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Citrus Heights Water District Recognizes Young Artists

Poster Contest Aims to Advance Water Awareness and Art

Citrus Heights, CA (May 28, 2025) – The Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD) is proud to announce the winners of its annual Water Awareness Poster Contest, which featured the theme “*The Traveling Water Droplet.*”

CHWD and three of the neighboring water agencies hold an annual poster contest to promote water awareness. Students from four local schools submitted 273 colorful and imaginative entries, each capturing the remarkable voyage water takes through our environment. From clouds to faucets, the creativity displayed by these young artists impressed judges and community members alike.

Congratulations to the winners within the Citrus Heights Water District service area:

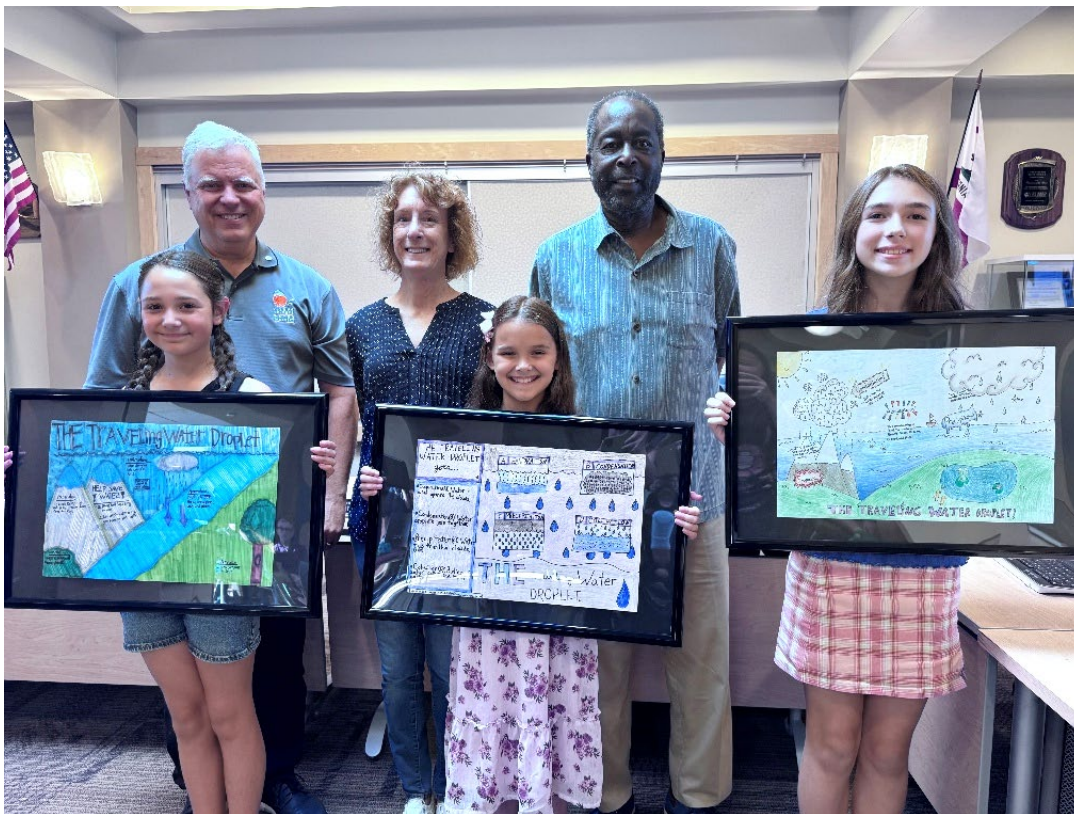
- **Winner:** Lyra Rutherford, 6th Grade, Mrs. Slayton, Woodside K-8
- **Runner-Up:** Liliana Hodges, 5th Grade, Ms. Weston, Trajan Elementary School
- **Runner-Up:** Sophia Richards, 4th Grade, Mrs. Blake, Trajan Elementary School

“To all the students and teachers, thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the poster contest and for creating such wonderful posters about the water cycle,” said Ray Riehle, CHWD Board Chair. “Your artwork not only showcases your creativity but also demonstrates your understanding of this important natural process. We are delighted to feature your work, and we know that your posters will inspire and educate your families, friends, and everyone who sees the calendar.”

CHWD extends its heartfelt congratulations to the winners and sincere thanks to all participants for helping illustrate the importance of water in such a meaningful and artistic way.

CHWD customers can pick up a 2026 calendar featuring this year’s winning entries at 6230 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights, CA, 95610. Learn more about CHWD’s community programs at chwd.org/community.

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(Back row, L-R): Raymond A. Riehle, CHWD Board President; Caryl F. Sheehan, CHWD Board Vice President; and David C. Wheaton, CHWD Board Director.

(Front row, L-R): Sophia Richards, Liliana Hodges, and Lyra Rutherford, CHWD Poster Contest winners.

About Citrus Heights Water District

The Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD) provides safe, high-quality water to over 70,000 customers in parts of Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Carmichael, and Roseville. Established in 1920, we have proudly served Citrus Heights and surrounding communities for over 100 years.

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