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Chino Valley Students Recognized for Award-Winning Water Conservation Art Posters

MONTCLAIR, CA . . . Two students from Chino Valley schools, **Anjaly Cruz**, a fifth grader at Briggs Fundamental School, and **Victoria Contreras**, a ninth grader at Don Lugo High 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 120 entries, representing artwork from grades K through 12, submitted by 24 water agencies in MWD's six-county service area.

In May 2010, Cruz' poster, "One Flush is Enough," received a third place award in the Grades 4-6 Division in Monte Vista Water District's local contest. Contreras' poster, "Don't Ruin Our 1% of Water" received a second place award in the Grades 7-12 Division of the District's contest. At that time, Cruz was a fourth grader in Rhonda Martello's class at Briggs Fundamental School in Chino, and Contreras was an eighth grader in Jackie Heacock's class at Briggs Fundamental School. 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 2011 "Water is Life" calendar, published by MWD and unveiled at a special event on December 9 at the agency's headquarters in Los Angeles, where the student artists were recognized for depicting conservation concepts through art. 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.

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Victoria Contreras (left) and Anjaly Cruz (right) show off their award-winning art posters exhibited at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California during the December 9th recognition event



Anjaly Cruz shows the month of May in the “2011 Water is Life” calendar featuring her winning poster

Monte Vista Water District provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of over 135,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills and portions of Chino