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La Mesa, San Diego Residents Take Top Honors in Regional Photo Contest

Competition promotes the value of safe and reliable water supplies in San Diego County

A beauty shot of an East County reservoir and a portrait of a young couple at Sunset Cliffs took the top prizes in the San Diego County Water Authority's "Brought to You by Water" photo contest during Water Awareness Month in May.

Dozens of water lovers from across the San Diego region put their photography skills to the test in the Water Authority's annual photo competition highlighting the importance of safe and reliable water supplies. The Water Authority received nearly 80 entries in the contest, which is part of the Water Authority's new outreach and education program called Brought to You by Water. More than 2,700 votes – or "likes" – were cast on the Water Authority's Instagram page @sdewa, where contest entries are available for viewing.

A spectacular array of photos featured the best of San Diego County, and a few places farther afield. They included everything from flowers and waterfalls to wildlife and children, as

photographers used their images to describe ways in which water plays a vital role in their favorite activities and quality of life.

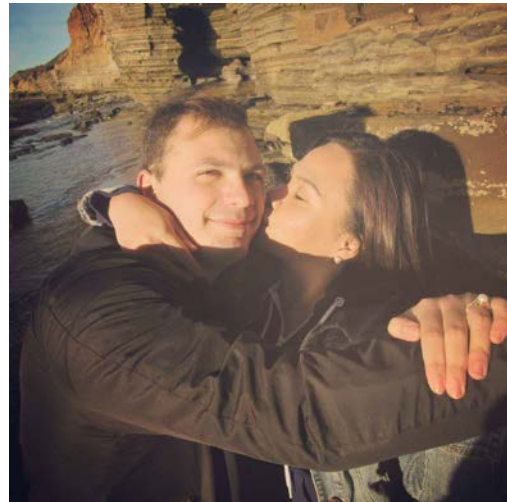
“This contest is a fun opportunity for our community to come together and reflect on the importance of this precious resource,” said Mark Muir, chair of the Water Authority’s Board of Directors. “It’s inspirational to see all the ways people interact with and value water.”

Kris Dailey of San Diego won the first grand prize, as selected by Instagram users. Her photo at Sunset Cliffs received 247 likes, edging out a much-liked photo of a beach at sunset. Water plays a background role in Dailey’s image, which was accompanied by the caption: “Water is like my spouse, without it I can’t live.”

The second grand prize was awarded to Maile Guerrero of La Mesa by a panel of Water Authority judges based on her photo’s originality,

composition and connection to the contest theme. Guerrero’s image of Sutherland Reservoir near Ramona was accompanied by the caption, “Fresh water reservoirs in the county are a vital resource for our drinking water infrastructure.”

First Grand Prize



Submitted by: Kris Dailey of San Diego

Caption: Water is like my spouse, without it I can't live.

Location: Sunset Cliffs

Second Grand Prize



Submitted by: Maile Guerrero of La Mesa

Caption: Fresh water reservoirs in the county are a vital resource for our drinking water infrastructure.

Location: Sutherland Reservoir

The Water Authority also recognized Ed Henderson of San Diego as the third-place winner for a photo of Cedar Creek Falls, a popular backcountry hiking destination. Fourth place went to David Norris of San Diego for an underwater scene shot at the San Diego Zoo. Honorable mention went to Heidi Couture of Santee for an image of a rainbow over a South County reservoir.

Winners received prizes generously donated by SeaWorld San Diego, San Diego Zoo Global, Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, and the USS Midway Museum. In addition, eligible contestants received tickets to the San Diego County Fair or the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park.

For more information on the Water Authority's Brought to You by Water outreach and education program, go to B2UbyH2O.org.

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The San Diego County Water Authority sustains a \$220 billion regional economy and the quality of life for 3.3 million residents through a multi-decade water supply diversification plan, major infrastructure investments and forward-thinking policies that promote fiscal and environmental responsibility. A public agency created in 1944, the Water Authority delivers wholesale water supplies to 24 retail water providers, including cities, special districts and a military base.



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