

# News Release



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## **Award Winning Student Videos Focus on Preparing Tri-Cities for Water Emergencies**

*Alameda County Water District's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual WaterClips Student Video Contest  
honors students and teachers with scholarships*

Fremont, Calif. – Alameda County Water District rolled out a virtual red carpet for Tri-City area student winners of the District's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual WaterClips Student Video Contest! Winning videos focused on educating the community about planning and preparing for water emergencies. The District announced contest winners on May 13 at its monthly Board Meeting. Students and their families joined District Board Members and staff in an online presentation to honor each student's award-winning video.

The contest kicked off in January and was open to Tri-City students in grades 6-12. More than 30 students submitted videos as individuals or in teams for a total of 27 entries. Qualifying entries met contest criteria, video theme and length.

The contest included Middle School and High School categories, with three winners selected from each group by a panel of local judges representing government, television and radio industries.

Judges scored videos based on their relevancy to the topic, entertainment value, creativity and originality and video quality.

"Students demonstrated creativity, production and technical skills in each video that showcases the talent of area students," said ACWD Board President Aziz Akbari. "These videos will amplify ACWD's message about the importance of planning and preparing for water emergencies and spotlight our youth and future leaders."

Contest winners and sponsoring teachers were awarded cash prizes.

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## Middle School Winners

### First Prize Winner

**Nidhi Riju**, Grade 7

Video: *“Be Water Prepared”*

John M. Horner Middle  
School, Fremont

Teacher, Kathleen Caine

### Second Prize Winner

**Marissa Torres**, Grade 8

Video: *“Water Emergencies”*

Itliong Vera Cruz Middle  
School, Union City

### Third Prize Winner

**Akshata Yadav**, Grade 6

Video: *“The Water Emergency  
Survival Guide”*

Parkmont Elementary School,  
Fremont

## High School Winners

### First Prize Winner

**Suhana Shrivastava**,  
Grade 12

Video: *“Preparing for a Water  
Emergency”*

Mission San Jose High  
School, Fremont

### Second Prize Winner

**Sabrina Wu & Yusuf  
Rasheed**, Grade 12

Video: *“Always Prepared-  
Water Emergencies”*

Mission San Jose  
High School, Fremont

Teacher, Sandra Cohen

### Third Prize Winner

**Andrew Yuen**, Grade 11

Video: *“This is Water”*

American High School,  
Fremont

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### Honorable Mention

**Riley Hashimoto**, Grade 7

Video: *“Water Otter  
Emergency”*

Alsion School, Fremont

**Bilal Salman & Toka  
Mohamed**, Grade 7

Video: *“Ready for Aquaisis”*

John M. Horner Middle School,  
Fremont

**Kate Intrasuwan**, Grade 10

Video: *“Mayday Mayday –  
Storing Water for Emergencies”*

Irvington High School, Fremont

**Jayden Pagsolingan &  
Justin Lam**, Grade 11 &  
12

Video: *“Learning with  
Luke”*

Newark Memorial  
High School, Fremont

Christine Yiu, Grade 11

Video: *“Water  
Emergency: Plan &  
Prepare”*

Mission San Jose  
High School, Fremont

Learn how you can be emergency-ready by viewing the videos at [www.acwd.org/waterclips](http://www.acwd.org/waterclips) and on ACWD’s YouTube channel, AlamedaCountyWater. Follow @AlamedaCountyWD on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for water emergency preparedness tips. Entries for the next year’s contest will begin January 2022. For more information, visit [www.acwd.org/waterclips](http://www.acwd.org/waterclips).

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For more than 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 357,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).