exit Highway 87-Guadalupe Expressway South
- Exit on Santa Teresa Blvd.
- Turn right on Blossom Hill Road
- Turn left at Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance



**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth
Commission Meeting**

HQ Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118

**REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018
6:00 PM**

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

SCVWD YOUTH COMMISSION
BOARD COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVES

Nai Hsueh - District 5
Barbara Keegan - District 2
John L. Varela - District 1

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Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

6:00 PM

HQ Boardroom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.

Notice to the public: This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda. Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda should complete a Speaker Form and present it to the Committee Clerk. The Committee Chair will call individuals in turn. Speakers comments should be limited to two minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3. Oath of Office

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.1. Approval of Minutes.

[18-1010](#)

Recommendation: Approve the September 12, 2018, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 091218 Youth Comm Draft Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- 6.1. Presentation of the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project (Pilot). [18-1006](#)
- Recommendation: A. Review and discuss staff's recommendation to pilot the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project with members of the Youth Commission;
 B. Approve the Youth Commission's participation in the Pilot Art Project; and
 C. Select the first seven benches for adoption.
- Manager: Rick Callender, 408-630-2017
- Attachments: [Attachment 1 Adopt A Bench Art Project \(Pilot\)](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes
- 6.2. Youth Commission Survey Results. [18-1007](#)
- Recommendation: That the Youth Commission discuss the results of the survey and decide whether to take the following actions:
- A. Modify its workplan based on information gathered from the survey.
 B. Depending on the survey results, set up suggested commission work groups.
- Manager: Rick Callender, 408-630-2017
- Attachments: [Attahment 1: Copy of Youth Comm Survey](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes
- 6.3. Synopsys Science Fair Update. [18-1008](#)
- Recommendation: Discuss Synopsys Science Fair Sponsorship and District Participation.
- Manager: Rick Callender, 408-630-2017
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint Synopsys Science fair](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 25 Minutes
- 6.4. Review Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Work Plan, and Propose the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda. [18-1011](#)
- Recommendation: Review 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 SCVWD Youth Comm Work Plan](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

7. 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.

8. ADJOURN:

8.1. Interactive Activity - Adjourn.

File No.: 18-1010

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018
Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

SUBJECT:

Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the September 12, 2018, 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: 091218 Draft Meeting Minutes.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
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 September 12, 2018, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Visala Tallavarjula called the meeting to order at 6:07 p. m.

1.1 /ROLL CALL

A quorum was established 12 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ishita Verma		
District 2	Elise Mullen	Visala Tallavarjula	
District 3	Ari Feinsmith		
District 4	Shloka Janapaty	Navya Pariti	
District 5	Arnav Gattani	Alden Hughes*	
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Hugo Marquez	
District 7	Cole Baker	Sofia Ruiz	Arushi Saxena

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Christina Vo	Serena Wood	
District 2	Kalie Ching		
District 3	Thomas Nguyen	Yugam Satija	
District 4	Adrienne Couteau		
District 5	Michael Zhao		

*Youth Commission Member arrived as noted.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Chelsea Busick, Brian Hopper, and Meda Okelo.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Elise Mullen, seconded by Ms. Arushi Saxena, and unanimously carried, to approve the June 13, 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 DISUCSS YOUTH COMMISSION SYNOPSIS SCIENCE FAIR SPECIAL AWARD SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Chair Visala Tallavarjula introduced the agenda item and Mr. Meda Okelo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Director John L. Varela, Mr. Hugo Marquez, Mr. Arnav Gattani, Ms. Visala Tallavarjula, Director Nai Hsueh, Mr. Ari Feinsmith, Ms. Shloka Janapaty, Mr. Cole Baker, Mr. Brian Hopper and Ms. Arushi Saxena, spoke on the Synopsis Science Fair Special Award, team building, job fairs, water meters, water related projects and volunteering,

*Mr. Alden Hughes arrived at 6:39 p.m.

The Youth Commission divided into breakout session for further discussion.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Arushi Saxena, seconded by Ms. Sofia Ruiz, and unanimously carried, to approve that the Board consider taking action on the Synopsis Science Fair's Special Award Sponsorship Proposal.

4.2 DISCUSS YOUTH COMMISSION POTENTIAL PROJECTS.

Chair Visala Tallavarjula and Vice Chair Shloka Janapaty introduced the agenda item and Mr. Meda Okelo clarified the agenda item's purpose.

The Youth Commission divided into breakout session for further discussion.

Mr. Hugo Marquez presented his proposal on Low Flow Fixtures.

Mr. Cole Baker, Ms. Elise Mullen and Ms. Ishita Verma had questions on the proposal.

The Youth Commission took the following action:
It was moved by Ms. Arushi Saxena, seconded by Ms. Ishita Verma, and unanimously carried, to approve that the Board consider taking action on the Low Flow Fixtures Proposal.

4.3 DISCUSS AND POPULATE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND PROPOSE THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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

The Youth Commission placed the following items on the work plan:

- Creek cleanups-outreach to key clubs (Leo's/Environmental),
- Job Fairs inviting the District,
- Involving local schools using social media pages in the activities with Commission in high schools and,
- Creating a bulletin (board).

December 12, 2018 or December 19, 2018 meeting dates to consider will do email poll.

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

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

Agenda Item 4.1:

The Youth Commission unanimously approved that the Board consider taking action on the Synopsys Science Fair's Special Award Sponsorship Proposal

Agenda Item 4.2:

The Youth Commission unanimously approved that the Board consider taking action on the Low Flow Fixtures Proposal.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Visala Tallavarjula adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, December 12th or 19th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

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

Approved:

File No.: 18-1006

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018

Item No.: 6.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

SUBJECT:

Presentation of the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project (Pilot).

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review and discuss staff's recommendation to pilot the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project with members of the Youth Commission;
- B. Approve the Youth Commission's participation in the Pilot Art Project; and
- C. Select the first seven benches for adoption.

SUMMARY:

The District is launching a Public Arts Program to engage all sectors of the community and to be a part of the fabric and culture of the various communities it serves. Staff is proposing to utilize the existing interpretive benches that have been installed throughout the county as potential art projects to engage the community.

Program Overview

There are close to 200 interpretive benches installed throughout the county. Many of them have not been maintained and are in poor condition. The Adopt-A-Bench Art Project would allow the District to revitalize the benches by adding artwork inspired by the District's mission of safe, clean water; flood protection; and environmental stewardship. The District would solicit design ideas by releasing a request for proposal to the community. The Board of Directors would select final design ideas.

Pilot Program

Staff is proposing to pilot the Adopt-A-Bench Art Project with the Youth Commission. Should the Youth Commission approve to participate, commissioners would adopt the first seven benches - one bench per district. The commissioners would work with an art advisor to design the benches and the final design would go to the Board of Directors for approval. Once the Board approves, the commissioners would work with art advisor to paint the design on the bench.

Proposed Timeline:

December through February - Develop a design concept for the bench
March - Present design concept to Board of Directors for approval
April through May - Paint benches
June - Unveiling events with each board member.

File No.: 18-1006

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018
Item No.: 6.1.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Adopt-A-Bench Art Project (Pilot) Proposal

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Rick Callender, 408-630-2017

ADOPT-A-BENCH ART PROJECT (PILOT) PROPOSAL

Connecting with the community through Public Arts

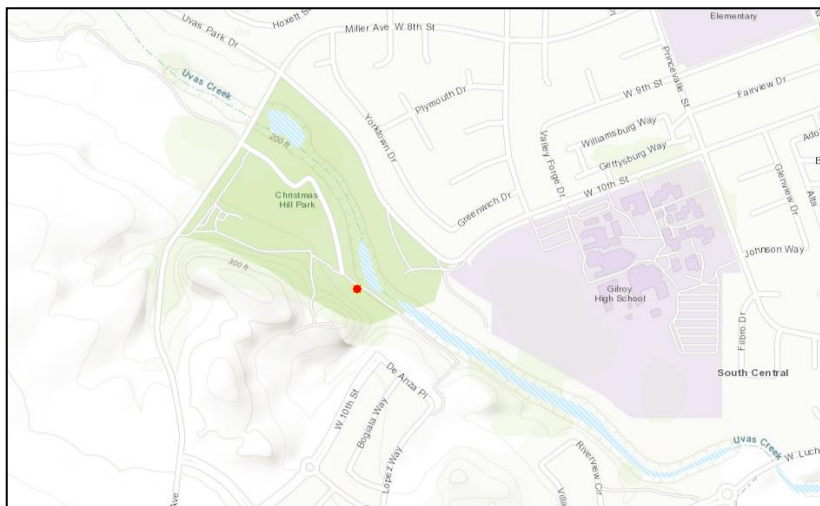
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 1

Board Member	John Varela
Bench Name	Bench 036
Bench Type	Flood
City	Gilroy
General Location	Christmas Hill Park
Location Description	Cross Street – Miller Ave. Located at the southern end of the Christmas Hill Park parking lot, near the park's amphitheater.
Coordinates	36.995163, -121.582692
Bench Signage Description	The signage explains the importance of riparian communities because they provide shade, protection, and food for the wildlife that live in the area. It also talks about where Santa Clara County gets its water from.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily accessible to the public along Uvas Creek Trail
- Highly visible in a high foot traffic area

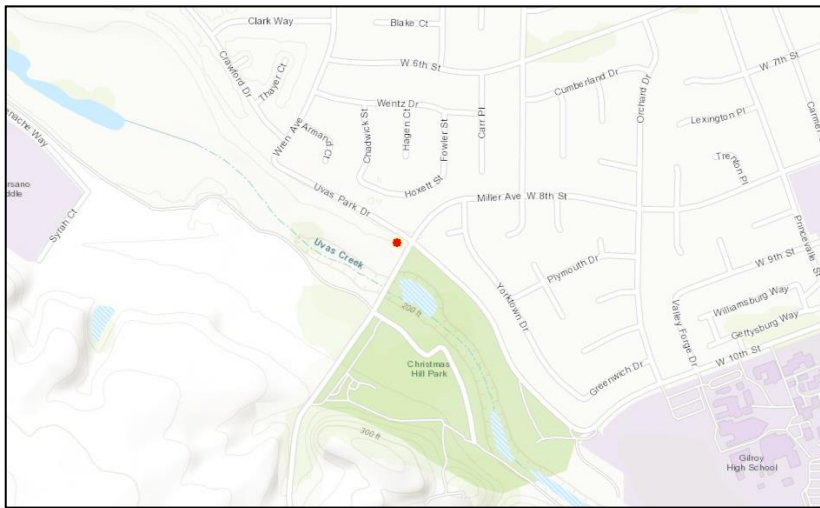
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 1

Board Member	John Varela
Bench Name	Bench 037
Bench Type	Flood
City	Gilroy
General Location	Christmas Hill Park
Location Description	Cross Street – Miller Ave. Located near the intersection of Uvas Park Dr. and Miller Ave. along levee trail, outside of Christmas Hill Park.
Coordinates	36.999404, -121.584982
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides a brief description of Uvas Creek, where it flows, and its purpose to provide South County residents with water for percolation. A brief history of flooding in the region also provided.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along Uvas Creek Trail
- Bench is in a high foot traffic area
- Visible from nearby roads

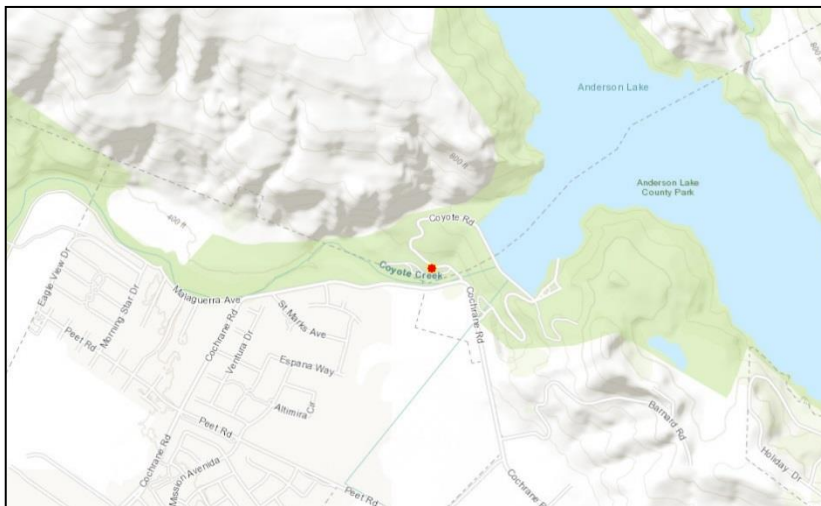
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 1

Board Member	John Varela
Bench Name	Bench 054
Bench Type	Flood
City	Morgan Hill
General Location	Anderson Reservoir
Location Description	Cross Street – Coyote Rd. Located within Anderson Lake County Park in the Toyon Picnic area, near the intersection of Cochrane Rd. and Coyote Rd.
Coordinates	37.164959, -121.632229
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides facts about Anderson Reservoir and its important role in water supply for Santa Clara County. The signage also discusses the importance of the outlet pipe to combat against flooding by releasing water before large winter storms.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Accessible to the public from park/reservoir parking lot entrance
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Located in Morgan Hill

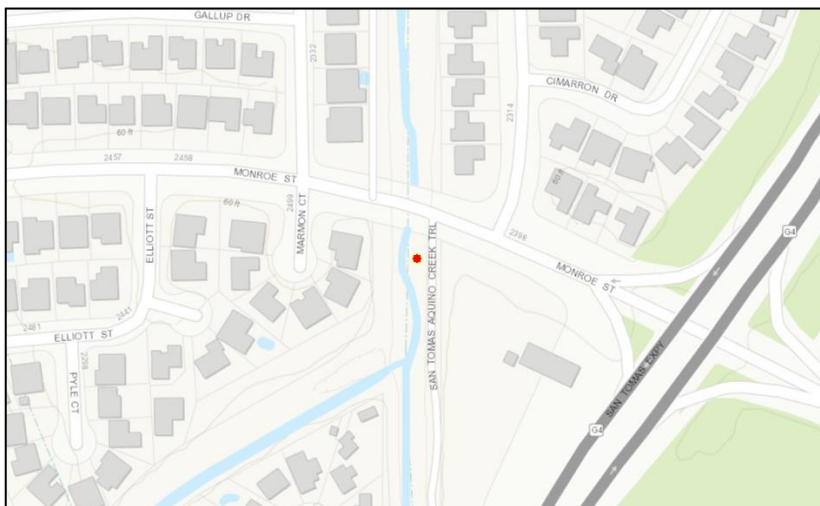
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 2

Board Member	Barbara Keegan
Bench Name	Bench 094
Bench Type	Flood
City	Santa Clara
General Location	San Tomas Aquino Creek Trailhead
Location Description	Cross Street – Roosevelt Cr. Located just outside of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trailhead parking lot on Monroe St.
Coordinates	37.363877, -121.968473
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides facts about the San Tomas Aquino Creek and how the nearby storm drains allow the creek to carry excess water away from urban areas. Over the years, the creek was modified to combat flooding, unfortunately without preserving natural creek.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along the San Tomas Aquino creek trail
- Visible from nearby roads and sidewalks
- Located in a high-traffic area

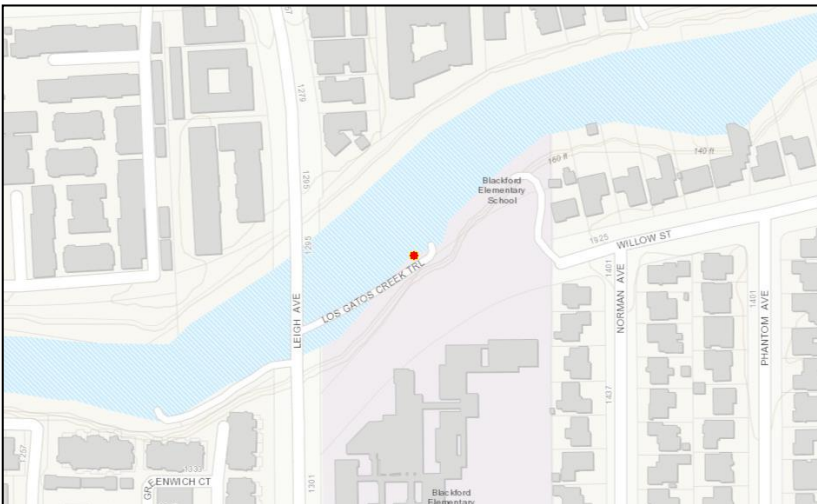
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 2

Board Member	Barbara Keegan
Bench Name	Bench 096
Bench Type	Environmental
City	San Jose
General Location	Blackford Elementary School
Location Description	Cross Street – Norman Ave. Bench #2 - Located just outside of Blackford Elementary School parking lot, along Los Gatos Creek Trail.
Coordinates	37.300225, -121.921852
Bench Signage Description	[N/A – bench signage has been completely painted over]

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail
- Proximity to a public elementary school
- Located in a high-traffic area
- Bench could help educate children about creek and Environmental stewardship

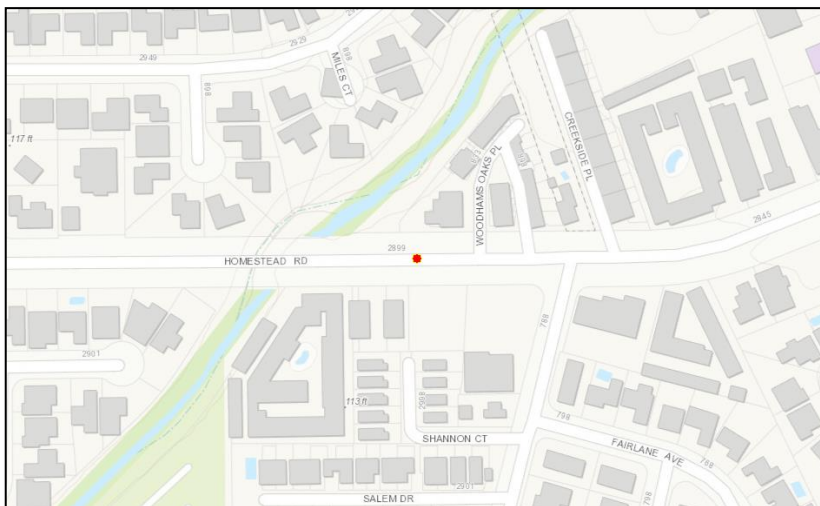
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 2

Board Member	Barbara Keegan
Bench Name	Bench 170
Bench Type	Flood
City	Santa Clara
General Location	Homestead Rd.
Location Description	Cross Street – Woodhams Oaks Pl. Located on the section of Homestead Rd. that crosses over Saratoga Creek.
Coordinates	37.338035, -121.980393
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides facts about Saratoga Creek, where it flows through, and its purpose in providing water for percolation for valley residents. The signage also provides some history about flooding in the Santa Clara area, and how storm drains help to avoid floods.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along sidewalk
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Could help deter against

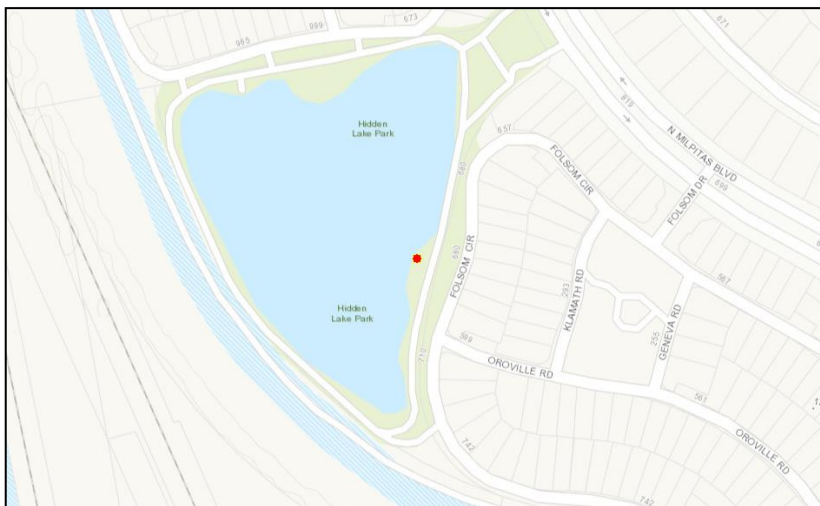
Interpretive Bench Recommendations District 3

Board Member	Richard Santos
Bench Name	Bench 050
Bench Type	Flood
City	Milpitas
General Location	Hidden Lake Park
Location Description	Cross Street – N Milpitas Blvd. Located within Hidden Lake Park, along eastern part of the lake perimeter.
Coordinates	37.439819, -121.905460
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about the importance of keeping storm drains clear of debris to combat against flooding. The signage also explains that sections of Berryessa Creek have concrete bottoms and steep sides to improve water flow during storms.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public within a public artificial lake park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area

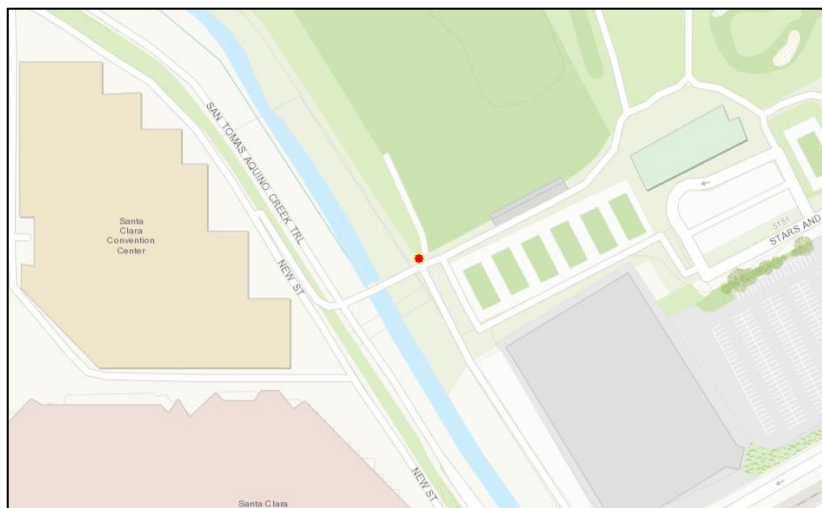
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 3

Board Member	Richard Santos
Bench Name	Bench 083
Bench Type	Flood
City	Santa Clara
General Location	Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club
Location Description	Cross Street – Tasman Dr. Located just west of the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, near an entrance (from club) to the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.
Coordinates	37.405599, -121.973504
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about San Tomas Aquino Creek and its surrounding watershed communities. The signage also explains that sections of the creek have concrete bottoms and steep sides to improve water flow during winter storms.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Creek area is clearly visible

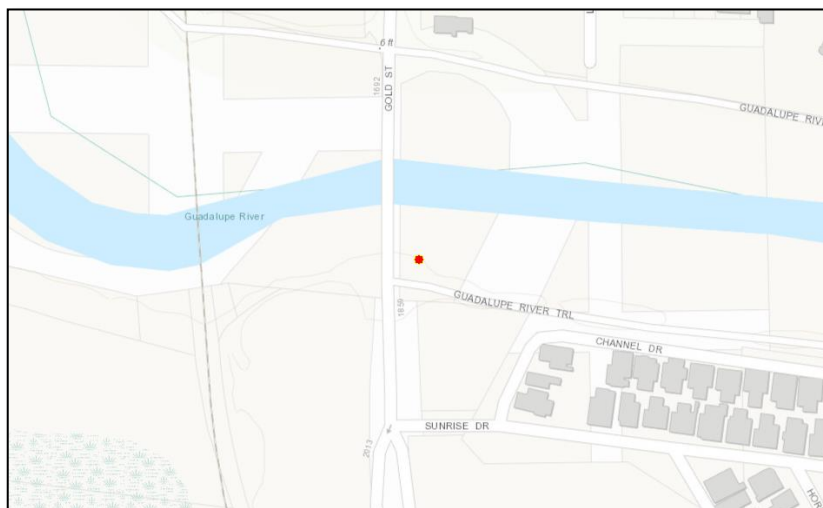
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 3

Board Member	Richard Santos
Bench Name	Bench 099A
Bench Type	Environmental
City	Alviso – San Jose
General Location	Alviso Outdoor Classroom
Location Description	Cross Street – Sunrise Dr. Located just outside of the Alviso Outdoor Classroom, near the Gold St. bridge that crosses the Guadalupe River.
Coordinates	37.422356, -121.975970
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides general information about the surrounding watershed, noting the importance of riparian communities and its role in protecting the Guadalupe River from pollutants, and providing a safe habitat for wildlife.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek/river trail
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Located in Alviso – San Jose
- Proximity to a Water District outdoor classroom

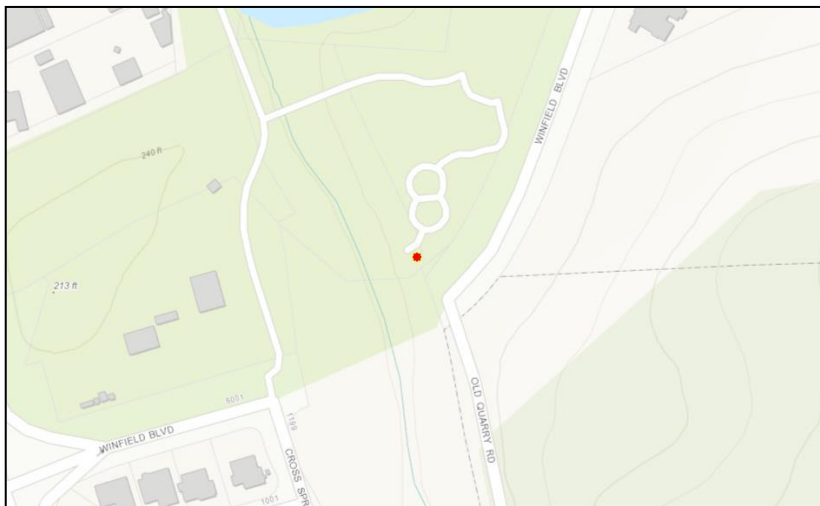
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 4

Board Member	Linda J. LeZotte
Bench Name	Bench 001
Bench Type	Flood
City	San Jose
General Location	Almaden Lake Park
Location Description	Cross Street – Old Quarry Rd. Located within southernmost area of Almaden Lake Park, near the section of road where Winfield Blvd. becomes Old Quarry Rd., along Los Alamitos Creek Trail.
Coordinates	37.237455, -121.870509
Bench Signage Description	The signage explains that Almaden Lake provides recreational attractions as well as flood protection for the surrounding community. The Alamitos Creek Project serves as a model for incorporating recreation, flood protection, and creek habitat preservation.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a creek trail
- Bench is in a high-traffic area

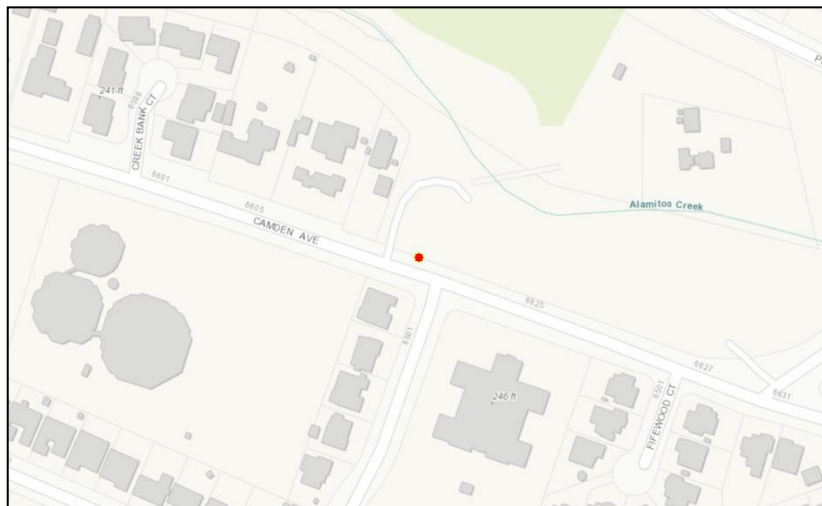
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 4

Board Member	Linda J. LeZotte
Bench Name	Bench 003
Bench Type	Flood
City	San Jose
General Location	Los Alamitos Creek Trailhead Parking Lot
Location Description	Cross Street – Mt. Forest Dr. Located at the top of the stairs above the parking lot of Los Alamitos Creek Trailhead.
Coordinates	37.222939, -121.853899
Bench Signage Description	[The signage is a little too damaged to be able to distinguish what the content is about]

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Visible from nearby roads and sidewalks

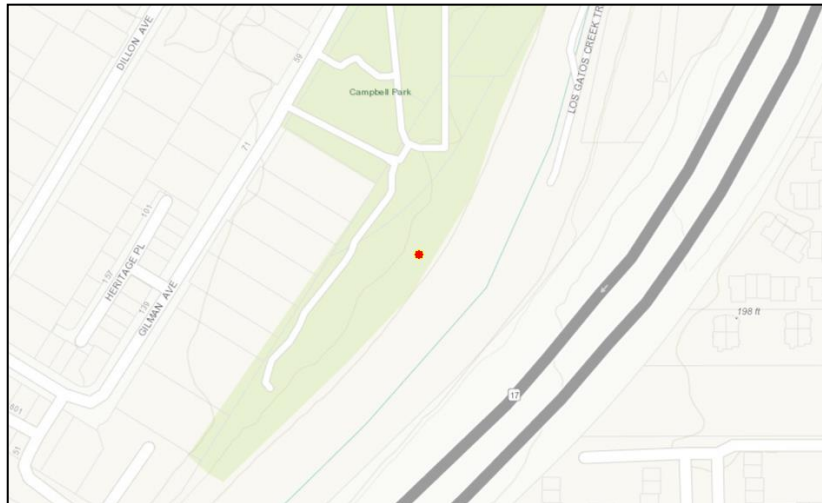
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 4

Board Member	Linda J. LeZotte
Bench Name	Bench 027
Bench Type	Flood
City	Campbell
General Location	Campbell Park
Location Description	Cross Street – Gilman Ave. Located within Campbell Park, along the eastern-most bend of Los Gatos Creek Trail.
Coordinates	37.285506, -121.939301
Bench Signage Description	The signage explains about Los Gatos Creek Trail serving as a fine example of an urban creekside trail that was developed. The recharge ponds along the trail supply water for use in homes, and provide a habitat for wildlife.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail and within a popular park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Creek area is visible near the bench

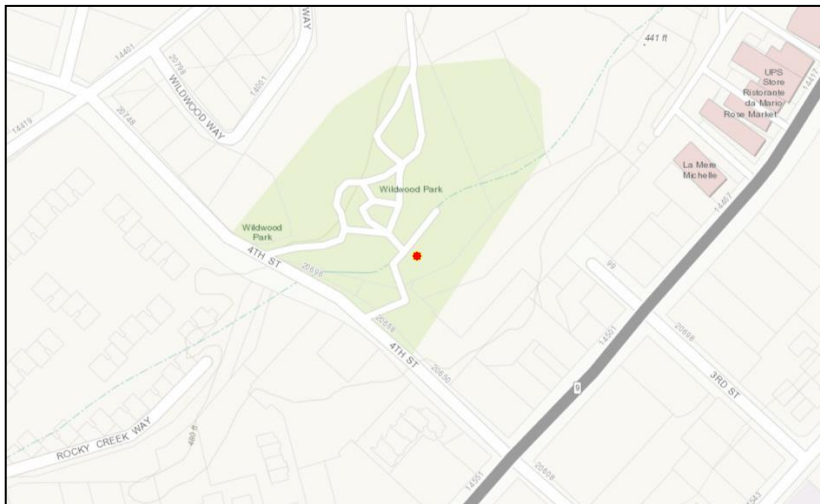
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 5

Board Member	Nai Hsueh
Bench Name	Bench 012
Bench Type	Flood
City	Saratoga
General Location	Wildwood Park
Location Description	Cross Street – 4th St. Located within Wilwood Park, crossing entrance bridge to the park.
Coordinates	37.257708, -122.035310
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about Saratoga Creek and a brief historical account of flooding in the surrounding community through the 60's. The signage also mentions about section of the creek having concrete bottoms to improve water flow during storms.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public within a popular park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Located in Saratoga

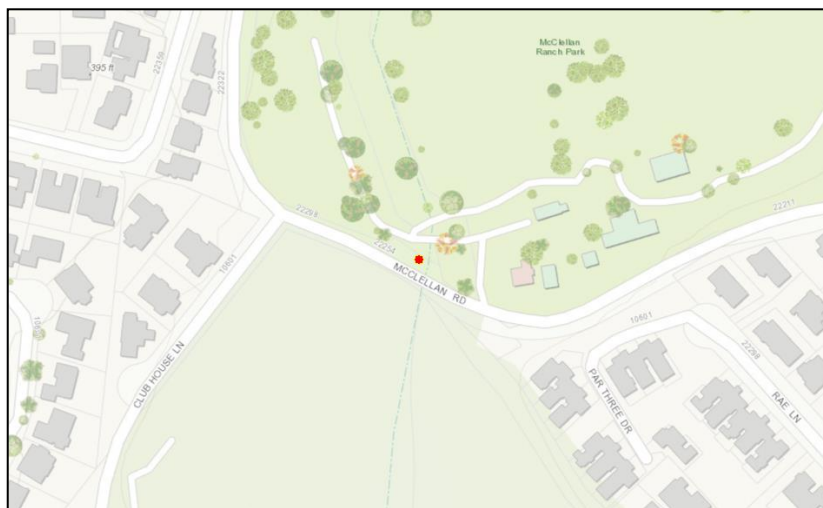
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 5

Board Member	Nai Hsueh
Bench Name	Bench 019
Bench Type	Environmental
City	Cupertino
General Location	McClellan Ranch Preserve
Location Description	Cross Street – Clubhouse Ln. Located in between the Deep Cliff Golf Course and McClellan Ranch Preserve, along McClellan Rd.
Coordinates	37.313047, -122.064083
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about where Stevens Creek originates, and which cities it flows through. The signage goes on to stress the importance about maintaining healthy riparian communities for the wildlife to thrive year-round.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail
- Proximity to an educational center
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Visible from nearby roads and sidewalks

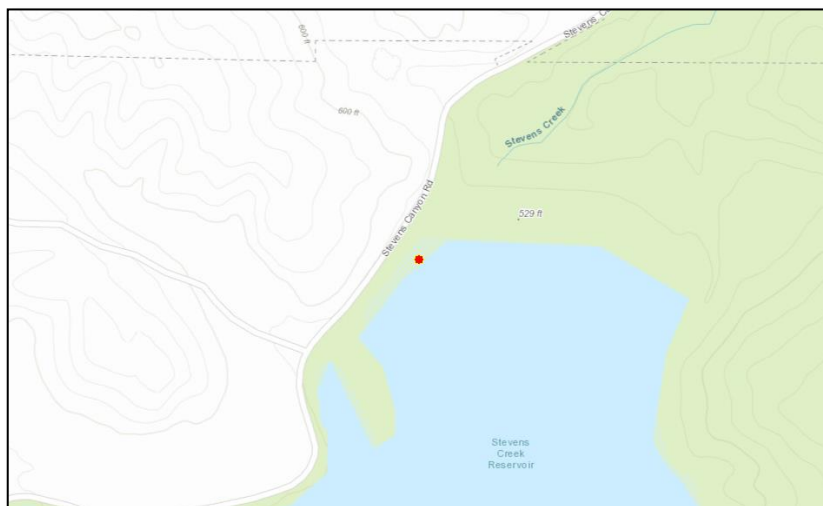
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 5

Board Member	Nai Hsueh
Bench Name	Bench 034B
Bench Type	Environmental
City	Cupertino
General Location	Stevens Creek Reservoir
Location Description	Cross Street – Stevens Canyon Rd. Located within the parking lot area of Stevens Creek Reservoir, near the pylon sign.
Coordinates	37.298588, -122.078775
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about the important roles Stevens Creek Reservoir plays in providing water to the Santa Clara County, by recharging deep underground aquifers for eventual use in homes and businesses.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



**Recommendation
Reasons**

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular area
- Located within a Water District reservoir
- Visible from the nearby road

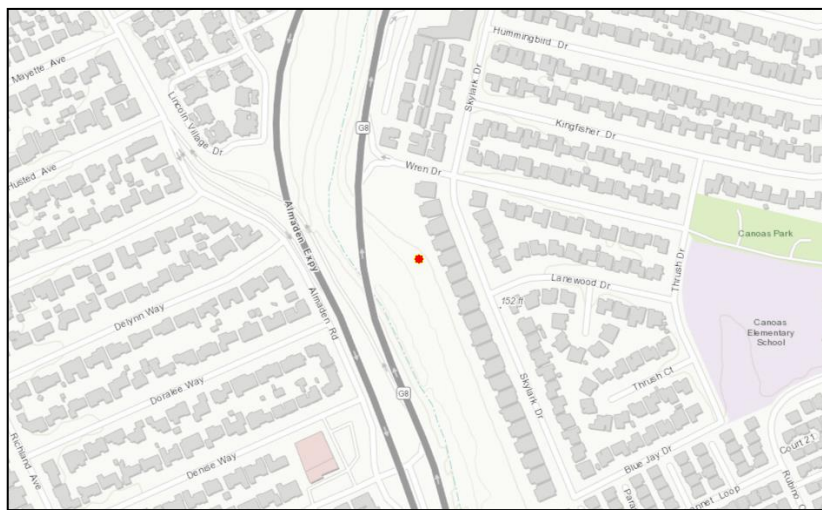
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 6

Board Member	Tony Estremera
Bench Name	Bench 109
Bench Type	Flood
City	San Jose
General Location	Canoas Neighborhood in San Jose
Location Description	Cross Street – Wren Dr. Located within the residential area adjacent to Almaden Expressway and the Guadalupe River, along Skylark Dr.
Coordinates	37.285012, -121.882064
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides general information about the importance of maintaining riparian communities healthy to ensure that wildlife has a habitat to help it thrive year-round.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Accessible to the public along a small street
- Bench can help educate nearby residents about creek and environmental stewardship
- Visible from nearby roads

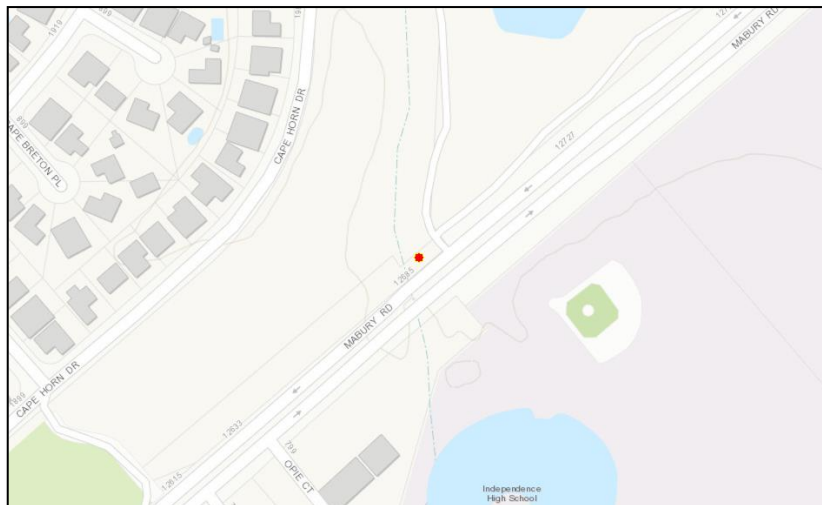
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 6

Board Member	Tony Estremera
Bench Name	Bench 132
Bench Type	Environmental
City	San Jose
General Location	Mabury Pond
Location Description	Cross Street – N King Rd. Located adjacent Mabury Rd., in between Penitencia Creek County Park and the Mabury Pond, along Penitencia Creek Trail.
Coordinates	37.372284, -121.861588
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about where Upper Penitencia Creek originates and where it drains. The signage also goes on to give general facts about the importance of keeping riparian communities healthy.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Visible from the nearby road and sidewalks
- Located along a street where local high school track team conducts practice runs

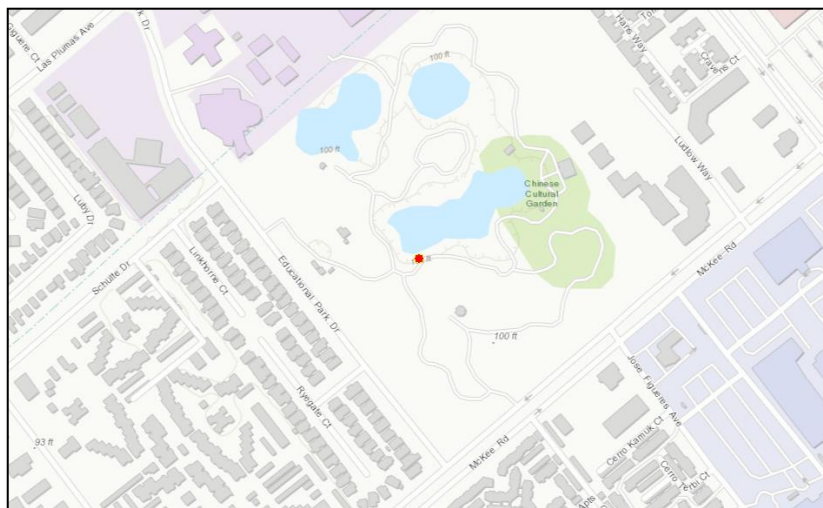
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 6

Board Member	Tony Estremera
Bench Name	Bench 180
Bench Type	Environmental
City	San Jose
General Location	Overfelt Gardens
Location Description	Cross Street – McKee Rd. Located within Overfelt Gardens, towards the southwestern area of the southern-most pond within park.
Coordinates	37.364206, -121.855215
Bench Signage Description	The signage explains that the water from the Overfelt Gardens ponds comes from the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta. The signage goes on to explain how the park serves as a good model for incorporating an urban park, recharge ponds, and wildlife habitat.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public within a popular park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Proximity to local high school

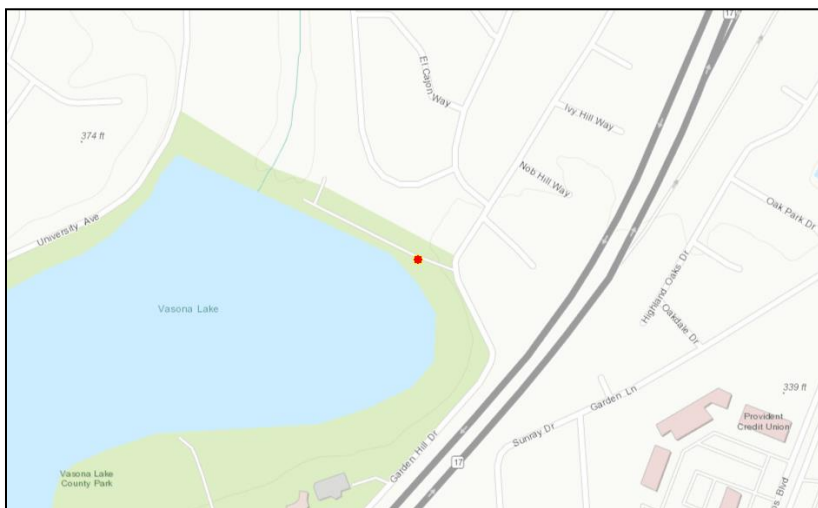
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 7

Board Member	Gary Kremen
Bench Name	Bench 033
Bench Type	Flood
City	Los Gatos
General Location	Vasona Reservoir
Location Description	Cross Street – Garden Hill Dr. Located within Vasona Reservoir, towards the northeastern perimeter of the lake, near the Vasona Lake Park entrance at the bend of Garden Hill Dr.
Coordinates	37.246170, -121.963638
Bench Signage Description	[The construction fence surrounding the area prevented access to the bench]

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public along a popular creek trail and within a popular park area
- Located within a Water District reservoir
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Visible from the nearby road
- Located near an educational center within park

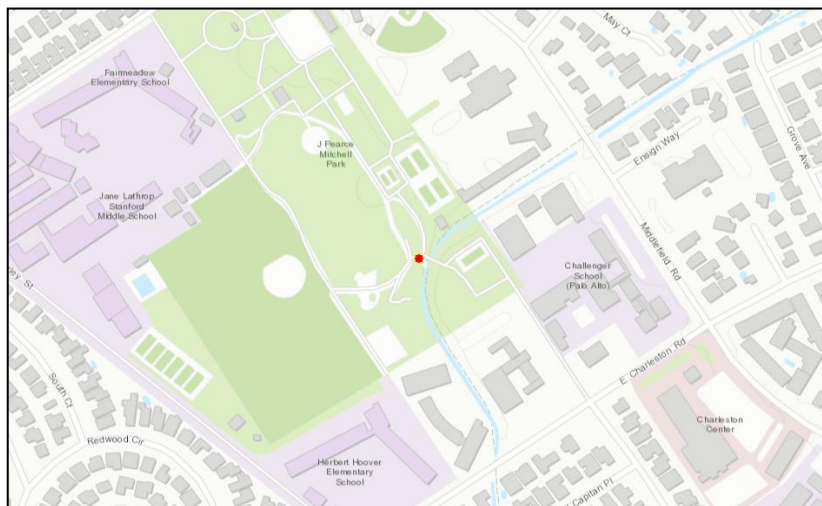
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 7

Board Member	Gary Kremen
Bench Name	Bench 063
Bench Type	Flood
City	Palo Alto
General Location	Mitchell Park Community Center
Location Description	Cross Street – Middlefield Rd. Located within Mitchell Park, towards the southern end near Magical Bridge Playground.
Coordinates	37.420605, -122.113618
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information about how Adobe Creek originates in the foothills of the San Francisco Bay. The signage goes on to explain that in the creek was modified in the 50's for flood protection, but with no consideration of natural creek habitat preservation.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public within a popular park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Bench is an area that is safe for young children

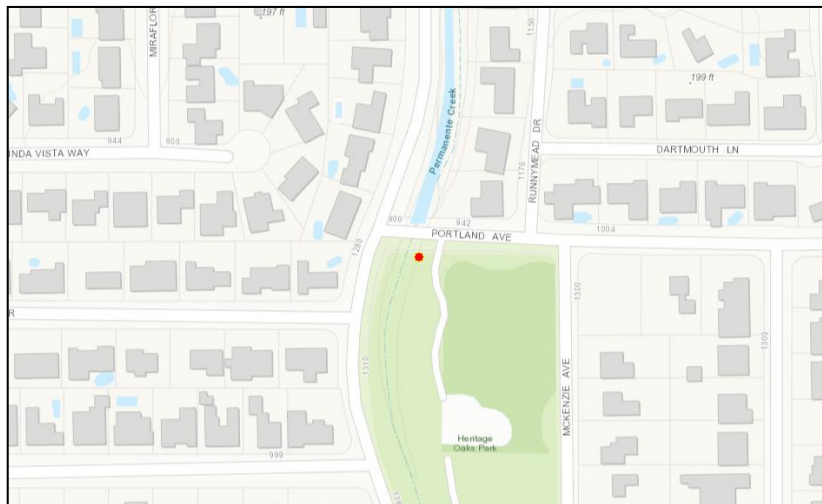
Interpretive Bench Recommendation District 7

Board Member	Gary Kremen
Bench Name	Bench 072
Bench Type	Flood
City	Los Altos
General Location	Heritage Oaks Park
Location Description	Cross Street – Portland Ave. Located within Heritage Oaks Park, near the intersection of Miramonte Ave. and Portland Ave.
Coordinates	37.359506, -122.087081
Bench Signage Description	The signage provides information on how Permanente Creek rose over its banks in the 50's and 80's causing millions of Dollars in damage, and how the Permanente Diversion channel was built to help combat against future flooding for many cities.

Interpretive Bench Pictures



Location on Map



Recommendation Reasons

- Easily-accessible to the public within a popular park
- Bench is in a high-traffic area
- Visible from the nearby roads and sidewalks
- Bench is in an area that is safe for young children

File No.: 18-1007

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018

Item No.: 6.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

SUBJECT:

Youth Commission Survey Results.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Youth Commission discuss the results of the survey and decide whether to take the following actions:

- A. Modify its workplan based on information gathered from the survey.
- B. Depending on the survey results, set up suggested commission work groups.

SUMMARY:

The survey was developed to get feedback from the Youth Commission to fit more in accordance with the Board of Directors' vision. Staff wanted to seek commissioner input and their thoughts on the Youth Commission's function as to what they would like to achieve from their youth commission membership experience.

Staff will share the results with the Youth Commission and discuss outcomes at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Copy of Survey sent to members of the Youth Commission

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Rick Callender, 408-630-2017

Hello Youth Commissioners!

Please find below a survey that will help shape the future of the Youth Commission and your journey as a Youth Commissioner. Please be thoughtful and specific in your responses. Your responses will be kept anonymous!

1. What would you like to see the Youth Commission do? Please select your top 3 choices.

- Community projects
- Field Trips
- Make recommendations on water policy to the Board
- Creek clean-ups
- Educate public on water issues
- Other (please specify)

2. What do you most want to get out of your time as a Youth Commissioner? Please select the top 3 items you would like to take away as a member of the Youth Commission.

- Experience
- Community Service
- Connections
- Knowledge
- Mentorship
- Support for college applications (e.g., recommendation letters)
- Other (please specify)

3. What do you look forward to contributing to your community as a Youth Commissioner?

4. The District is seeking to engage the community through public arts. As a member of the Youth Commission, would you be interested in participating in a pilot art project?

- Yes
- No

5. Would you be interested in being part of a workgroup within the Youth Commission? Workgroups would be in charge of working on specific projects that the Youth Commission is interested in pursuing.

Yes

No

6. If you would be interested in being part of a workgroup, which workgroup would you be most interested in participating in? Please select your top 3 choices; you will not be committed to your selection.

Organizing job fairs

Scheduling tours

Organizing career shadowing

Coordinating mentorship opportunities for Youth Commissioners

Working on the "Adopt a Creek" program

Working on public art programs

Other (please specify)

7. What methods do you think would be most effective in engaging your classmates and other students to be more involved in water-related topics and the SCVWD Youth Commission?

8. What do you feel has been working well with the Youth Commission?

9. What do you think could be done differently?

10. Is there anything else that you would like us to know that would make your experience on the Youth Commission better?

File No.: 18-1008

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018
Item No.: 6.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

SUBJECT:

Synopsys Science Fair Update.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss Synopsys Science Fair Sponsorship and District Participation.

SUMMARY:

At the September 12, 2018, meeting, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission unanimously approved having the Board of Directors consider approving the Water District's participation and sponsorship for the 2019 Synopsys Science Fair.

The Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair would like to have further discussion on what the District's sponsorship and participation entails.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Rick Callender, 408-630-2017

An Introduction to the Synopsys Science Fair

By Visala Tallavarjula

A few facts about the Synopsys Science Fair

- Students from schools all over the Santa Clara County take part in the Synopsys Championship by presenting science projects
- This science fair is for both middle- and high-school students
- The fair is divided into multiple areas of science: Environmental Science, Chemistry, Medicine & Health, Computer Science, Biology and more.
- Every student with a potential project is encouraged to apply for the Synopsys Fair, and it is a great learning experience for all involved!

When does the Synopsys Science Fair occur

- The Synopsys Science Fair of 2018 occurs Thursday, March 14th and takes place at the San Jose Convention Center in San Jose, California.

Why the Santa Clara Water District Youth Commission should be interested in the Synopsys Science Fair

- Water is not a very common project topic in the Synopsys Science Fair, and the amount of special awards given to (specifically) water projects is not very high
- Many judges for special awards are often quite knowledgeable of Engineering, Medical studies or Computer Science, but not so much of Water related topics
- Water is extremely important to our survival, therefore it's important for more students to be inspired about water
- We, as members of the Water District Youth Commission, can make a change to the Synopsys Science fair to promote more interest in cleaning and saving water

What the Water District can do to get involved in the Synopsys Science fair

- A few ideas we have of how the water district can become involved in the Synopsys Science Fair is:
- There can be prizes just for high-schoolers, or for both middle- and high-schoolers:
- For high-schoolers- 1st prize- \$150, 2nd prize- \$100, 3rd prize- \$75 = Total amount is \$325
- For middle-schoolers- 1st prize- \$100, 2nd prize- \$75, 3rd prize- \$50 = Total amount is \$225
- The total amount for both high- and middle-schoolers is \$550

What the Water District can do to get involved in the Synopsys Science fair cont.

- The monetary amounts for both the high-school and middle-school prizes can be changed depending on the financial constraints of the water district
- Students involved in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission will not be judged on by any judges provided by the Santa Clara water district due to conflict of interest
- By providing special awards at Synopsys, the Santa Clara Water District will also bring more awareness to students of water-related issues

File No.: 18-1011

Agenda Date: 11/28/2018

Item No.: 6.4.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission

SUBJECT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Review 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: SCVWD Youth Commission 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	MEETING	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Oath of Office - Youth Commission Members	May 10 June 13 November 28	<p>Accomplished May 10, 2018: The Oath of Office was administered to the following Commissioners, Cole Baker, Kalie Ching, Adrienne Couteau, Ari Feinsmith, Arnav Gattani, Alden Hughes, Shloka Janapaty, Hugo Marquez, Elise Mullen, Thomas Nguyen, Navya Pariti, Sofia Ruiz, Yugam Satija, Arushi Saxena, Visala Tallavarjula, Ishita Verma, Serena Wood and Michael Zhao.</p> <p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Oath of Office was administered to the following Commissioner: Kathryn Bravo.</p>
2	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2018	June 13	<p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Commission elected the 2018 Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, Visala Tallavarjula and Shloka Janapaty respectively.</p>
3	Santa Clara Valley Water District, its history and purpose	June 13	<p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Commission received information on Santa Clara Valley Water District, its history and purpose and took no action.</p>
4	Review the Youth Commission's Roles, Responsibilities and Meeting Conduct	June 13	<p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Commission received a review of the Youth Commission's roles, responsibilities and meeting conduct and took no action.</p>

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ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM	MEETING	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
5	Review Brown Act	June 13	<p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Commission received a review of the Brown Act and took no action.</p>
6	Discuss Commission Activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular meeting days, date and time 2. Tour 3. Next Meeting's agenda content 	June 13	<p>Accomplished June 13, 2018: The Commission discussed activities and through majority consensus agreed on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. • The next meeting will be September 5, 2018 or September 12, 2018, depending on room availability. • The day of the tour of district facilities will be by majority choice through email by the Clerk of the Board's office. • Send discussion items to the Clerk of the Board's office via email (by July 31, 2018) for the next meeting's agenda.
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Synopsys Science Fair Sponsorship Proposal. 2. Policy Proposal for Low Flow Fixtures in California 3. Citizen Scientist Initiative (volunteerism, water testing, etc.) 4. Creation of possible website and social media platforms 5. Water Related Issues/Initiatives 	September 12	<p>Accomplished September 12, 2018: The Youth Commission discussed activities and took the following action: The Youth Commission unanimously approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having the Board of Directors consider approving sponsoring to the Synopsys Science Fair 2. Have the Board of Directors consider approving supporting Policy Proposal for Low Flow Fixtures in California. <p>The Youth Commission placed the following items on their work plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creek cleanups-outreach to key clubs (Leo's/Environmental), • Job Fairs inviting the District • Involving local schools using social media pages in the activities with Commission in high school

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ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM	MEETING	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a bulletin (board)
8	Adopt-A-Bench	November 28	
9	Survey Results	November 28	
10	Synopsys Science Fair Presentation	November 28	

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