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## **WEST BASIN INVITES STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WATER IS LIFE ART CONTEST**

*Students in Grades 3-12 to Create "Water is Life" Artwork by March 17th*

**CARSON, Calif.** – Today the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) announced the launch of its 2023 Water is Life student art contest and calls on local students to develop creative artwork that inspire water conservation in our communities. West Basin is accepting artwork submissions starting January 10 **until the deadline on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 5PM**. Contest information is available at [www.westbasin.org/waterislife](http://www.westbasin.org/waterislife).

"As historic drought conditions persist for a fourth year, West Basin calls on all student artists to think about the importance of our precious and limited water supply. We look forward to seeing students' beautiful artwork and renewing our inspiration to conserve water," said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear.

This year, qualified teachers can request a free classroom art supply set (valued at \$80) and an in-person or live online art lesson to support their students' submission efforts. Limited art supply sets and art lessons are available.

Art lesson reservation form, art supply set request form, and updated contest guidelines in English and Spanish are available online at [www.westbasin.org/waterislife](http://www.westbasin.org/waterislife).

Fifteen student winners (one grand prize winner and four honorable mentions in each elementary, middle, and high school grade category) will be selected by a panel of judges in April 2023. Each winner is awarded a new Apple iPad, with Grand Prize winners additionally receiving a digital stylus pen and \$25 Apple Store gift card.

The contest is a collaborative water education program in partnership between West Basin and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). Winning artwork from West Basin's local contest will advance to Metropolitan's regional competition and may be featured in the agency's 2024 student artwork calendar.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, as well as conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*