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### **HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANCE OF WATER AT HOME**

#### **Photographs and accompanying essays reflect on water as a vital resource in everyday life and during pandemic**

Chula Vista, CA – Thirteen local high school students will be honored for their award-winning photographs at tomorrow night's Sweetwater Authority (Authority) Board Meeting. The winners were selected from a group of 50 students from high schools across South Bay who submitted over 100 entries for the Authority's annual High School Photo Contest. This year's contest challenged students to creatively showcase through photography the importance of water in their homes, and in the context of the pandemic.

The following students took top honors:

#### **Color Category:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kayla Rosenberg, Hilltop High School, Grade 9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Araceli Romo, Chula Vista High School, Grade 10  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alia Kircher, Bonita Vista High School, Grade 12

#### **Black & White Category:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mariah Journigan, Bonita Vista High School, Grade 11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Airyl Van Dayrit, Sweetwater High School, Grade 12  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Trinity Fuentecilla, Eastlake High School, Grade 9

Honorable Mentions were awarded to seven additional students for their outstanding submissions.

The winning photos are displayed at [www.sweetwater.org/photocontest2021](http://www.sweetwater.org/photocontest2021). A special exhibit at the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center will showcase the winning photographs from May 15 through June 12.

*Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.*

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