

News Release



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NEWS RELEASE:

Alameda County Water District Announces Winners of District's First-Ever WaterClips Student Video Contest *Scholarships Awarded to Tri-City Students and Teachers*

Fremont, Calif. – Lights, camera, action! On June 11, the Alameda County Water District announced winners of the first-ever WaterClips Student Video Contest. Winning video themes will raise awareness about the value of drinking water, water-use efficiency and encourage drinking of tap water.

The contest kicked-off in January and was open to Tri-City students in grades 6-12. More than 40 students submitted videos as individuals or in teams for a total of 30 entries.

The video entries were divided into two categories (Middle School and High School) and six winners were selected by a panel of local judges from government, educational, television and radio industries.

Videos were judged according to their relevancy to the topic, entertainment value, creativity and originality and video quality.

Winning videos were shown during the District's Board of Directors' meeting which is currently hosted via webinar. Contest winners and judges joined the meeting to address the board and comment on their participation in the contest.

"Watching the videos reassures me that our future is in good hands," said ACWD Board President Judy Huang. "Our students have talent and passion which is obvious as each video highlights important messages about water, in under a minute," she said. Huang added that some people take water for granted and these videos are a good reminder for everyone.

Video winners were awarded \$500, \$250 and \$100 for first, second and third prize, respectively. Sponsoring teachers will receive \$200, \$100 and \$50 based on students' award placement.

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Middle School Winners

First Prize Winner - \$500

Nanako Otaki, Grade 6

Video: *"A Day Without Water"*

Mission Valley Elementary
School, Fremont
Teacher Rebecca Brahaney

Second Prize Winner - \$250

Anushree Samsi, Grade 7

Video: *"Liquid Gold: The
Value of Clean Drinking
Water"*

Alsion School, Fremont
Teacher Jennifer Schribner

Third Prize Winner - \$100

**Avish Zindal & Aahaan
Nayak**, Grade 6

Video: *"Bye, Bye Bottled
Water and Hello Tap Water"*

Forest Park Elementary
School, Fremont

High School Winners

First Prize Winner - \$500

Christina Qin, Grade 12

Video: *"From the Future: A
Message on Bottled Water"*

Washington High School,
Fremont

Second Prize Winner - \$250

Lisa Oshiba, Grade 9

Video: *"A Day Without Water"*

American High School,
Fremont
Teacher Tommie Ebanez

Third Prize Winner - \$100

**Alexzendor Misra, Tejas
Parasumanna & Harsh
Patel**, Grade 10

Video: *"Plastic Bottles,
Nature Throttled"*

Mission San Jose High
School, Fremont
Teacher Katy Kuei

Honorable Mention

Zachary Koller, Grade 8

Video: *"Say Goodbye to
Single Use Water Bottles and
Drink Tap Water"*

Walters Junior High School,
Fremont

Nidhi Riju, Grade 6

Video: *"Water Crisis"*

Warm Springs Elementary
School, Fremont

**Terence Zhao, Mikaela De
Castro & Andrew Salazar**,
Grades 6 & 7

Video: *"The Value of Water"*

Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle
School, Union City

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Alison Bai, Grade 10

Video: *"The Water War"*
Mission San Jose High
School, Fremont

Emma Wang, Grade 10

Video: *"Fountain of Life"*
Mission San Jose High
School, Fremont

Neha Gondra, Grade 11

Video: *"A Day Without Water"*
Mission San Jose High
School, Fremont

Videos can be viewed at www.acwd.org/waterclips, on ACWD's YouTube channel at AlamedaCountyWater and on Facebook and Twitter @AlamedaCountyWD.

Each student who submitted a qualified video entry received a movie ticket and winning videos will be broadcast in local movie theaters when they reopen.

Entries for the next year's contest will begin January 2021. For more information, visit www.acwd.org/waterclips.

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