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April 16, 2020 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PWD HOLDS WATER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST, FUN ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS AT HOME

Palmdale, CA – TheWater-Use Efficiency Team at Palmdale Water District (PWD) is inviting students ages 4 to 17 to express their artistic skills in a water education poster contest while they stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. First prize winners in each age group will receive a \$50 grocery store gift card.

The Water Awareness Poster Contest is open to students who live within PWD service boundaries. Entries will be judged in three categories: ages 4-8, 9-13 and 14-17. First place will win \$50, second place \$25 and third place \$15 gift cards. The poster needs to be about one of the following topics: water cycle, how pollution affects water supply, water activities, or how to conserve water. Entries should be on standard size paper ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$) with the artist's name and age on the front of the poster. The deadline is Monday, May 18, 2020.

"We want to give children an opportunity to learn something about water and express their thoughts while they are staying home during the

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pandemic," Water-Use Efficiency Specialist Maria G. Avelar said. "The future of our water is in our children's hands, so they should learn about it to protect it."

To enter the contest, email a scanned copy or photo of the entry to <u>water_conservation@palmdalewater.org</u>, along with the name, address, phone number and age of the entrant. The posters will be judged by three staff members representing Operations, Finance and Facilities departments. By submitting art to the contest, entrants will agree to the terms and conditions. One first prize winner per household.All decisions are final. Winners will be notified on Tuesday, May 26, by telephone. Results will be posted on PWD's website and official Facebook page @PalmdaleH2O. For more information, contact the Water-Use Efficiency Team at 661-456-5002.

During the Safer-at-Home order, PWD employees continue to work to carry on our mission to serve our customers. Our work is considered essential service by the government, so we are testing water, fixing pipes, checking meters, processing payments and doing everything to keep the District running. Customers should be assured that PWD's water is clean, safe and plentiful.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.