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Local High Desert Youth Offer Water Conservation Tips MWA Announces Water Awareness Month Video Contest Winners

Apple Valley, CA — High Desert students accepted the challenge to develop videos that demonstrate “water conservation is not that hard” to bring attention to Water Awareness Month in California. An MWA judging panel selected 10 videos as winners in the first, second and third place categories.

“The creativity of the students made it very difficult to determine just three winners,” said Yvonne Cox, MWA Director of Community Outreach. “Instead, we awarded multiple winners in each category to showcase their great work. In addition to their great videos, this video project helps recruit water conservation ambassadors among our youth and that is our prize.”

The contest was open to all students through the age of 18 in the High Desert region. Students earning first-place honors and a \$200 Visa gift card are Nicholas Markloff and Cory Garcia. Second place winners receiving a \$100 gift card include Ruby Hirschman, and the brother-sister team of Brayon and Nataly Gutierrez. Taking home third-place honors and a \$50 Visa gift card are Daniela Hernandez, Freyja Anderson, and Connor Little. The videos will be available for viewing on the Mojave Water Agency website at www.mojavewater.org.

California celebrates Water Awareness Month each May. Currently the State is experiencing its third worst drought on record and residents are encouraged to reduce their water use.

Simple tips to save water include:

- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Take shorter showers.
- Run the dishwasher when full.
- Convert grass lawns to drought tolerant landscaping.
- Check for toilet leaks.
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, and steps.

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