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Meeting 22-08  
April 28, 2022

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**AGENDA ITEM #5**

To: Board of Directors  
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager

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**SUBJECT**

Approval of Resolution Recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**REVENUE/COST**

There is no cost associated with this item.

**BACKGROUND**

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) is committed to better understanding the field and context that the agency works within, which includes recognizing the historic and current marginalization and traumas that have been inflicted on certain communities. As the Authority works towards a more equitable future where every person has the opportunity to feel safe and welcome in natural spaces, the agency is committed to listening, learning, and seeking constant improvements, all through the lens of the Authority's mission to conserve the natural environment, support agriculture, and connect people to nature.

**DISCUSSION**

The Authority is committed to connecting all people to nature throughout its jurisdiction, both in open space preserves managed by the agency, and in urban open spaces. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month originated in the United States Congress in 1978 and is recognized each May, chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, as well as the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month celebrates Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States, encompassing all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution 22-47 recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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Attachment(s):      *Resolution 22-47 – A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*