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Rancho Water Celebrates Local Students in Art Contest

Temecula, Calif. – Seventeen kindergarten through 5th grade students from Temecula and Murrieta have won the 2022-2023 “Water is Life” Poster Contest hosted by Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District). More than 5,000 students entered this year’s contest which focused on the importance of water and conservation.

The annual Poster Contest is held in the beginning of the school year and available to all teachers within the Rancho Water service area including public and private schools. This year, 21 schools and nearly 100 teachers participated in the event. Students from transitional-kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible, and up to three art pieces from each grade are chosen to move on to final judging. Winning students and their teacher receive a gift bag from Rancho Water and the chance to have their art placed in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California calendar for the following year. Students and their families were also honored at an awards ceremony at the District.

“It is always fun to see what our bright students come up with for the ‘Water is Life’ theme, and the new ideas they have for communicating the importance of water conservation and drought,” said Robert Grantham, Rancho Water General Manager. “We enjoy partnering with our local schools for projects like this, and are excited to celebrate and encourage these aspiring artists.”

The winning students are listed below and their artwork can be found on the Rancho Water

Kindergarten

- Penny V., *Vail Elementary**
- Elizabeth G., *Vail Elementary*

1st Grade

- Mia B., *Pauba Valley Elementary*
- Preslee M., *Rancho Elementary**
- Savannah F., *Van Avery Preparatory*

2nd Grade

- Daslynn O., *Ysabel Barnett Elementary*
- James L., *Pauba Valley Elementary*
- Norah E., *Van Avery Preparatory**

3rd Grade

- Bianca P., *Temecula Elementary*
- Kara B., *Alamos Elementary**
- Riya C., *Van Avery Preparatory*

4th Grade

- Aarna D., *Tony Tobin Elementary*
- Audrey H., *Van Avery Preparatory*
- Meadow M., *Abby Reinke Elementary**

5th Grade

- Amy Y., *Rancho Elementary**
- Cate N., *Abby Reinke Elementary*
- Julia S., *Van Avery Preparatory*

**Indicates students whose artwork was chosen to move on for further judging at MWD.*

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About Rancho California Water District: *The mission of Rancho Water is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner. Rancho Water is a local, independent Special District, organized on August 16, 1965, servicing approximately 150 square miles and more than 45,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.*



Artist: Amy Y. - 5th grade



Artist: Norah E. - 2nd grade



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