Student Art Contest Winners Highlight the Importance of Using Water Wisely

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Western Municipal Water District recognized six talented artists from local schools for their participation in the District’s annually hosted “Water is Life” Poster Art Contest. Each year, Western invites students grades K-12 from schools in its Riverside and Murrieta service areas to take part in an art contest emphasizing water’s vital role in our everyday lives.

“Western is a long-time supporter of educating our future leaders on the importance of water,” said Rachel McGuire, communications manager for Western. “Water education can make an impression on students through many subjects, including science, history, math and even art.”

Students have the opportunity to create water-inspired artwork that highlights the importance of conservation through using their preferred medium. Water industry professionals, local artists and community members evaluate the submissions based on the following criteria: artwork relating to the overall “Water is Life” theme; neatness/quality; and creativity/originality. Winners of the art contest move forward to compete against other Southern California students to earn a coveted space in the 2018 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Water is Life calendar.

In addition to the poster art contest, the District has a robust education program throughout its service area, including elementary school presentations, teacher grant program, Solar Cup sponsorships, college and university scholarships and online education resources and teacher workshops. Programs are designed in line with current state education standards. For information on Western’s education programs, visit wmwd.com and search “education.”

Winners for the 2017 Water is Life Art Contest:

First Place – High School
Blanche Padecio (Art pictured), 10th Grade, Citrus Hill High School

Second Place – High School
Glenda Sanchez, 12th Grade, Hillcrest High School

Third Place – High School
Abraham Melendez, 12th Grade, Hillcrest High School

First Place – Elementary School
Karyssa Nguyen, 5th grade, Riverside Stem Academy

Second Place – Elementary School
Vanessa Alcala, 5th Grade, Riverside Stem Academy

Third Place – Elementary School
Kaya Villafan, 5th Grade, Riverside Stem Academy

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