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**THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
RECOGNIZES STUDENT WINNERS FOR THE
2011 “WATER IS LIFE” ART POSTER CONTEST**

Chino – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) recently announced the winners of its inaugural 2011 “Water is Life” art poster contest. The contest was open to students in grades K-12 within IEUA’s service area. The objective was for the students to be able to create an artistic poster manifesting wise water usage and water issues. IEUA received over 200 student entries from schools within the service area.

The student’s entries were judged on originality, water message, portrayal of wise water use and the use of bold, bright colors. The entries were categorized by grade levels: kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth grade through eighth grade, and ninth grade through twelfth grade. The top three winners in each category received a certificate along with a gift card to a local book store. Each teacher with a winning entry received a gift card to a local school supply store. In addition, the winning entries were sent to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to be entered into their regional art contest. The winners of MWD’s contest will be announced in the fall and will be recognized at a special event in early December.

“It is important for students within our community to understand water issues and be able to identify how to use water wisely. This art contest enables students to use their creativity while sending a message relaying the importance of water,” said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

Student Winners:

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade: 1st Place – Charlize Sunahara (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino); 2nd Place – Emily Ngo (Cal Aero Preserve Academy – Chino)

Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade: 1st Place – Roxanna Sheets (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino); 2nd Place – Stuart Kusdono (Rhodes Elementary School – Chino); 3rd Place – Taylor Payne (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino)

Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade: 1st Place – Rebecca Peterson (Don Lugo High School – Chino); 2nd Place – Kevin Nguyen (Don Lugo High School – Chino); 3rd Place – Madison Moffett (Don Lugo High School – Chino)

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency covers 242-square miles, distributes imported water, provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services to more than 850,000 people. The Agency’s service area includes the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Monte Vista Water District.