

June 8, 2020

Sent by email to ericks@cupertino.org

City of Cupertino Fine Arts Commission
Cupertino City Hall
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

Subject: Provide input for Adopt-A-Bench artwork on bench located in the City of Cupertino

Dear Cupertino Fine Arts Commission:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), we are requesting input from the Cupertino Fine Arts Commission (Arts Commission) on an artwork that will be installed on our existing bench located within the City of Cupertino boundaries. Valley Water's Public Arts Program works on collaborations with community stewards and local artists to beautify Valley Water infrastructure through their expressive artwork. This year, Valley Water is piloting the Adopt-A-Bench Project (Project) in which seven of our existing Valley Water benches throughout Santa Clara County will have updated interpretive art. On January 23, 2020, Valley Water staff emailed the City of Cupertino (City) staff and informed them of our plan to install the new artwork on our existing bench located at 10706 Par 3 Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014, with the Arts Commission's input. The bench is on Valley Water property and the Project and its maintenance is fully funded by Valley Water.

On March 10, 2020, Valley Water's Board of Directors approved the artwork presented (Attachment 1). The artwork was uniquely developed by Valley Water's Youth Commission which consists of high school students throughout Santa Clara County, in partnership with local artist Paul J. Gonzalez. The Youth Commission and Mr. Gonzalez received input from Valley Water biologists familiar with the region of the creek. The artwork for this specific bench features Stevens Creek and the native bird species Ridgway's rail, raising awareness of and highlighting the local creek's fauna and natural environment.

Upon the Arts Commission's input of the bench artwork, next steps include a potential social distancing painting event in which Valley Water's Youth Commission will paint artwork on the bench tiles, installation of the artwork onto the bench, and an end-of-project event to celebrate the success of the Youth Commission's excellent work in this pilot project. Accordingly, these activities and their scheduling are dependent upon the County of Santa Clara's public health guidance in response to COVID-19.

We appreciate the City of Cupertino Fine Arts Commission's assistance in this public arts effort and we look forward to presenting the Project to the Arts Commission on June 8th. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Peggy Lam at 408-912-0088 or plam@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rick Callender, Domingo Candelas, Rachael Gibson, Peggy Lam, Marta Lugo, Don Rocha,
Erick Serrano, Sherilyn Tran

Attachment 1: City of Cupertino Adopt-A-Bench Artwork Design

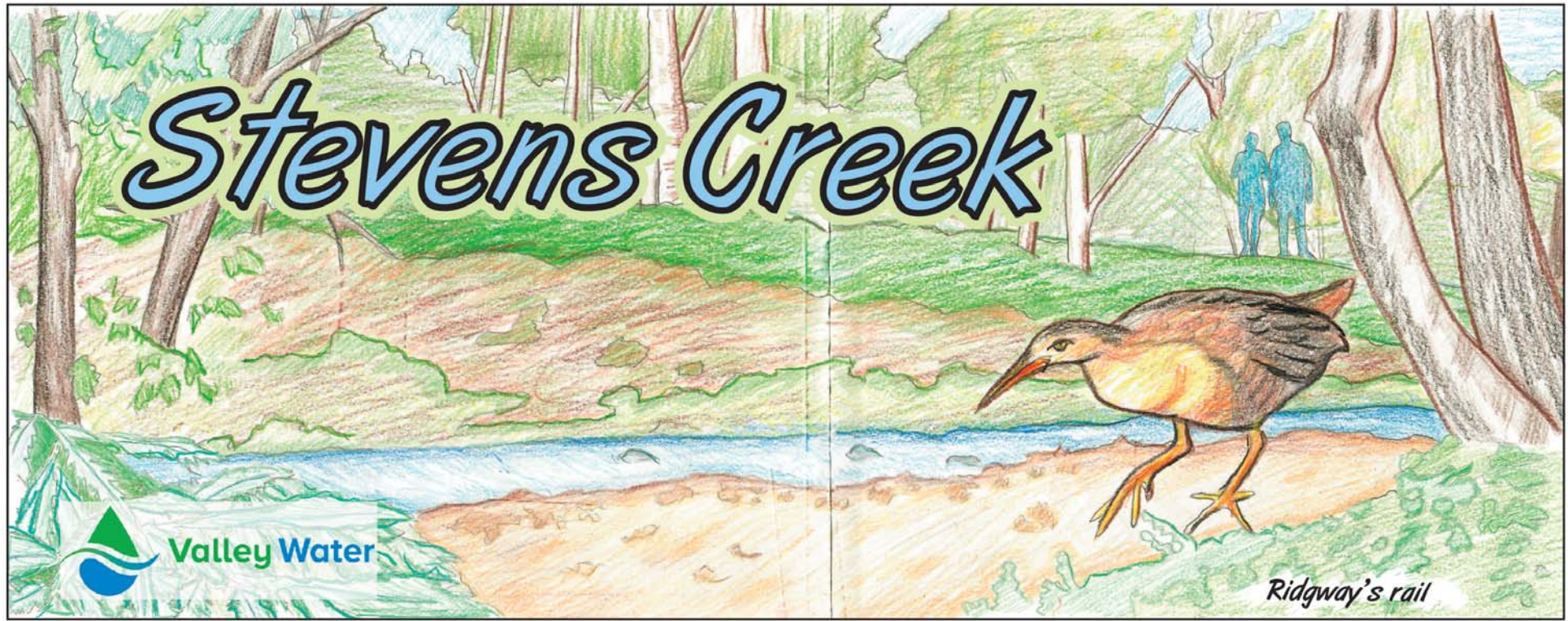
District 5:

Nai Hsueh
Stevens Creek
Bench # 19
10706 Par 3 Dr
Cupertino, CA 95014



Focus Animal: Ridgway's rail

19"



48"