



The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is pleased to announce the 20th annual water awareness video contest for high school students.

RRWA is an association of ten cities, counties, and special districts in the Russian River watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, fisheries restoration, and watershed enhancement.

The prompt for this year's contest is:

How has the drought impacted you or your community?

How can we be more resilient to drought?

We're asking students to create a 55-second public service announcement video to share their ideas and experiences related to drought. Students can choose to respond to one or both prompts. Please distribute these materials to Science, Media, Government, English, or any other teachers that may find relevance in encouraging students to participate. Additional flyers or posters may be available upon request.

Entries can be an individual or a group effort. Prize awards, up to \$1,500, are split between the individual(s) who submit the video and the high school they attend, with 50% going to the student(s) and 50% to the school.

Entries are due by 8:00 pm Monday, April 17th, 2023.

For more information, please visit: www.sonomawater.org/video-contests

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~ Student Informational Handout ~
**Russian River Watershed Association's
 2023 Water Awareness High School Video Contest**



***How has drought impacted you or your community?
 How can we be more resilient to drought?***

Help raise public awareness by creating a
 55-second video PSA on drought.

*A PSA, or a public service announcement, is a publication that helps
 change public attitudes and behaviors by raising awareness about an issue.*

<u>Entry Guidelines:</u>	<u>Submission Details:</u>	<u>Win Money!</u>
<p>Your production must include the required closing scene and be exactly 55 seconds in length. All entries must be student created. Entries may not contain any copyrighted material and professional assistance is not allowed. Such use will result in an automatic disqualification.</p> <p>Each entry should be exported as a single file in the highest quality. Preferred formats include: .mp4, .mpg, .wmv, .avi.</p> <p>Entries can be submitted via our online form, a USB drive, or through a file sharing site such as sendspace.com, dropsend.com, or hightail.com. Multiple video entries can be placed on one USB drive. USB drives will not be returned.</p>	<p align="center">Submission Deadline: Monday, April 17th, 2023</p> <p align="center">Submit your entry online at: sonomawater.org/2023-video-contest</p> <div align="center">  </div> <p align="center">Or mail/deliver to: ATTN: Sarah Wickersham Sonoma Water 404 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403</p>	<p align="center">First Place - \$1,500 Second Place - \$1,000 Third Place - \$500</p> <p align="center">Cash awards will be split with 50% of the prize money going to the individual(s) who submitted the video and 50% to the high school they attend.</p>

Use this checklist to ensure you've included all the important criteria in your video.

- Does your PSA answer one or both of the questions in the prompt?
- Did you research the topic to make sure your facts are accurate?
- Is your PSA entertaining, creative, and original?
- Is the audio and technical construction clear and of high quality? Make sure you have no pixelated images.
- The last scene must feature: The **RRWA logo** (please do not modify the logo from its original form) and the text:
"For more information about your water, please visit: www.rrwatershed.org"
 To download the logo, please visit the video contest homepage at: www.sonomawater.org/video-contests
- Did each person involved in the production of the video fill out a release form? Please submit forms together.
- Did you label the video file with your last name(s)?
- Did you follow ALL of the requirements listed at www.sonomawater.org/video-contests?
- Please do NOT delete your original project file until the winners of the contest have been announced.

For full contest details and to view past winning videos, please visit: www.sonomawater.org/video-contests

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