



## Perris News

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### Rancho Verde PSA Takes 3rd Place, "the Beast" Takes 7th Place

A Rancho Verde High School public service announcement urging Southern California residents to conserve water won third place in a regional competition among 33 schools that wrapped up this week.

The Rancho Verde entry featured a global take on water conservation.

Students fluent in Spanish, German, Urdu, Russian, Arabic and Farsi took turns urging people to use water wisely during the 30-second radio spot.

The PSA was just one part of the 10th annual "Solar Cup" competition.

Sun-powered boats took to the water of Lake Skinner east of Temecula in speed and endurance races in the other phase of the competition, all designed to show the value of alternate energy sources. The Rancho Verde squad finished pretty well there too.

The team ended up seventh in the overall competition but took first among Riverside County schools. A team from Anaheim won the overall competition.

Physics teacher Suzanne Stotlar, one of the Rancho Verde advisors, said the school team worked hard for more than seven months to build and test their boat, which they dubbed

"The Beast." She said the team did itself proud.

"The kids had a great time at the lake, they didn't want the weekend to end," Stotlar said. "But the teachers, we were exhausted."

**[See a video clip about the solar cup](#)**



Jesse Dorado gives the thumbs up as he prepares to take off in the solar-powered boat dubbed "The Beast," which was created by Rancho Verde High School students as part of the 10th Annual Solar Cup competition.