



# Press Release

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## **WATER CONSERVATION DESIGN-A-SIGN CONTEST WINNERS HONORED**

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Conservation Design-a-Sign Contest had a total of 606 entries. Local kids designed water conservation signs to promote water awareness and to help them learn about the importance of water, the Earth's most precious natural resource. This year's theme was "Catch Those Drops, Don't Let Them Get Away."

Three grand prizes were awarded. Ethan Hsiao, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader from Rolling Ridge Elementary won a Kindle Fire HD with 8" display; Priyasha Panigrahi, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Country Springs Elementary won a Lexibook 7 inch Laptab Android computer; and Myra Zhan, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader from Ayala High School won an Acer Aspire 15.6 inch laptop. All winners received a water conservation backpack filled with little gifts. Mrs. Stachura, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Butterfield Ranch Elementary School, had 100% classroom participation and won a \$100 gift card to Staples.

Winning posters 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 Robert Gannon, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Gary G. Larson, Planning Commissioner; Bill McDonnell, Public Works Commissioner; Cheryl Yeamans, Public Works Department; and Kelly Bracamontes, a volunteer with the chARTS committee; Katie Plank and Andrea Carruthers, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; and Ric Welch, Jurupa Community Services District.

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Top row from left to right: Myra Zhan, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ayala High School; Sophia Yujin Yang, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Diamond Bar High School; Ashley Robles, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Canyon Hills Junior High; Joshua Chou, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Chaparral Middle School; Jason Goo, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Hidden Trails Elementary; Audrey Han, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Wickman Elementary; Priyasha Panigrahi, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Country Springs Elementary;

Bottom row from left to right: Derek Yang, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Wickman Elementary; Zoe Villegas-Kellerman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Litel Elementary; Jay Bhullar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Rolling Ridge Elementary; Annie Kung, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Eagle Canyon Elementary; Emma Shiozaki, Kindergarten, Wickman Elementary School; Ethan Hsiao, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Rolling Ridge Elementary

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