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### Palo Alto's Great Race for Saving Water Makes a Big Splash!

With over 230 participants of all ages, and dozens of supporters cheering them on, Palo Alto's Great Race for Saving Water lived up to its titular promise to be "great!"

Everyone out at the Baylands was buzzing with excitement by the time Vice-Mayor Nancy Shepherd

kicked off the race at 9am. Phillip Reid, Men's Cross Country Runner on the Olympic Team USA was on hand for inspiration and runners included City Manager Jim Keene, showing a little collapsed lung wasn't going to slow him down!

But the real stars of the day were the scores of youngsters who showed up to not only run the race, but also decorate the grounds with "water conservation tips" signs, displays and game booths and more, reminding all in attendance that taking care of our water resources today is a gift to the next generation.

Race co-sponsor Tuolumne River Trust, along with water-related agencies ranging from the Santa Clara Valley Water District to Canopy and the Sierra Club and more all had booths overflowing with information and giveaways all added to the environmental good karma. The musicians playing along the route, the "bike tune-up" station for those who'd cycled to the event, Hobe's coffeecake and the picture-perfect weather were all additional bonuses!

This was the kind of race where everyone was a winner, but for those into such things, the Top Racers and Times:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: #205 Neville Davey 15 mins 55 seconds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: #234 Elliot Wright 17 mins 44 seconds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: #206 Heather Tanner 18 mins 13 seconds
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: #65 Samuel Erickson 19 mins 11 seconds
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place; #81 Jose Antonio Fernandez-Divar 19 minutes 18 seconds

The attached photo of the starting line-up dashing to stop the running toilet gives a little flavor of the event and there are many more on Twitter **#GreatRace** I can also supply photos of the agency tables, as well as higher resolution versions of all photos if desired.

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