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West Basin Honors Local Student for Poster Contest Victory *Hannah Son Wins a Laptop for “Water... Root of our Life” Entry*

Carson, CA – Sixth-grade student Hannah Son from Jefferson School in the City of Redondo Beach was honored by the West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors Friday, July 21, for submitting the winning entry to the District’s “Water is Life” poster contest. Hannah’s entry, “Water... Root of our Life,” which proclaims that “Saving H2O is the way to go,” depicts a plant growing from a glass of water that provides a home for people, insects and a variety of land and sea animals.

For her creative depiction of the importance of water in our lives, Hannah received the grand prize – a fully-loaded Apple iBook laptop computer. Her poster will also be included in the 2006 “Water is Life” Calendar, published by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to showcase the winning entries.

“The ‘Water Is Life’ poster contest is such a great way to get our local children thinking about water,” said West Basin Board Director Carol W. Kwan, who represents Division III, which includes Redondo Beach. “It inspires them to think about ways to portray the importance of water and water conservation. Once they’re thinking about it, they can start spreading the message to friends and family.”

Each year during the month of May, West Basin, in partnership with MWD, sponsors the poster contest in celebration of Water Awareness Month in California. Water Awareness Month encourages water conservation, recycling and education.

The contest was promoted to all primary and secondary schools throughout West Basin's service area. Students were encouraged to depict wise uses of water at home, school, industry or business, the environment, agriculture or recreation.



Pictured from left to right are (back row) Director Edward C. Little, Director Donald L. Dear, father Taro Ito, President William A. Baker, brother Ethan Ito held by mother Joanne Son and Redondo Beach Mayor John Parsons. Pictured from left to right are (front row) brother Kai Ito, brother Matthew Son, grandmother Fumi Ito, winner Hannah Son, brother John Ito, Director Carol W. Kwan and Director Jose A. Fernandez (not pictured.) (An electronic version of this photo is available upon request.)

West Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in the South Bay and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, serving a population of more than 851,000. In addition, West Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1947, West Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region.

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