



Walnut Valley Water District

Press Release

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EVENTS HIGHLIGHT WATER AWARENESS MONTH IN MAY WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROMOTES WATER CONSERVATION

Walnut, CA — Throughout Water Awareness Month, the Walnut Valley Water District organized and participated in several water education and community activities to promote and highlight the need to conserve water. Southern California faces a constant challenge of managing limited water resources as water demands and Southern California's population continue to rise. The month of May is an ideal time to remind all to use water wisely as the hotter and dryer months of summer draw near. Southern California is still experiencing water supply impacts as a result of the federal court decision to reduce deliveries by 30% from the Sacramento Delta to address declining populations of the Delta Smelt. Southern California's other imported water source, the Colorado River, is in the midst of an 8-year drought.

Mike Holmes, General Manager of Walnut Valley Water District, noted that "Water Awareness activities help remind us all to better appreciate the vital role that water plays in each of our lives." Mr. Holmes also pointed out that the District will continue to promote water conservation programs that reduce the District's overall demand on the state's limited water supplies.

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Also, as a part of its Water Awareness Month activities, the Walnut Valley Water District recently held a reception honoring essay contest winners from three of the local high schools and poster contest winners from local elementary schools for their outstanding efforts in promoting the importance of water as a precious resource.

High School Essay Contest

Awards were presented to five local high school students who were recognized as winners in the District's 11th Annual High School Essay Contest. The students were required to compose an original 500-word essay using expository, descriptive, narrative, or persuasive writings addressing the theme "Water is Life." The essays were judged for their total effectiveness, organization, logic, accuracy, usage, and originality.

The awards for the high school essay contest were as follows:

Award	Student Name	High School	Grade	Teacher
GRAND PRIZE	David Bell	Diamond Bar High School	11 th	Mrs. David Hong
1ST PLACE	Leslie Tsan	Walnut High School	12 th	Ms. Cecilia Arias
2ND PLACE	Riley Sixta	Diamond Bar High School	11 th	Mr. David Hong
3RD PLACE (Tie)	Chi Cao	Walnut High School	12 th	Ms. Cecilia Arias
3RD PLACE (Tie)	Rita Patrick	Walnut High School	12 th	Mr. Larry Holmes
3RD PLACE (Tie)	Joseph Woo	Rowland High School	12 th	Mr. Matthew Falk

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Poster Contest

Plaques were presented to local elementary school (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) students for posters they developed in conjunction with the District's Water Awareness Month educational activities. There were a total of 86 posters entered in the final judging, representing three school districts, nine schools, thirty teachers, and a total of over 800 participants.

The poster contest awards presented at the ceremony were as follows:

Third Grade –

First	Ryan Hazama, Mrs. Sandra Moritz, Evergreen Elementary
Second	Sarah Chang, Mrs. Kathleen Riddle, Evergreen Elementary
Third	Nathan Wu, Mrs. Melody Fernandez, Evergreen Elementary
Fourth	Jared Lewis, Mrs. Melody Fernandez, Evergreen Elementary

Fourth Grade –

First	Garrett Masuda, Mrs. Christine Unger, Pantera Elementary
Second	Lauren Unger, Mrs. Christine Unger, Pantera Elementary
Third	Steven Pacheco, Mrs. Christine Unger, Pantera Elementary
Fourth	Ian Lam, Ms. Bonnie Manuel, Collegewood Elementary

Fifth Grade –

First	Katlyn Lee, Mrs. Pam Leslie, Quail Summit Elementary
Second	Mandy Hung, Mrs. Vera Korneff, Maple Hill Elementary
Third	Allen Chen, Mrs. Pam Leslie, Quail Summit Elementary
Fourth (tie)	Olivia Lemus, Mrs. Melissa Cochran, Pantera Elementary
Fourth (tie)	Chase Kim, Mrs. Melissa Cochran, Pantera Elementary

Secondary Student Art Contest

For the fourth year, the District has extended its Annual Poster/Art Contest to secondary students.

Sixth Grade -

First	Joseph Nosrat, Mrs. Wilfong, Pantera Elementary
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Some of the winning posters will be entered in the 2008 Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Student Art Contest, in which entries may be selected to decorate an annual water conservation calendar distributed by the MWD of Southern California.

For more information on water conservation programs, activities, and rebate programs to purchase water conservation devices, please visit the District's website at www.wvwd.com. As a reminder, here are some water conservation tips that are good any time of the year.

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints.
3. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
4. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
5. Shorten your showers.
6. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
7. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway, or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there.

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In 1952, the Walnut Valley Water District was formed under State law to provide a supply of water for the people in this area. In 1955, after beginning the development of the water supply system, the District provided potable water to 21 service connections with an approximate population of less than 800 in the local area.

Today, after more than five decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported potable water pipelines, 370 miles of distribution mains, 16 pump plants, and 27 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 87.4 million gallons of water serving over 26,000 connections. The District also operates and maintains a recycled water distribution system consisting of 28 miles of distribution mains, 1 pump plant, 3 wells, and 2 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 4 million gallons of water serving over 200 connections. The District provides water service to an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of nearly 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.