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SOUTH BAY HIGH SCHOOLS WIN REGIONAL AWARDS AT 14TH ANNUAL SOLAR CUP BOAT RACE

CARSON, Calif. – On May 15, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) 14th annual Solar Cup™ competition, the largest student-based solar-powered boat race in the nation, concluded. This year, West Basin Municipal Water District was proud to sponsor the following three South Bay high schools to compete in this year's race:

- Lennox Math, Science and Technology Academy from Lennox
- Palos Verdes High School from Palos Verdes Estates
- <u>Peninsula High School</u> from Rolling Hills Estates

In an overall competition of 35 boats and combined total scores, Peninsula High School garnered 6th place, Palos Verdes High School placed 15th and Lennox Academy placed 30th. Both Peninsula and Palos Verdes were also honored with regional recognition awards, representing the Central and Bay Region. All three high schools will be recognized by the West Basin Board of Directors at the board meeting on May 31. Results include the following:

- Palos Verdes Peninsula High School:
 - o First Place Veteran, Region Central and Bay: Technical Reports
 - o First Place Veteran, Region Central and Bay: 200-Meter Sprint Race
 - o Second Place Veteran, Region Central and Bay: Endurance Race
- Palos Verdes High School:
 - First Place Veteran, Region Central and Bay: Endurance Race
 - Second Place Veteran, Region Central and Bay: 200-Meter Sprint Race

The Solar Cup™ is a water education and environmentally sustainable technology program coordinated and sponsored by MWD and its member agencies, including West Basin. During a seven-month timeline, students from throughout Southern California build and race solar-powered boats.

For more information about West Basin's education programs, please visit www.westbasin.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram via @WestBasin to join the conversation.

Photo #1: Peninsula High School students holding their three Regional Solar Cup trophies and celebrating placing 6th place overall.

Photo #2: Lennox Academy Panthers posing proudly with their solar-powered boat, completing a 48 second sprint in the first heat.

Photo #3: Palos Verdes High School finished the competition with two Regional Solar Cup trophies.

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin is an industry leader in water recycling, conservation, and water education. West Basin is currently implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency's dependence on imported water and develop drought-proof local water supplies. The program includes water recycling, water conservation, groundwater desalting and ocean water desalination. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.