WATER CONSERVATION DESIGN-A-SIGN WINNERS HONORED

The City of Chino Hills’ 15th Annual Water Conservation Design-A-Sign Contest had a total of 613 entries. 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.” Two grand prize winners were awarded prizes. Priyasha Panigrahi, a 5th grade student at Country Springs Elementary School won a Nabi Dream Tab; and Christelle Chan, an 11th grade student from Ayala High School was awarded a Toshiba Laptop. The judges selected Christelle Chan’s entry as the overall winner.

Winners received a water conservation backpack filled with goodies, two tickets to Harkins Theatres, and a $10 gift card for either Cold Stone Creamery or Jamba Juice.

Winning posters for 2015 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 Mayor Cynthia Moran; Council Member Ray Marquez; Council Member Peter Rogers; Parks and Recreation Commission Robert Gannon; Public Works Commissioners Bob Goodwin, Vincent Jones, and Larry Rovira; Andrea Carruthers, Katie Plank, Lisa Morgan-Perales, and Serina Stephens from Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Gabby Reed representing Monte Vista Water District; and resident Sheran Voigt.

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Design-A-Sign winners were honored by the Chino Hills City Council. Back row, left to right: winner for 100% classroom participation - Mrs. Stuchura, 5th grade teacher at Butterfield Elementary School; Lydia Nolte, 12th grade, Ayala High School; Sophia Yujin Yang, 11th grade, Diamond Bar High School; Vivian Chuang, 9th grade, Ayala High School; David Ainza, 8th grade, Canyon Hills Jr. High School; Mary Ainza, 6th grade, Gerald F. Litel Elementary School; Mayor Cynthia Moran. Front row, left to right Priyasha Panigrahi, 5th grade, Country Springs Elementary; Isabelle Huang, 4th grade, Michael G. Wickman Elementary; Alisa Villegas, 3rd grade, Oxford Preparatory Academy; Bethany Li, 2nd, Country Spring Elementary; Ryan Lin, 1st Grade, Oak Ridge Elementary; and Enya Do, kindergarten, Eagle Canyon Elementary. (Not pictured, Christelle Chan, 11th grade, Ayala High School.)