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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Wins the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara County WaterWise High School Video Contest**

*Countywide Contest Reveals "A Day in the Life of a Water Saver"*

**(Santa Barbara, Calif.)** – The Santa Barbara County Water Agency is pleased to announce the winners of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual WaterWise High School Video Contest. In total, 51 students from seven schools throughout the county submitted 16 videos. Students were challenged to create 30-second videos centered on the theme, *"A Day in the Life of a Water Saver."* While the Water Agency and water providers arrange for monetary prizes to the winning schools, private sector sponsors provide awards for the students.

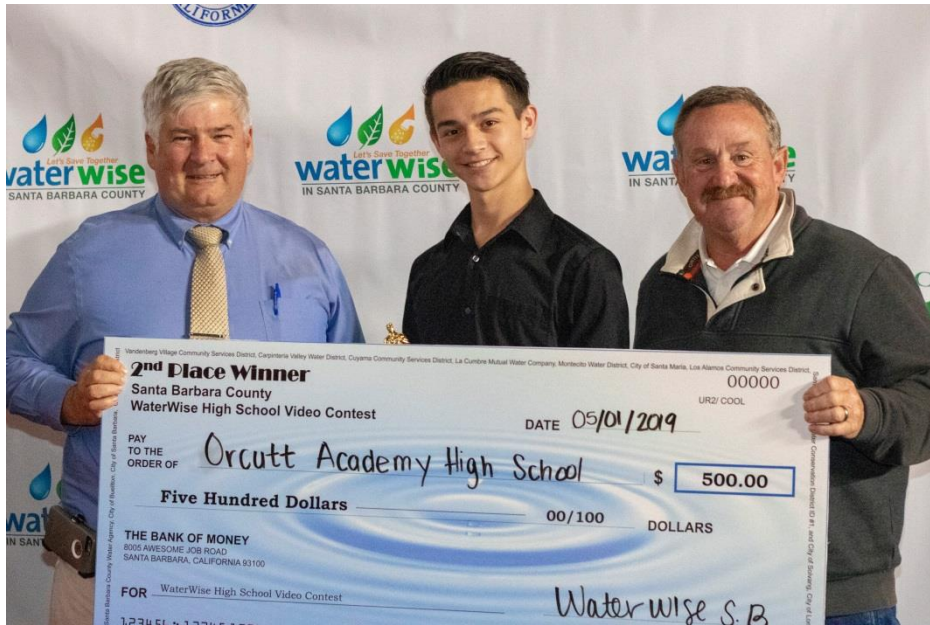
- First Place: *"Wild Water Saver"* by Santa Ynez Union Valley High School received \$1,000. Students won \$500 prize provided by Carollo Engineers.
- Second Place: *"Steve's a Water Saver"* by Orcutt Academy High School received \$500. Student won \$250 prize provided by Dudek.
- Third Place: *"A Day in the Life of a Water Saver"* by Dos Pueblos High School received \$300. Students won \$150 prize provided by Ewing Irrigation.
- Honorable Mentions for North County and South County submissions:
  - North County: *"Drippy the Water Saver"* by Santa Ynez Valley Union High School received \$100. Students won \$50 carwash vouchers provided by Splash n' Dash Recycled Water Carwash.
  - South County: *"Drip"* by Santa Barbara High School received \$100. Students won 2020 film festival tickets provided by the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.
- People's Choice Award: *"Steve's a Water Saver"* by Orcutt Academy High School with a record high of 311 likes on the WaterWiseSB YouTube channel. The school received \$500 and the student won a \$500 gift card provided by All Around Landscape Supply.

The winners were announced publically at the Awards Ceremony on May 1, 2019 at the Parks Plaza Theater in Buellton where all videos were screened and students were awarded. All students and teacher advisors were acknowledged for their hard work and creativity that was put into creating their videos.

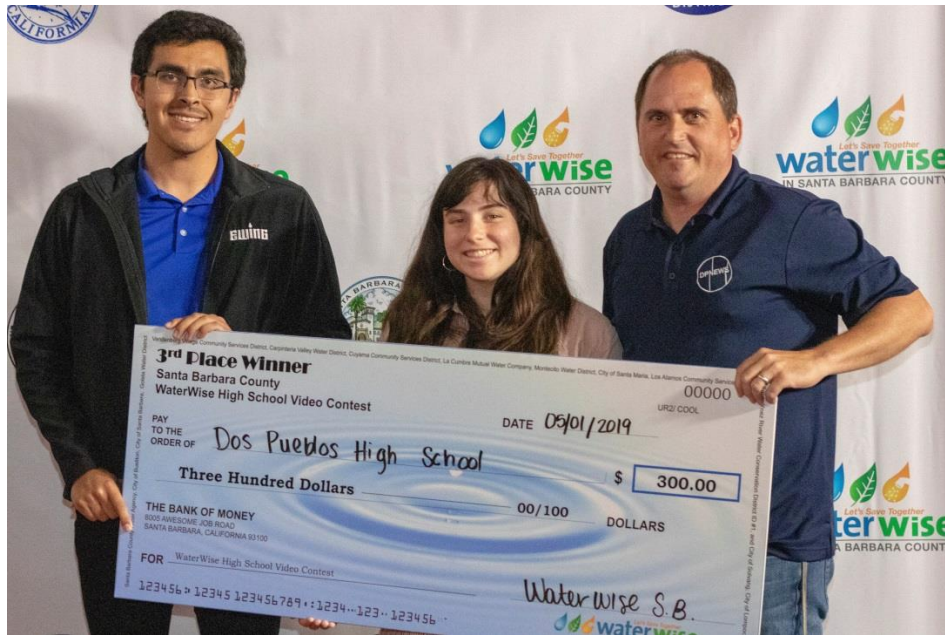
Below are photos of the student winners with their teacher advisors and award presenters at the Awards Ceremony:



First Place: “Wild Water Saver” by Malia Hunter and Josh Kazali at Santa Ynez Union Valley High School.



Second Place: “Steve’s a Water Saver” by Justin Roslinda at Orcutt Academy High School.



Third Place: “A Day in the Life of a Water Saver” by Tara Woodard, Nate Vance, and Elizabeth Shmorhun at Dos Pueblos High School.



People's Choice Award: “Steve’s a Water Saver” by Justin Roslinda at Orcutt Academy High School.

We thank our community sponsors for their generous support. View all video submissions and learn more about our sponsors by visiting [WaterWiseSB.org/HSVC](http://WaterWiseSB.org/HSVC).

Let’s continue to live every day as a water saver, Santa Barbara County!