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## **WALNUT VALLEY STUDENTS FEATURED IN REGIONAL "WATER IS LIFE" ART CONTEST**

**Walnut, CA (December 2, 2020)** – Three students from Walnut Valley Water District's (WVWD) service area were recognized by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) as winners of the "Water is Life" Student Art Contest. MWD hosts the "Water is Life" Student Art Contest annually and celebrates the student art winners by featuring their winning entries in a calendar which is distributed to over 13,000 recipients each year.

Diamond Bar High School student, Maya Aragon, and Pantera Elementary School students, Charles Chang and Olivia Chang were three of 37 students recognized by MWD for their artistic abilities and creativity in expressing a water conservation message.

Their artwork will be featured on WVWD's service trucks that are widely seen by the community as District employees perform maintenance throughout the city of Diamond Bar, Walnut, City of Industry, Pomona, West Covina, and the easterly section of the unincorporated area of Rowland Heights and also on WVWD's website and social media channels.

WVWD hosts a "Water is Life" student art contest every year as one of its educational programs. The contest offers students, in grades 3 through 12, an opportunity to showcase their creativity while promoting water awareness and water conservation messaging. Each year, submissions are evaluated by the District's Board of Directors. The selected winners are invited to an awards ceremony in May, during California's Water Awareness Month, which was held virtually this year. The winning artwork is then submitted to MWD for further judging. The winners also receive recognition at a WVWD Board Meeting and fun, water education prizes for their entire class.

WVWD's 2021 "Water is Life" annual contest will begin in January. For more information about Walnut Valley Water District and its annual art contest, please visit [www.wvwd.com/poster-contest/](http://www.wvwd.com/poster-contest/).

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**About Walnut Valley Water District**

*Walnut Valley Water District was formed in 1952, and after more than six decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported water pipelines, 497 miles of distribution mains, 17 pump plants, and 31 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 94.1 million gallons of water. The District also provides water service to more than 27,000 connections in an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of more than 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.*