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High School Videos Showcase Creativity, Humor

2014 Water Spots Winners Announced

SACRAMENTO-- Bridget Eason from St. Francis High School in Sacramento took top honors in the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority, local water providers and The Sacramento Bee.



Eason won the "Judge's Choice" first place award and the "People's Choice" award for receiving the most votes online. Other top prizes went to Joshua Moessner from Center High School in Antelope who took the "Judge's Choice" second place award and the team of Michael Abshear and Noah Spahn from Whitney High School in Rocklin who won the "Judge's Choice" third place award. Winning videos can be viewed on Be Water Smart's YouTube channel at YouTube.com/BeWaterSmartinfo.

Their videos were among nearly 80 submitted by high school students from Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties. From tips for avoiding a "sprinkler

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disaster" to a recipe for making water using "regular household ingredients" (hint: don't forget the flaked coconut), students demonstrated their creativity in 30-second public service announcement videos on the contest's 2014 theme: *Don't be a gutter flooder-- prevent overspray and runoff.*

Celebrity judges narrowed videos down to 10 finalists and then selected the top three winners for "Judge's Choice" awards. The public then voted for their favorite to receive the "People's Choice" award.

The finalist videos and winners were unveiled April 13 on Raley Field's Jumbotron before a Sacramento River Cats game. Winning students and teachers also received cash prizes. Other Water Spots finalists included:

- **Ashleigh Eldredge**, Center High School (Vernon Bisho, teacher)
- **Kaitlyn Harper**, Center High School (Vernon Bisho, teacher)
- **Alex Oxford**, Center High School (Vernon Bisho, teacher)
- **Dakota Booth, Kevin Serpa** and **Sierra Usher**, Ponderosa High School (Inez Laureman, teacher)
- **Paul Melville**, Ponderosa High School (Kal Lowden, teacher)
- **Connor Cook**, Rocklin High School (Craig Kaylor, teacher)
- **Justin Conti** and **Madison Preston**, Whitney High School (Ben Barnholdt, teacher)

Judges included Kathleen Dodge from the Tahoe Film Commission; Monica Woods from News10; Rita Schmidt Sudman from the Water Education Foundation; and Brett Salmi from the Roseville Utility Exploration Center. The selections were based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the 2014 water efficiency message.

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About the Regional Water Authority: *RWA is a joint powers authority representing two dozen water providers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.*

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