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MPWD'S POSTER CONTEST FLOWS WITH CREATIVITY AND WATER AWARENESS

Big Turnout from Local Students for the 2019 MPWD Water Awareness Calendar

BELMONT, CA – On Thursday, January 24, 2019, MPWD hosted the twelve winners of its Annual Water Awareness Calendar Contest. This year's calendar – which features winning student entries that promote water conservation – helps mark the MPWD's 90th year anniversary. Local 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students from schools in the MPWD's service community were invited to submit posters incorporating the MPWD's water conservation slogan, *"If Everyone Saves a Little, We Can All Save a Lot!"*

An unprecedented 189 poster entries were received from Belmont Oaks Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Cipriani Elementary School, Nesbit Elementary School, and San Carlos Charter Learning Center. The twelve student winners were invited to the January Board of Directors Meeting where they received certificates of recognition and complimentary calendars, while gifts cards were additionally presented to the grand prize winner and two runner ups. The MPWD also recognized Mrs. Butts and Ms. Stendal, who teach 3rd grade classes at Cipriani School, as the teachers with the most class participation this year.



Invited participants received awards of recognition from MPWD Board President, Louis Vella, and Water Conservation Specialist, Jeanette Kalabolas.

Louis J. Vella, MPWD Board President, reflected on the annual contest, saying, "One of my most favorite meetings throughout the year is the one where the MPWD hands out the Annual Water Awareness Calendar contest awards. The joyful look on the faces of the young students as they come up to receive their awards is priceless. Every year we continue to be impressed by not only the number of entries but also by the imagination of these young members of our community. The contest is a partnership between local schools, teachers, parents, young students, and the MPWD. The MPWD

Board of Directors and staff firmly believe that our young students will be the community leaders of tomorrow who will safeguard our precious water availability and protect our environment for future generations."



MPWD Water Awareness Calendars are available to customers, schools, businesses, and other community groups within MPWD's service territory. For more information on the Water Awareness Calendar Contest, please contact Jeanette Kalabolas at 650.591.8941 or visit MidPeninsulaWater.org/schools



ABOUT THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT: The MPWD has been functioning as a public utility since 1929, proudly providing service to the communities of Belmont and portions of San Carlos, Redwood City, and unincorporated San Mateo County. The District supplies water to 28,000 consumers within approximately five square miles. It is managed by a five-member elected Board of Directors and 17 full-time employees. For more details, go to the District's website at MidPeninsulaWater.org.