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Alameda County Water District Awards Tri-City Students and Teachers for Videos Highlight Water-Efficient Landscaping

Fremont, Calif – Winners of the 4th annual WaterClips Student Video Contest were announced on May 17 by the Alameda County Water District. The awards, presented during a Board Meeting, recognized students from Fremont, Newark and Union City whose 30-second videos highlight essential water topics. Over 100 video entries were submitted for this year's contest calling on students to focus on the benefits of a water-efficient garden.

The contest also awarded two teachers who sponsored winning student videos.

A panel of local judges representing government and television industries and environmental and landscape experts, selected winning video entries from students in grades 6-12 representing Middle and High School categories.

“The talent and innovation showcased by the WaterClips Student Video Contest winners assure me that our future is in good hands as they raise environmental awareness,” said ACWD Board President Paul Sethy. “This year, we received the most student videos since the contest’s launch, indicating area students are interested in championing water use and conservation issues.”

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Middle School Winners

First Prize Winner
- \$500

Ashwath Polali,
Grade 7

Video: *"Reap
Benefits with Water
Efficient Garden"*

Thornton Junior
High School,
Fremont

Second Prize
Winner -\$250

Akshara Gudipati,
Grade 8

Video: *"Conserving
Water Through
Water-Wise
Gardening"*

Stratford Middle
School, Fremont

Third Prize
Winner - \$100

Kanak Panigrahi,
Grade 8

Video: *"Grow
Like a Pro: Use
Less Save
More!"*

Thornton Junior
High School,
Fremont

Third Prize
Winner - \$100

Shreya Ramamurthy
Grade 6

Video *"Benefits of
Water Efficient
Garden"*

Ardenwood
Elementary School,
Fremont

High School Winners

First Prize Winner - \$500

Shana Chao, Grade 12
Video: *"Garden Me, Do You
Know the Benefits of a
Water-Efficient Garden"*

James Logan
High School, Union City

Second Prize Winner -
\$250

Kallie Kuang, Grade 10
Video: *"Why You Should
Plant a Water-Efficient
Garden"*

American High School,
Fremont

Third Prize Winner - \$100

Rahnelle Agutos Grade 9
Video: *"Benefits of a water
Efficient Garden"*

American High School,
Fremont

This contest is a vital component of our water education program," added Sethy. "For decades, we have brought water education to the Tri-Cities and partnered with area schools, parents and students."

For more information about the WaterClips Student Video Contest, visit acwd.org/waterclips or email waterclips@acwd.com.

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