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# Local elementary school students show water conservation and environmental stewardship through art

Chula Vista, CA – Last week Sweetwater Authority (Authority) selected 10 local elementary school students as winners of the "Being Water Wise Is..." Poster Contest. The annual contest is open to K-6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Authority's service area, and encourages the students to think about the importance of water in their everyday lives, and how they can help protect and conserve water in their homes and community.



Participants and winners from Allen Elementary School

"We are thrilled to have received so many incredible posters this year from so many talented students," said Board Chair Hector Martinez. "The Authority runs this contest every year with the goal of helping students think critically about the importance of water. This year students did a fantastic job illustrating what being water wise means to them."

Over 60 students in the Authority's service area submitted artwork for this year's contest. Of the ten winners, five students will have their artwork submitted to the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) regional contest. If selected, their poster will be featured in MWD's 2024 art calendar.

Winners received art supplies kits, sketchpads and gift cards. All winning posters are available to view online at <a href="https://www.sweetwater.org/postercontest23">www.sweetwater.org/postercontest23</a>.

## Top winners included:



Alondra Contreras Olvera, 3rd Grade



LeeAnn Davis, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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