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Livermore Water Awareness Poster Contest Winners Announced During Virtual Ceremony

LIVERMORE, Calif.—Nine local elementary school students were honored at a virtual event yesterday for placing in the Livermore Water Awareness Poster Contest. This year's contest, themed "Without Water, Life Would Be Pretty Dry," was open to all third- to fifth-grade students who are enrolled in Livermore schools or are Livermore residents. The contest was sponsored by California Water Service (Cal Water), Livermore Municipal Water, and Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7).

For third grade, Stella Marcel from Sunset Elementary placed first, Utsha Dey from Altamont Creek Elementary took second, and Prabveer Singh Sarang from Emma C. Smith Elementary won third. For fourth grade, Yul Kim from Rancho Las Positas Elementary won first, Selina Sharma from Emma C. Smith Elementary placed second, and Jacob Ryan from Croce Elementary took third. For fifth grade, Kayla Diplo from Sunset Elementary took first, Angeline Roy from Altamont Creek Elementary won second, and Avery Lockhart from Croce Elementary placed third.

"We believe it's never too early to teach our students about the importance of water conservation," said Steve Aguiar, City of Livermore Interim Water Resources Manager. "We have sponsored this contest for more than 20 years, and our hope is that the hundreds of Livermore students who have participated over the decades have now become water-wise adults."

"Despite the drought conditions we are currently facing throughout the state, I'm inspired and optimistic from seeing the innovation, creativity, and passion demonstrated

by the talented participants in today's ceremony," said Zone 7 Board President **Olivia Sanwong**. "Now, more than ever, we need your skills and passion to help us find solutions to help protect this precious resource — water."

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the City of Livermore, Mayor Bob Woerner, Zone 7, and the Livermore schools on this annual poster contest," said Cal Water District Manager John Freeman. "As conditions continue to get drier, we want to help Livermore residents and businesses save water; by working together, we can accomplish so much more and ensure they continue to have a reliable supply of water for their everyday and emergency needs."

To that end, Cal Water encourages customers to take advantage of its robust resources and programs available to help use water wisely. Customers can visit calwater.com/conservation or contact the Livermore Customer Center for tips, rebates, and free high-efficiency devices.

Cal Water serves approximately 59,800 people through 18,900 service connections in central and southern Livermore and about 2 million people through 492,600 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.

The City of Livermore's water utility, Livermore Municipal Water, serves 28,000 residential and commercial customers in northern and eastern Livermore. The City of Livermore has provided water service to these areas since 1963. Additional information may be obtained online at www.cityoflivermore.net/wrd.

Zone 7 delivers water to residents through four major retailers: the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin-San Ramon Services District, and California Water Service, along with a small number of direct retail business customers. Zone 7 also provides flood protection management to eastern Alameda County and manages the Livermore-Amador Valley's groundwater basin. Additional information may be obtained online at www.zone7water.com.

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