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WATER CONSERVATION DESIGN-A-SIGN WINNERS HONORED

The City of Chino Hills' 13th Annual Water Conservation Design-A-Sign Contest showcased talent and creativity. Local kids designed water conservation signs to promote water awareness and to help them learn about the importance of water, a precious natural resource. This year's theme was "Catch Those Drops, Don't Let Them Get Away." The City received 301 entries.

Rolling Ridge Elementary School submitted the highest number of entries of any school with 77, followed by Wickman Elementary School with 52 entries. Mrs. Keane's 4th grade class at Chaparral Elementary School had 100% participation and won a pizza.

Sebastian Shih, a 2nd grade student from Country Springs Elementary School won the elementary level grand prize – an Xbox 360 with Kinect presented by Mayor Peter Rogers and Vice Mayor Ed Graham at their Monday morning assembly. Lauren Dickson, a 9th grade student from Ayala High School won high school level grand prize - an iPad mini presented by Vice Mayor Ed Graham at an Ayala rally. The judges selected the overall winners.

Winning posters for 2013 have been made into permanent water conservation street signs and are on display on streetlight poles along City Center Drive at the Chino Hills Government Center. The signs will also be moved to the winning students' schools before they are permanently installed at various locations throughout the City. Volunteer judges included Public Works Commissioner Bill McDonnell, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob Gannon, Planning Commissioner Sheran Voigt, Public Works Director Nadeem Majaj,

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Safety Manager Mike Nagaoka, and representatives from various water districts and agencies including Andrea Carruthers, Cindy DeChaine, Julie Carver, Gabby De La Cruz, and Juan Zamora.

Photo Caption

Design-A-Sign Winners were honored by the Chino Hills City Council. Back row, from left to right: Kelly Sandel, Utility Conservation Specialist; 12th grade - Kyle Choi, Ayala High School; 11th grade - Stephanie Chu, Ayala High School; 10th grade - Danielle Valentine, Ayala High School; 9th grade - Lauren Dickson, Ayala High School; 8th grade- Sophia Yang, Canyon Hills Jr. High School; 7th grade - Omer Vakil, Canyon Hills Jr. High School; 6th grade - Sean Takari, Wickman Elementary School; and Mayor Peter Rogers.

From row, from left to right: 5th grade - Dillon Swim, Rolling Ridge Elementary School; 4th grade - Maya Kassem, Butterfield Ranch Elementary School; 3rd grade - Priyasha Panigrahi, Country Springs Elementary School; 2nd grade - Sebastian Shih, Country Springs Elementary School; 1st grade - Lauren Gao, Country Springs Elementary School; and Kindergarten - Vasu Soni, Eagle Canyon Elementary School.

