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VID AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Vista, CA—

Marissa Scott, from Rancho Buena Vista High School, received first place honors from the Vista Irrigation District (VID) for her entry in the district's 2010 scholarship contest. Howard S. Williams, VID board president, presented Ms. Scott with a \$1,500 scholarship award at yesterday's board meeting.

Ashley Gutierrez from Vista High School was awarded a \$500 scholarship as runner-up in the contest.

The contest, which is open to high school seniors living or attending school within the District's service area, included writing an essay on the current water situation. VID received twelve applications this year. The purpose of the scholarship contest is to increase knowledge and awareness of issues impacting San Diego County's water supplies.

"Many people think there is an abundant supply of water so they are careless as to how they use water daily," wrote Ms. Scott. "This idea needs to change."

Ms. Scott plans to attend Arizona State University this fall and study in broadcast journalism and mass communication. She would like to one day work in the news media as a reporter.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 123,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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