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Zone 7 Lauds Science & Engineering Fair Awardees
Businesses Also Recognized for Water Conservation Efforts

As part of Water Awareness Month, five middle school and high school students received special recognition during the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors May meeting for water-related projects displayed during the recent Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair.

Zone 7 is the water wholesaler for Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and, through special agreement with the Dublin San Ramon Services District, the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon. It also provides flood protection to 425 square miles of eastern Alameda County.

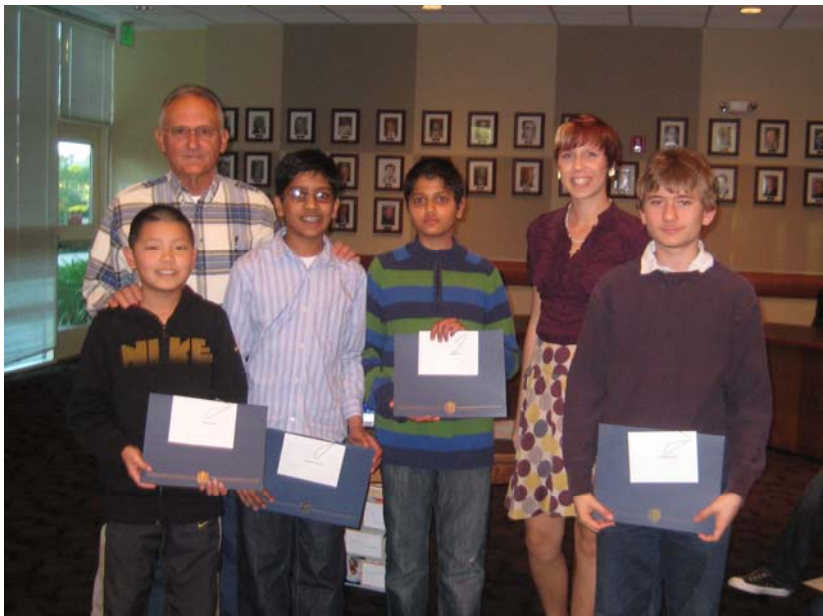
The following students received Zone 7 special awards involving three water-related projects presented at the Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair, held March 22-25:

- Siddharth Kotapati, Rishabh Rao and Wesley Wang, Windemere Ranch Middle School, who got a junior (grades 6-8) team award for their study entitled, “Desalination Machine.”
- Johannes Fischer, Monte Vista High School, who received a senior (grades 9-12) individual award for his study, “Effect of Prolonged Shutoff of the Water on Bacterial Growth in Domestic Water Heating Systems.”

- Stephanie Herbert, Granada High School, who received a senior (grades 9-12) individual award for her study, “Testing for Toxins in Shadow Cliffs Lake and Their Effects on Aquatic Development.”

Also as part of Water Awareness Month, the Zone 7 Board honored two entities – Shadow Cliffs, East Bay Regional Park District; and Oracle America, Inc.’s Pleasanton Complex – for reducing water consumption by installing new water-conserving irrigation hardware. This followed their participation in a Zone 7 program that evaluates existing irrigation systems as part of a rebate incentive program for large commercial/Industrial/Institutional customers.

The Board also honored Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Winery and Vineyard for becoming a certified Green Business in Alameda County by working to save water, energy and raw materials. Zone 7 recently conducted an indoor/outdoor water audit to meet the program’s compliance requirements.



Zone 7 Water Agency Board President John Greci (rear left) honors, from front left, Wesley Wang, Siddharth Kotapati, Rishabh Rao, Stephanie Herbert and Johannes Fischer. Their water-related projects received special Zone 7 awards during the recent Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair.

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Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. In 1957, by popular vote, Zone 7 became a special district governed by a seven-member board of directors. Along with flood protection, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 200,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.