WATER CONSERVATION DESIGN-A-SIGN CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills 16th 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 3rd grader from Rolling Ridge Elementary won a Kindle Fire HD with 8” display; Priyasha Panigrahi, a 6th grader from Country Springs Elementary won a Lexibook 7 inch Laptab Android computer; and Myra Zhan, a 12th 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 5th 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, 12th Grade, Ayala High School; Sophia Yujin Yang, 11th Grade, Diamond Bar High School; Ashley Robles, 8th Grade, Canyon Hills Junior High; Joshua Chou, 7th Grade, Chaparral Middle School; Jason Goo, 6th Grade, Hidden Trails Elementary; Audrey Han, 5th Grade, Wickman Elementary; Priyasha Panigrahi, 6th Grade, Country Springs Elementary;

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

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