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Over 250 Students & Community Members Discuss Water: Global Water Crisis, Access to Clean Water, & Sanitation

Diamond Bar, CA (May 24, 2021) - Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) hosted a weeklong virtual screening of the critically acclaimed documentary, *Brave Blue World* to highlight the global water crisis and discuss the importance of access to clean water and sanitation. Students and teachers from Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD), Rowland Unified School District (RUSD), and residents throughout WVWD's service area attended.

The multi-day screenings were hosted via Zoom Webinar. Participants interacted with the film's topics through the chat feature and submitted thought-provoking questions such as: "How can I help to make a difference for others in the world?" and "As a Californian, will my efforts to conserve water help people across the board?". WVWD's External Affairs representatives lead the discussion, answered questions, and provided resources to implement water-saving efforts that start at home.

Brave Blue World explores the technologies and innovations that have the potential to solve the world's water crisis. The film highlights scientific and technological advancements that have been taking place to ensure the world's population has access to clean water and safe sanitation services and that the environment is protected.

Narrated by actor Liam Neeson, *Brave Blue World* features scientists, engineers, and activists from around the world, including actor Matt Damon, co-founder of global non-profit Water.org, and actor and musician Jaden Smith, co-founder of non-profit 501CThree.

"This documentary is a great opportunity to start a conversation to highlight the value of water," said Lily Lopez, Director of External Affairs. "The students within our service area are the future of the water industry and leaders who will impact climate change as we know it today; it's our hope that this documentary is a catalyst towards that leadership."

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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.