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Vallecitos Board recognizes California friendly contest winners

San Marcos, CA - A beautiful yard doesn't have to use a lot of water, and three Vallecitos Water District customers recently displayed this as finalists in the San Diego County California Friendly Landscape Contest. They were recognized for their achievements by the District's Board of Directors at a regular meeting on Wednesday. The three finalists effectively met all of the judging criteria for overall attractiveness, plant selection, design and efficient methods of irrigation.

First place, receiving "Best in District" was San Marcos resident Gisela Gelbing.

- This top-award-getting landscape featured an art theme of succulents and cacti, which come from areas in the world that are dry and hot with minimum rain.

The second place winner was San Marcos residents Dennis and Nancy Williams.

- Their original lawn area of 2,185 square feet was replaced by vegetable gardens, low maintenance native plants, succulents, herbs and synthetic turf.

Third place was awarded to Margarett Morgan of Vista.

- Her half-acre property featured the purple leaves of Synadenium or African Milk Bush that serve as her landscape's backdrop for most of the year.

All winners received a gift certificate to an area nursery. The first-place winner will also be recognized with an honorary paver at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

The regional 6th Annual San Diego County California Friendly contest is a collaboration among the Vallecitos Water District, the San Diego County

Water Authority (SDCWA), and SDCWA's other member agencies. SDCWA, Ewing Irrigation and the San Diego Horticultural Society served as sponsors for 2009.

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The Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 85,600 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos' Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.