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LOCAL STUDENTS WIN WEST BASIN'S WATER-FOCUSED ART CONTEST

Grand Prize Winners Awarded New Computers from Group of 390 Students across Coastal Los Angeles

CARSON, Calif. – Every year, West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) conducts one of its signature water education program: the Water is Life Student Art Contest. The goal of the program is to encourage third through twelfth grade students to create a water conservation message and illustrate it with original, hand-drawn artwork. This year, young artists submitted over 390 pieces of beautiful artwork from 43 public and private schools from West Basin's service area, making it a challenge for the judges to select the winning pieces.

Winning art pieces were chosen based on the creativity of their portrayal of water conservation messages and their artistic skill. The student's art will be reproduced on bookmarks and posters for distribution at the winner's schools and at local public libraries. Sponsorship for this year's contest came from the law offices of Lemieux and O'Neill, United Water and the Water Replenishment District, who provided grand prize winners with a Mac Book Pro lap top computer.

President Carol W. Kwan said, "The Water is Life Student Art Contest is one of our premier water education programs. It is a creative way to bring the conservation message to our young students. Each year we are amazed and impressed with the artwork we receive."

Grand Prize Winners from this year's Water is Life Art Contest include:

1. Elementary School Grand Prize Winner
Nayeli Soon, Grade 3, Richmond Street Elementary School, El Segundo
2. Middle School Grand Prize Winner
Bailey Sarria, Grade 8, Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Hermosa Beach
3. High School Grand Prize Winner
Christopher Lizama, Grade 12, Leuzinger High School, Hawthorne

For more information about the Water is Life Art Contest and how to get involved next year, visit www.westbasin.org.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area. West Basin is reducing its dependence on imported water through its Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean water to its portfolio by the year 2020. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.

Photo Attached: West Basin's Board of Directors, Sponsor Representatives from Lemieux and O'Neill, United Water and the Water Replenishment District and all Grand Prize and Honorable Mention Art Contest Winners at the Water is Life Awards Ceremony on April 22, 2013.