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MONTCLAIR, CA . . . Two sixth grade students from Montclair schools, **Lauren Tessier** of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and **Diego Zamudio** of Montera Elementary School, were recently honored for their award-winning art posters by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), sponsor of an annual “Water is Life” student art contest. The students’ posters were among 36 selected for recognition from 143 entries, representing artwork from grades K through 12, submitted by 24 water agencies in Metropolitan’s six-county service area.

Tessier’s poster, “Recycle Water,” received a second place award and Zumudio’s poster, “Conserve Water (in the Laundry Room),” received a third place award in the Grades 5 & 6 division in Monte Vista Water District’s local contest held in May 2009. The District sent six winning posters from its contest to MWD for judging in the regional contest.

The 36 award-winning posters are featured in a 2010 calendar, published by MWD that was unveiled at a special event on December 3, 2009 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.

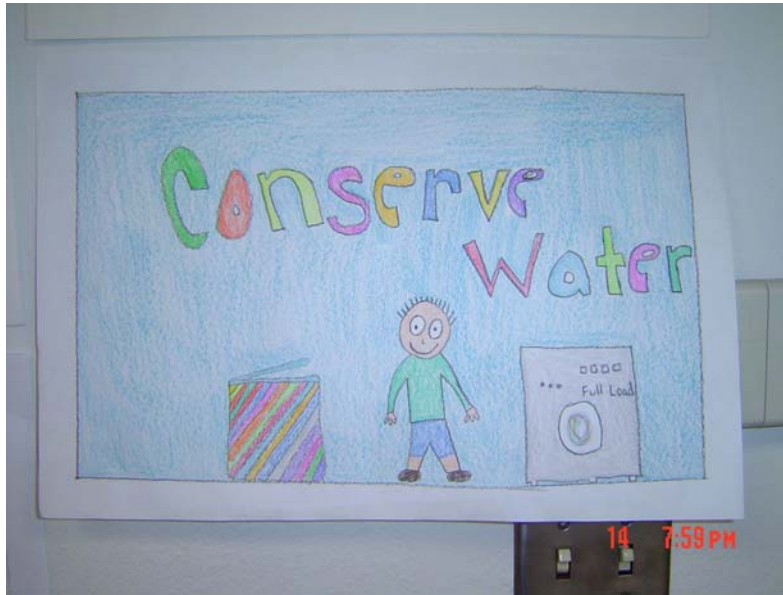
The art exhibit will be on display at Metropolitan’s headquarters until early January after which it will begin a six-month tour at various water agencies.



Lauren Tessier and Diego Zamudio display their award-winning “Water is Life” art posters at the recognition event

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Art Poster by Diego Zamudio



Art Poster by Lauren Tessier

Monte Vista Water District provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of over 134,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino.