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## ***Poster Contest Winner Recognized in Regional Competition***

**MONTCLAIR, CA . . . . .** Zachary Araneta, a fifth grader at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Montclair, was recently honored for his award-winning art poster by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), sponsor of an annual “Water is Life” student art contest. The student’s poster was among 36 selected for recognition from 164 entries, representing artwork from grades Kindergarten through 12, submitted by water agencies in Metropolitan’s six-county service area.

Araneta’s poster received a second place award in the Grades 4-6 division in Monte Vista Water District’s local contest held in May 2011. The District sent nine winning posters from its contest to MWD for judging in the regional contest.

The 36 award-winning posters are featured in a 2012 calendar, published by MWD that was unveiled at a special event on December 8, 2011 at the agency’s headquarters in Los Angeles, where the student artists were recognized for depicting conservation concepts through art.

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At the recognition event, students, family members, teachers, principals and water agency representatives viewed a display of the framed posters and attended a ceremony where each student received an award certificate and a tote bag full of calendars.

The art exhibit will be on display at Metropolitan’s headquarters until early January after which it will begin a six-month tour at various water agencies.



**Zachary Araneta displays his award-winning “Water is Life” art poster at the recognition event**