Western Municipal Water District Announces 2018 Teacher Grant Recipients

Lois B. Krieger Water Education Grants fund Riverside County school projects

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Educators in western Riverside County representing grades K-12 received nearly $28,000 in grant funding from Western Municipal Water District (Western) to support classroom water education projects.

The grant applications were reviewed by water industry professionals from the region, and 33 teachers were selected as recipients of the 2018 Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Educators. Grant entries were selected based on student engagement, clearly defined goals, benefits to students and others, interdisciplinary approach and budget.

“These grants are one of the ways that Western is helping to support tomorrow’s water leaders,” said Western’s General Manager Craig Miller. “Western is honored to provide classroom funding for projects that encourage water education and supports teachers in making an impact on students in our region.”

Teachers from all disciplines in both public and private K-12 qualifying schools in the Alvord, Corona- Norco, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta and Riverside unified school districts were eligible to apply for a grant for up to $1,000.

“Teachers continue to do more with less and often use their own money to support student learning, and these grants really help them to implement water-related lessons that may not otherwise be possible,” noted Miller.

Founded by Western in 1995, the grants were inspired and named after local water leader Lois B. Krieger in honor of her immense accomplishments in the water industry. In addition to its Krieger Grant program, Western also has many educational resources, including the annual “Water is Life” poster art contest, Solar Cup boat building competition, school assembly programs, college scholarships and free online resources.

For more information on Western’s education programs, visit wmwd.com and search “education.”

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Western Municipal Water District provides water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner.
2018 Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Educators Recipients

- Mariano Aranda, Murrieta Valley High School
- Natalee Boggs, Murrieta Mesa High School
- Terry Bolton, Orrenmaa Elementary School
- Ronda Bryan, La Granada Elementary School
- Don Fitzgerald, Murrieta Valley High School
- Teresa Forbis, Santiago High School
- Shaun Galvan, Temescal Canyon High School
- Glenda Haas, Railroad Canyon Elementary School
- Sheri Harris, Arlington High School
- Julie Higginson, Victoria Elementary School
- Judy Howell, Thompson Middle School
- Nona Jones, Sycamore Academy
- Sunny Kaura, Centennial High School
- Abbe Kya, Centennial High School
- Jassue Kutz, Ramona High School
- Christine Mann, Ronald Reagan Elementary School
- Melinda Lauriano, Orrenmaa Elementary School
- Wendy Lizardi, Sycamore Academy
- Kimberly Ordinario, E. Hale Curran Elementary School
- Steve Oster, Arlington High School
- Dinah Palagi, Pedley Elementary School
- Lila Patel, Centennial High School
- Jenna Rasmussen, Centennial High School
- Kelly Remington, Temescal Valley Elementary School
- Jason Rothlein, Murrieta Canyon Academy
- Jesse Rubner, William Collier Elementary School
- Regina Saenz-Lara, Valley View Elementary School
- Amy Sanchez, Riverview Elementary School
- Louis Scull, Shivela Middle School
- Maria Sheehan, Temescal Valley Elementary School
- Bill Southern, Ramona High School
- Lindsay Stotts, Centennial High School
- Brian Watkins, Arlington High School