



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WATER AWARENESS CALENDARS

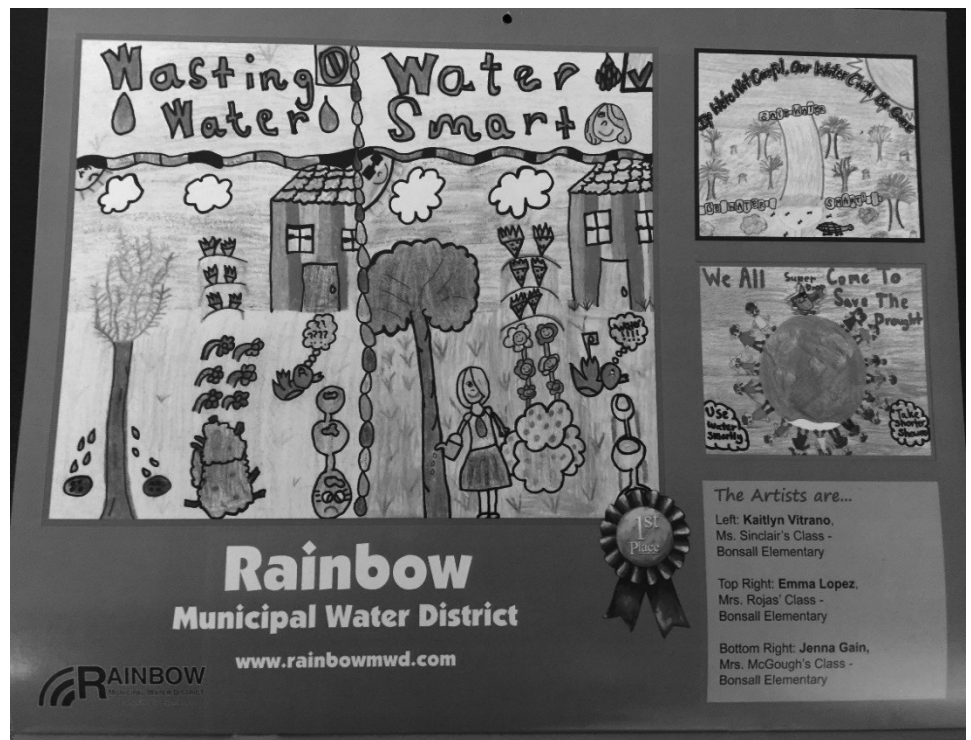
Each May, North County Water Agencies (NCWA) recognizes “National Drinking Water Awareness Month” by partnering in a Drinking Water Awareness Poster Contest for elementary age students. This year we are commemorating 25 years of community involvement and education in water conservation and drought conditions and the ongoing impact on our local communities. This program brings local elementary students and teachers together with participating local San Diego County Water Authority agencies members in a creative and thought provoking activity to bring awareness to the community on how drought conditions and water conservation affects us and encourages innovation, creativity, and public involvement.

Posters are created by fourth graders as part of the Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest. The posters depict a scene of the contest theme, along with an original slogan or conservation message. These poster entries are judged and the top three winners are submitted for entry into the poster contest to be eligible to then be incorporated into the colorful annual calendars.

Rainbow Water District would like to congratulate this year’s winners Kaitlyn Vitrano, Emma Lopez, and Jenna Gain students from Bonsall Elementary. You can find all of their fanciful artwork exhibited on the month of October seen below.

Please be sure to stop by our office and pick up your 2017 calendar showcasing the creativity of all these children and their new appreciation of water! (Available while supplies last).

We will be coming to your local elementary school soon to give your fourth graders their opportunity to have their artwork featured in next year’s calendar.



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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

NEW BACKFLOW TESTER CONTRACTOR

Starting in January 2017, Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Temecula Valley Backflow (TVB) who will now be testing and repairing all customer-owned backflows who have opted into the District's Backflow Testing and Repair Program. More information will be coming on the subject in future newsletters.

The District's Backflow Testing and Repair Program was established to track the installation and testing of service protection backflow assemblies within the District's service area. It is designed to ensure high quality and reliable potable water services for all of our customers required to have backflow device. The cost associated with the program are included in monthly bills for customers with approved assemblies. By purchasing the testing service for thousands of devices in one contract, we pass on the savings to our customers. The program is voluntary, so if you want to test your device on your own please let us know.

Below are some frequently asked questions (FAQs):

WHY DO I NEED A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE?

After water passes through a water meter into a home or business, it must be prevented from flowing back into the main water supply. Backflow prevention devices are designed to maintain water quality by preventing this reversal of flow and keeping any potential pollutants or contaminants from entering the water supply. These devices play an essential role in protecting the integrity of our water systems and helping to keep our drinking water clean and safe.

WHY DO I NEED MY DEVICE TESTED?

Backflow prevention devices must be tested annually to ensure they are functioning properly. RMWD has the task of determining where these devices are needed and maintaining records on each device to ensure the safety of our water systems.

For any backflow-related questions and/or concerns please call RMWD directly at: (760) 728-1178

For more information about TVB, please check out their website with the link provided below:

<http://www.temeculavalleybackflow.com/>

CHECK YOUR TIMER

Winter weather has finally arrived and with it comes strong windstorms and thundershowers. During this time of year, we often find ourselves scrambling at the last minute to batten down the hatches, concerned with home safety and severe road conditions and our irrigation system is the last thing on your minds.

In California and especial here in San Diego County it is always crucial that we continue our efforts to conserve water. Make sure to adjust your irrigation timers to avoid unnecessary run-off and if you experience a loss of power, make sure to reset those irrigation systems and save yourself money and energy.