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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS**

*High school seniors awarded scholarships and fourth-grade students receive water awareness poster contest awards.*

Vista, CA—

Vista Irrigation District has presented awards to three high school seniors and three fourth-grade students from the local community as winners of two separate district-sponsored contests. The district's board of directors presented the awards to the recipients at its April 18, 2018 board meeting.

Dylan Soto from Vista High School received first place honors for his entry in the district's 2018 scholarship contest. Dylan was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. Maggie Cincotta and Bryce Thayer both from Mission Vista High School were awarded \$750 scholarships as runners-up in the contest.

William Gimbel, a fourth grade student from Tri-City Christian School, received first place honors from the district for his entry in the 2018 Water Awareness Poster Contest. He received a \$100 award. Andrea Mercado from Alamosa Park Elementary School received a second place award of \$50 and Arielle Nolan from Tri-City Christian School received a third place award of \$25 for their entries in the contest.

The purpose of the scholarship contest, which is open to high school seniors living or attending school within the district's service area, is to increase the knowledge and awareness of water related issues impacting Vista Irrigation District. The district received six applications this year.

The poster contest, which targets students in the fourth-grade, is designed to promote understanding of water issues in elementary schools. This year's theme was "Be Water Smart." The three winning posters were selected from 169 entries based upon their depiction of the theme, artwork, originality, and poster design. William's poster will appear in the 2019 Water Awareness Calendar and will be available free of charge at the district's office in November 2018.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 133,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of the county of San Diego.

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