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Two San Gabriel Valley Students Selected for the 2020 “Water is Life” Art Calendar *Local students were winners of Upper District’s art contest*

MONROVIA, CA – Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is proud to announce two San Gabriel Valley student art submissions were selected to be featured in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s 2020 “Water is Life” student art calendar.

“Water is Life” is a student art contest hosted by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California every year. Students from grades K-12 submit artwork through their participating member agencies of Metropolitan. At the end of the year, 36 art pieces from each of the member agencies are selected to be featured in Metropolitan’s annual calendar. The calendar has a significant reach and is distributed to about 11,000 recipients. The goal of the contest is to help raise awareness about conservation and educate students about the importance of preserving our most valuable resource.

This year, Upper District’s “Water is Life” art contest received a total of 167 art submissions from 33 different schools throughout the district’s service area. Of those 167 submissions, 20 were selected as Upper District’s winners and were honored at a Board of Directors meeting in May.

This year two of Upper District’s student winners, Bianca Lim and Jessica Mayo, were selected by Metropolitan to be included in the 2020 student art calendar. Lim is a first grader from St. Martha’s Catholic School and Mayo is a ninth grader from the California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley.

Upper District’s mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high-quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five-member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District’s service area. For more information about Upper District, or if you are interested in receiving a 2020 calendar, please call 626-443-2297.

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Jessica Mayo, 9th Grade, California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley



Bianca Lim, 1st Grade, St. Martha's Catholic School

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