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Public Invited to Vote for Their Favorite H2O Hero Video

SACRAMENTO— Sacramento-area middle school and high school students explored their H2O Hero in 100 public service videos submitted in the 2018 Water Spots Video contest, and now it's time for the public to vote for their favorite entry.

From April 11 through April 30, 2018, the top 10 video entries, as determined by a panel of expert judges, will be available online for viewing and voting at <https://tinyurl.com/WaterSpots18>

The video that receives the most votes will earn \$250 for the student and \$250 for their teacher, as well as the chance to win the Grand Prize—the chance to see their video premiere on the big screen this summer and run for a month at the Studio Movie Grill in Rocklin and the new Century Arden 14 in Sacramento.

Water Spots finalists represent schools from throughout the Sacramento region and include:

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- **“Aqua Saviors” by Gabriel Shane Aguirre** (Brad Clark, teacher), Franklin High School in Elk Grove
- **“Water Hero” by Emil Manson** (Brad Clark, teacher), Franklin High School in Elk Grove
- **“Sink Superheroes” by Jayson Ventura** (Brad Clark, teacher), Franklin High School in Elk Grove
- **“Leaky Va-ca” by Jepsen Laguerre and Aunjour Edinburgh** (Brad Clark, teacher), Franklin High School in Elk Grove
- **“Water-man...Hero or Vigilante” by Eric Kosonen, Charlie Walizer and Christian Keys** (Brian Schaubmayer, teacher), Vista Del Lago High School in Folsom
- **“Water-Saving Woman” by Camille Baldovino and Jillian Madden** (Ben Barnholdt, teacher), Whitney High School in Rocklin
- **“Average Joe” by Meghan Townsley** (Ben Barnholdt, teacher), Whitney High School in Rocklin
- **“The Hero in You” by Amanda Mendoza and Mikayla Ayala** (Ben Barnholdt, teacher), Whitney High School in Rocklin
- **“You Can Be An H2O Hero” by Bethany Oh and Alyssa Pearce** (Ben Barnholdt, teacher), Whitney High School in Rocklin
- **“Hydro Hero” by Jasmine Isidoro** (Wendy Esquivel, teacher), Will Rogers Middle School in Fair Oaks

The Grand Prize, People’s Choice and Judge’s Choice winners will be announced on BeWaterSmart.info on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The Water Spots Video Contest is sponsored by the Regional Water Authority and local water providers. Now in its seventh year, the contest challenges students to create videos focused on a select water efficiency theme.

Expert judges included Kathleen Dodge from the Tahoe Film Commission and Rita Schmidt

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Sudman, senior consultant for the Water Education Foundation and author of the book *Water: More or Less*. The selections were based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the 2018 water efficiency message.

Learn more about the Water Spots Video Contest, water-wise tips and information about free water-efficiency services and rebates at BeWaterSmart.info.

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. RWA was awarded the national 2016 WaterSense® Excellence in Education and Outreach Award for its outstanding efforts to educate Sacramento-area residents about water efficiency and the WaterSense brand.*

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