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# MORE BEAUTY WITH LESS WATER: WATERSMART LANDSCAPE CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Chula Vista, CA – Sweetwater Authority (Authority) named Nancy Cavanah of Chula Vista this year's winner of the WaterSmart Landscape Contest at last night's Governing Board (Board) Meeting. Cavanah's landscape was selected from a diverse pool of applicants as the best example of how to create a beautiful landscape using less water.

After years of watering to maintain a green front lawn, Cavanah and her husband decided to invest in making their yard more water-efficient. Using the <u>Turf Replacement Rebate Program</u> to help offset costs, the Cavanahs replaced their thirsty lawn with drought-tolerant landcover and colorful native plants to attract birds and bees. The landscape's low watering needs are supplemented by the addition of rain barrels.

"The Cavanah's landscape is a shining example of how customers can save water and money while maintaining the beauty of their yard," said Board Chair Alejandra Sotelo-Solis. "The Authority is here to assist customers to make these water-wise investments by offering rebates, resources and support."

The annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest is an opportunity for Authority customers to showcase their best, water-wise landscapes. All customers who have transformed their yards to be more water efficient are encouraged to enter the contest for the chance to win a \$250 gift certificate.



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