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STUDENTS EARN \$50 IN CALENDAR CONTEST

August 1, 2009 – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District announced the winners of the 2010 “Air Quality is Up to You” poster calendar contest. The calendar features artwork from 12 students within the air district’s jurisdiction. Students submitted their work during Clean Air Month in May and winning entries receive \$50 and a certificate of achievement at the August 12 YSAQMD board of directors meeting.

From Davis: Arnon Erba, a home schooled student and second time winner, suggests driving a hybrid vehicle. Linda Su from Willet Elementary offered four ways: plant a tree, ride a bike, take the bus and run or walk to do errands. Isabel Realyvasquez from Marquerite Montgomery Elementary focused on the 3 R’s – reduce, reuse and recycle.

From Vacaville: Haley Wooning from Buckingham Charter High School art offered ideas of clean energy, recycling and riding a bike. Patrick Fletcher from Callison Elementary demonstrated how to make the earth happy with planting trees and composting. Alexis Moriarty from Cooper Elementary described perfect air by keeping trees and recycling. Cara Higashi also from Cooper Elementary suggests growing flowers and enjoying the clean outdoors.

From Winters: Francisco Duran demonstrated that clean air is not just for the birds while Monica Velasco offered ideas of riding the bus, recycling and not smoking as ways to keep our air clean. Ashley Wisner suggested taking care of the air with clouds created in the form of the recycling symbol. Heidi Gonzalez encouraged students to walk to school instead of driving. Leticia Cortez from Esparto High School promoted saving energy and reducing emissions with a LED bulb riding a bike.

The YSAQMD board of directors selected winning entries based on the student's idea and artistic presentation of what they could do to help air quality.

The 2010 "Air Quality is Up to You" poster calendar is available at Yolo-Solano AQMD office or by calling (530) 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650. For information on what you can do to improve air quality, visit www.ysaqmd.org.

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