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## ***Student Winners Recognized in 2017 “Water Is Life” Art Poster Contest***

**MONTCLAIR, CA . . . . .** Monte Vista Water District recognized student winners in the “Water Is Life” Art Poster Contest at its Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday night. The contest invites students in grades K-12 within the district’s service area to create an art poster depicting various water uses, ways to use water more efficiently, or water conservation topics.

The district received 231 entries representing 31 classrooms in eleven schools. “We are very impressed with the creative talents of our student artists this year,” said Board President Sandra Rose. “This contest provides our school children with the opportunity to creatively learn and then teach how important water is to daily life.”

Winning posters will be submitted to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, who is conducting a regional art poster contest in which 36 winning posters are selected out of several hundred entries from water agencies throughout Southern California. Winners will be announced in early fall and recognized at a special event in early December.

The MVWD Board of Directors recognized each artist for their creative poster with a certificate of recognition and a gift card to Barnes & Noble. Teachers of contest winners also received gift cards to Target.

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Photos of the award-winning posters are available on the district’s website, [www.mvwd.org](http://www.mvwd.org), by following the “For Teachers” and “Poster Contest” menu links.

### **Grades K-3 Division Winners:**

**First Place:** Lucca Francisco Flores, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Montclair

Teacher: Ms. Oatman

**Second Place:** Camila Ruelas, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Montclair

Teacher: Mrs. Oatman

**Third Place:** Brandon Diaz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Monte Vista Elementary School, Montclair

Teacher: Mrs. King

### **Grades 4-6 Division Winners:**

**First Place:** Victoria Flores, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Montclair

Teacher: Ms. Bocanegra

**Second Place:** Hannah Guthrie, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Monte Vista Elementary School, Montclair

Teacher: Ms. Poole

**Third Place:** Brandon Hernandez, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Howard Elementary School, Montclair

Teacher: Ms. Porter

### **Grades 7-12 Division Winners:**

**First Place:** Matthew Torre, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Serrano Middle School, Montclair

Teacher: Mr. Ortiz

**Second Place:** Madison Hill, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino

Teacher: Ms. Weinstein

**Third Place:** Cristian Martinez, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino

Teacher: Ms. Harb

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***From left to right: Board President Sandra Rose, Board Vice-President Phil Erwin, Director Manny Martinez, Director/Auditor Tony Lopez, Monte Vista Elementary School Instructor Ms. King, and student winners***