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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER YOUTH ECO-JOBS PROGRAM LAUNCHES**

*Horticultural training provides paid summer work for San Francisco youth during pandemic*

San Francisco, CA -- The Sheriff's Office (SFSO), Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) announced they will host Summer Youth Eco-Jobs on Monday, June 15, providing horticulture training and work for city youth. Now in its second year under this partnership, Summer Youth Eco-Jobs has been revamped to incorporate new COVID-19 prevention protocols and preserve a valuable community youth employment program.

Twenty-four 16- to 17-year-olds will learn basic land and vegetation management, landscaping, and habitat restoration. They will germinate, propagate and plant California native plants for use at SFPUC sites, while earning approximately \$16.50 an hour. The program extends through July 24.

"We know that COVID-19 is taking a devastating toll on families of color from loss of income to increased health risk and poorer outcomes from the virus," said Sheriff Miyamoto. "As our city safely reopens in phases and stages, my staff committed itself to hosting Summer Youth Eco-Jobs through the pandemic. We're implementing protocols that keep everyone safe and healthy while providing much-needed youth job training and wages. We thank the SFPUC and SFCC leadership for sharing this commitment."

Summer Youth Eco-Job workers will wear proper personal protective equipment, including face masks and gloves, and practice social distancing on the job. There are also hand-washing stations and porta-potties located on the work site to support proper hygiene.

Led by elected Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office administers the county jails, provides safety services for the Superior Court and other high-profile public buildings, and carries out civil court orders. Approximately 70 percent of SFSO's sworn workforce are people of color.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) delivers drinking water to 2.7 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area, collects and treats wastewater for the City and County of San Francisco, and generates clean power for municipal buildings, residents, and businesses. The SFPUC maintains 63,000 acres of land and numerous sites that house drinking water, wastewater and power infrastructure.

The SFCC offers a robust academic, job training, work readiness and life skills experience for over 100 low-income young adults each year. In addition to the Summer Youth Eco-Jobs program, SFCC provides a [Career Pathways](#) program in collaboration with John Muir Charter School. For more information, visit [sfcc.org](http://sfcc.org).

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