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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (June 6) recognized an Auburn 5th grader who won a regional water awareness contest, underwritten in part by the water agency.

Chad Fong and his classmates in Judy Baldwin's 5th grade class at Calvary Chapel Christian School participated in "Be Water Wise," a Newspaper in Education (NIE) school program.

Following class studies and researching water on the Internet, Chad correctly answered all 15 questions in the "Be Water Wise Challenge." Several students answered all the questions so winners were selected in a tiebreaker that called for them to offer a water conservation tip.

For his winning tip, Chad suggested that people emptying their kiddie pools should have youngsters use water from the pool to irrigate plants and flowers.

Chad, son of Mike and Gail Fong, is one of four Grade 5-8 winners in the Sacramento-Stockton-foothills region. In all, more than 6,000 students took part in the program, which was held in May, California Water Awareness Month.

"Be Water Wise" is sponsored by the Regional Water Authority, Placer County Water Agency and other water suppliers.

PCWA Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis presented Chad with an award and book on water in California.. He also received a \$100 check from The Sacramento Bee, a framed certificate and a T-shirt.

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