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PALMDALE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY PWD BOARD FOR CREATIVE EARTH DAY **POSTERS**

Palmdale, CA – The Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board meeting on Monday night was standing room only when 30 students were honored for winning one of the top prizes in the annual PWD Water Cycle Drawing Contest held in honor of Earth Day.

The winners' drawings were chosen from 264 pieces of artwork submitted by students representing five Palmdale School District campuses. PWD's Board of Directors helped judge the competition.

The students used crayons, markers and pencils to creatively express their knowledge of the steps of the water cycle. The colorful entries included expressive sketches showing evaporation, transpiration, condensation and precipitation of water. Some of the art pieces also promoted water

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conservation.

"It was wonderful to get more than 250 submissions for our drawing contest," said
Water-Use Efficiency Specialist Robert Rosati. "I know it was not easy for the Board to choose
the winners. The artistic quality of the posters was amazing. Everyone did a great job."

The first-place winners were second-grade students Brissa Fieross, Alexander Becelta, Riley Ojehonmon and Lana Ornelas from Tumbleweed Elementary; Golden Poppy Elementary third grader Ja'kobe Sloan, fourth grader Olivia Zuazo and fifth grader Jonathan Avege; and Sage Magnet Academy sixth-grader Emily Estrella, seventh-grader Joziah Berreras and eighth-grader Nayeli Bahena.

The top winners received \$25 Target gift cards while the second- and third-place students won \$15 and \$10 Target gift cards, respectively. All the students who submitted entries received participation certificates. The 13 teachers from the participating classes each received a \$50 Target gift card to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

PWD celebrates Earth Day each year with an event or contest for Palmdale School District students.

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 www.palmdalewater.org.