

# News Release



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## **Alameda County Water District Awards Scholarships to Tri-City Students and Teachers in Annual WaterClips Student Video Contest**

Fremont, Calif - The spotlight shined on Tri-City area students as the Alameda County Water District awarded contest winners at a special Board Meeting on May 15 for their cinematic achievements in the 5th annual WaterClips Student Video Contest. Over 100 students competing as individual or team entries submitted 30-second videos to raise awareness about an essential water topic – finding and fixing leaks.

Live-action and animated videos dominated submissions, with students vying for scholarships up to \$500. The contest challenged students to convey the importance of finding and fixing leaks to conserve water and reduce water waste in Fremont, Newark and Union City homes, schools and businesses.

The District also awarded classroom scholarships to teachers for sponsoring winning student videos and to teachers sponsoring ten or more qualified video entries.

Distinguished representatives from government, television and environmental industries served as judges to select winning video entries from students in grades 6-12 in Middle and High School categories.

"The talent and creativity demonstrated by our students in tackling the issue of detecting and addressing leaks is truly inspiring. Their award-winning videos promote awareness about a water waste culprit and inspire action for a more sustainable future," said ACWD Board President Jim Gunther.

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### Middle School Winners

#### **First Prize Winner - \$500**

Eesha Rustagi and Aarush  
Sundararajan  
Grade 8

Video: *"Leaky Faucet – We  
Got It!"*

John M. Horner Middle  
School

#### **Second Prize Winner - \$250**

Dhaanush Karthikeyan  
Grade 7

Video: *"How to Find and Fix  
Leaks"*

Thornton Middle School

#### **Third Prize Winner - \$100**

Aditya Madhavani  
Grade 7

Video: *"Finding and Fixing  
Leaks"*

William Hopkins Middle  
School

### High School Winners

#### **First Prize Winner - \$500**

Daniel Loy  
Grade 10

Video: *"Find and Fix Leaks:  
Save Water!"*

Circle of Independent  
Learning

#### **Second Prize Winner - \$250**

Semi Jung, Gitasri  
Dintakurthi, Aditi Pangal and  
Joyce Yan  
Grade 10

Video: *"L.E.A.K.S."*

Mission San Jose High  
School

#### **Third Prize Winner - \$100**

Roland Lee, Nolan Lee,  
Himank Gangwal, Nikhil  
Cidambi and Aarush Laddha  
Grade 10

Video: *"Don't Let Leaks Drain  
You"*

Mission San Jose High  
School

In addition, award-winning student entries received a free movie ticket and local movie theaters will show winning entries in advance of featured films beginning May 17.

For a complete list of winners, honorable mentions and recognized teachers, and to watch the winning videos about finding and fixing leaks, visit [acwd.org/waterclips](http://acwd.org/waterclips).

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Since 1914, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the 344,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).