



## **Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve's Fifteenth Annual Amateur Photography Contest Offers Opportunity to Reconnect with Nature**

**Encinitas, CA**—On September 6, Olivenhain Municipal Water District will kick off its fifteenth annual Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve amateur photo contest.

Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve offers 11 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails with views of the Pacific Ocean, Olivenhain Reservoir, Escondido Creek, and natural backcountry. Designed to be a fun and educational way to showcase EFRR's beauty, OMWD conducted its inaugural photo contest in 2006.

"The natural beauty of EFRR includes such native plant communities as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral," said OMWD Board Vice President Kristie Bruce-Lane. "Our contest provides OMWD with powerful imagery to help promote environmental awareness and preservation, and serves as an invitation for new visitors to enjoy EFRR and gain an appreciation of local watersheds."

Photo contest categories include Water Scenery, Scenic View, Plants, Animals, and Youth Photographer (age 15 and under). In addition, there are also Best in Show and People's Choice awards.

Winning photographers are eligible for prizes from our sponsors, including \$100 cash from the Escondido Creek Conservancy, Zoo/Safari Park passes from the San Diego Zoo, a 24" x 36" canvas print from PC Photo, gear from REI, and more. Select winning submissions will be displayed at Elfin Forest Interpretive Center Honoring Susan J. Varty in 2022.

Entries into this year's contest will be accepted through December 31, 2021. For official rules and to upload your entry, please visit [www.olivenhain.com/photo](http://www.olivenhain.com/photo).

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*Located at 8833 Harmony Grove Road in the community of Elfin Forest, Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve provides a wealth of opportunities for recreation, outdoor education, and environmental appreciation. The 784-acre open space reserve was developed by OMWD in partnership with the San Diego County Water Authority and the US Department of the Interior-Bureau of Land Management.*

*Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.*

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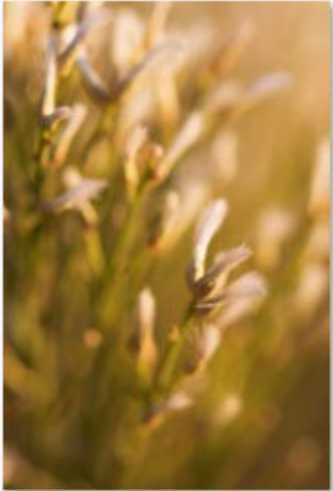
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2019 Best in Show - "Paint Brushes" by F. Hummler

