



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

# 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: 11-28-18