Students learn importance of water through art contest

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The winners of Western’s 2013 Water is Life Art Contest were recently announced and recognized at Western’s Board of Directors meeting. Riverside and Murrieta students in grades 4 through 12 were challenged to create a visual message about water. After a panel comprised of local artists and water agency officials judged the art pieces, the winners were awarded gift cards to Barnes & Noble in addition to framed copies of their award-winning masterpieces.

First place was awarded to Selena Yang from Kennedy Elementary in Riverside, second place went to Vivien Terrel from Lake Hills Elementary School and third place was presented to Daniel Rodriguez also from Lake Hills Elementary School in Riverside.

“The contest gives students an opportunity to share their knowledge about water expressing it in a creative art form,” shared Western’s Deputy General Manager Jeff Sims. “It’s obvious by the students’ submissions that they have a good understanding of the challenges we face.”

Artwork was accepted using various mediums, including crayon, paint, chalk, fabric, pencils, cut fabric and watercolor. Each of the winning submissions used mixed mediums in their artwork. The three top pieces will move on to compete in a regional art contest sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which supplies Western with imported water. The local Riverside County winners will compete against submissions from as far south as San Diego County and north to Ventura County. The winners of the regional contest will be announced later this year and featured in a 2014 wall calendar, developed by Metropolitan.