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Six High School Students Win Zone 7 Contest

*Art, Photos and Essays Help Celebrate
Agency's 50th Anniversary, Water Awareness Month*

Six high school students in the Livermore-Amador Valley have won a Zone 7 Water Agency contest for their water-related essays, photographs or paintings.

The contest was held to help celebrate Zone 7's 50th anniversary, and in recognition that May is Water Awareness Month in California. Zone 7 is the water wholesaler for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and provides flood protection to all of eastern Alameda County.

Students in the Valley's public high schools were invited to choose from among three different categories: 1) a 200-word essay on the topic of "Climate Change and the Future of California's Water Supply," 2) a photograph featuring a local arroyo, or 3) a drawing or painting depicting a local water theme.

The following students were selected as winners and formally recognized at Wednesday night's board meeting:

Photos: Danielle Dixon, Livermore High School; and Anne Wallem, Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Artworks: Brett Thompson, Granada High School in Livermore; and Christine Chen, Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

Essays: Zuri Njoku, Granada High School in Livermore; Dora Scott, Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Each winner received a \$100 gift certificate from Stoneridge Mall, a certificate of recognition for the student's college portfolio and special acknowledgement at Wednesday night's board meeting.

“These prizes are small tokens of our appreciation for your efforts and your interests in water, and for helping us celebrate both Water Awareness Month and Zone 7's 50th Anniversary,” board President Jim Concannon told the students at Wednesday's meeting.

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The Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. In 1957, by popular vote, Zone 7 became a special district governed by a seven-member board of directors. Along with flood protection, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 190,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.