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**The Inland Empire Utilities Agency Congratulates Student Winners for the
2015 “Water is Life” Art Poster Contest**

Inland Empire, California – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) recently announced the winners of this year’s 2015 “Water is Life” art poster contest. Each year students in grades K-12 from within IEUA’s service area are invited to create pieces of artwork using the theme “Water is Life.” The objective was for the students to create an artistic poster showing water wise usage and water conservation topics. IEUA received over 650 student entries from 15 schools that participated within the service area.

The students’ poster entries were judged on originality, water message, portrayal of water-use efficiency, and the use of bright bold colors. The entries were categorized by grade levels: kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through 12th grade. The top three winners in each category received a certificate along with a gift card to a local book store. Each teacher with a winning student received a gift card to a local school supply store. In addition, the winning entries have been submitted to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to compete with winning posters from all of southern California. The winners of MWD’s contest will be announced in the fall, recognized at a special event in early December, and will be featured in MWD’s 2016 “Water is Life” calendar.

“It is important for students within our community to understand water issues and be able to identify how to use water wisely. This art contest enables students to use their creativity while sending a message relaying the importance of water,” said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. “With California experiencing the worst drought in its history, this message comes at a crucial time for these students. It has never been more important to understand how to conserve water to make sure there is water for the future.”

Congratulations to IEUA’s 2015 “Water is Life” student winners:

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade:

- 1st Place – Justin Choi (Hidden Trails Elementary – Chino Hills)
- 2nd Place – Aastha Joshi (Country Springs Elementary – Chino Hills)
- 3rd Place – Audrey Han (Michael G. Wickman Elementary – Chino Hills)
- Honorable Mention – Ashley Chang (Cal Aero Preserve Academy – Chino Hills)

Sixth through Eighth Grade:

- 1st Place – Ariaah Calderon (Etiwanda Intermediate – Etiwanda)
- 2nd Place – Richa Shah (Etiwanda Intermediate – Etiwanda)
- 3rd Place – Jocelyn Mulgado (Upland Junior High – Upland)
- Honorable Mention - Karolyn Datun (Etiwanda Intermediate – Etiwanda)

Ninth through 12th Grade:

- 1st Place – Isabella Burruel (Don Antonio Lugo High School – Chino Hills)
- 2nd Place – Madalyn Ramirez (Don Antonio Lugo High School – Chino Hills)
- 3rd Place – Cheyenne Moreno (Don Antonio Lugo High School – Chino Hills)
- Honorable Mention - Brianna Cabrera (Don Antonio Lugo High School – Chino Hills)

To view the winning posters, follow IEUA on Twitter at www.twitter.com/IEUAwater. For more information about this contest and all of IEUA's education programs, please visit www.ieua.org.

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