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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Approves Fiscal Year 2011/12 Fiscally Conservative Budget

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Board of Directors recently approved a \$145 million (which is 14% lower than Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Amended Budget of \$169 million) capital and operating budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

"With the uncertain economy and challenging condition of the State's budget continuing to be a major concern, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency continues with its cost containment efforts and worked closely with its member agencies to stabilize service rates, including no rate increase in the monthly sewer rate and connection fees," said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

Approximately 53% of total expenses, or \$74 million, is operating expense, \$23 million is debt service costs, and capital costs are \$48 million. The total revenues and other funding sources of \$130 million includes \$62 million in operating revenues, \$33 million of property tax revenue, \$20 million of debt proceeds from state loans, \$7.4 million in federal and state grants, \$5.7 million of connection fee revenue, as well as the repayment of \$1 million inter-fund loan and other miscellaneous revenue. The projected shortfall of \$15 million is primarily due to capital expenditures funded by debt proceeds in the capital reserves. The Agency's total reserves for are projected to be \$98 million at the end of FY 2011/2012, of which \$41 million are designated for capital construction and replacement, and \$47 million are restricted for debt service and operating contingencies, as mandated by bond covenants.

The FY 2011/2012 budget presents an operating and financial plan that continues the emphasis in cost containment and the three main "added value" products - recycled water distribution to help drought proof the service area; converting biosolids into compost to ensure healthy soils; and renewable energy through methane gas, solar, wind, and fuel cell generation.

"The Board of Directors has made it a priority to implement cost containment measures to minimize rate increases for our customers despite significant inflationary pressures," said Catlin. "Utilities continue to be a major expense for this Agency. Our investments in renewable energy through solar, wind, fuel cells, and methane gas will not only assist us in managing these costs in the future, but will have the added benefit of improving our environment," Catlin added.

"This Agency is serving an increasingly urbanized area with evolving utility needs," commented IEUA General Manager Thomas A. Love. "This budget demonstrates our Board's commitment to respond to the changing dynamics of the area we serve. As staff, we are steadfastly committed to ensuring that the Board's vision, namely, to be the low cost provider of clean and reliable water in cooperation with our regional partners is met.

Water Conservation Tip:
If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.

Upcoming Events

August 20: Backyard Composting & Free Mulch Giveaway
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
9:00am—12:30pm

August 27: Water Discovery Open House
Chino Creek Park
10:30am—12:30pm

September 7: Chino Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

September 8: Upland Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

September 15: Montclair Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

September 23: Chino Hills Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

September 28: Fontana/Rancho Cucamonga Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

September 30: Ontario Day at the LA County Fair
LA County Fairgrounds

October 6: Project WET Workshop for Educators
Frontier Project, Rancho Cucamonga

October 22: Landscape and Water Conservation Fair
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
9:00am—2:00pm

November 5: SAWA Bird Festival
Chino Creek Park

IEUA 2010/2011 Annual Report is Available to View:

http://www.ieua.org/news_reports/docs/reports/2011_Annual_Report.pdf

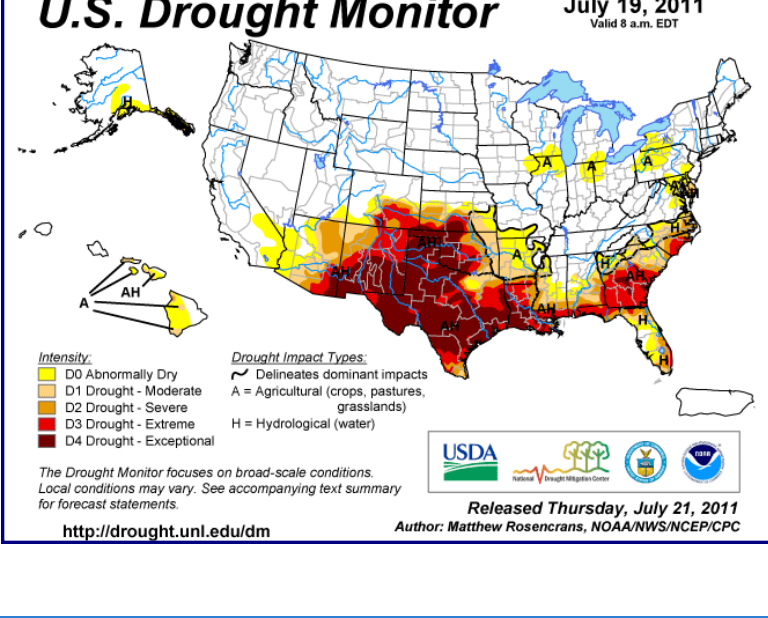
Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is proud to announce that its Contracts and Procurement (CAP) Department is the recipient of its 9th Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement. The award is achieved by those organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

"This is a real testament to the professionalism of our staff," commented IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "I am particularly impressed with the fact that IEUA is one of only a handful of entities to have received this prestigious award at least nine times," continued Catlin.

Thomas Love, IEUA's general manager agrees. "IEUA's Contracts and Procurement Department's dedicated staff has been instrumental in the Agency's cost containment initiative. They are to be commended for continuing to excel in getting the best product at the best price," said Love.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, and the National Association of Educational Procurement.



Drought Summary

The overall weather pattern for this past week featured a trough near the west coast, a strong ridge across the central portions of the contiguous 48 states, and a trough across the northeast. The trough near the west coast contributed to below-normal temperatures west of the Continental Divide while the ridge across the middle of the lower 48 contributed to temperatures well above normal from Texas to Minnesota. This week featured a return of wet weather to the Gulf Coast region, with rains spreading from southeast Georgia to southeast Texas and temperatures near normal across the region. Rainfall associated with the North American monsoon was largely focused across New Mexico and sparse in coverage. The northern Great Plains and Pacific Northwest also experienced significant rains.

Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority Receives Dave Hardy Leadership in Organics Award

The Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority was recently selected as the recipient of the California Resource Recovery Association's (CRRRA) 2011 Dave Hardy Leadership in Organic Award.

The California Resource Recovery Association is an environmentally focused professional organization for people involved in resource conservation through waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting activities.

"From biofilters that exceed emissions regulations and solar powered operations, to 'recycling' and repurposing an existing building, your efforts provide a leadership example we look forward to acknowledging," stated Jacy M. Bolden, CRRRA Awards Chair for 2011.

"Congratulations to all from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) involved in the design, construction and operation of the facility on receiving this award," stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

CRRRA recognizes outstanding California businesses, agencies, schools and individuals for their efforts, initiatives and programs which lead the way in resource management, recycled content products, waste prevention and zero waste. The award will be presented in San Diego on August 2, 2011 at CRRRA's conference.

The Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA) was created as a public entity on February 27, 2002 by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) and County Sanitation Districts of LA County (CSDLAC). This agreement empowered both IEUA and CSDLAC to acquire, construct, operate and maintain a composting facility. IEUA and CSDLAC have jointly evaluated composting as an economically and environmentally sound method of beneficially reusing biosolids that are generated from the wastewater treatment facilities operated by each.

For more information visit IERCA's website at www.ierca.org

IEUA Passes Amendment to Sewer Ordinance No. 87 Prohibiting the Future Use of Self-Regenerating Water Softeners

Information Provided by Beth Olhasso, IEUA Water Resources Analyst

On Wednesday, July 20, 2011, the IEUA Board of Directors unanimously passed an amendment to Sewer Ordinance No. 87, which prohibits the future installation of self-regenerating water softeners- the type you add salt to. Prior to ordinance adoption, to discuss the effects of salt from self-regenerating water softeners on efforts to protect local water supplies; past, present and future efforts to control salt in the Chino Basin; and the alternative devices available to residents wishing to have soft water, a Regional Water Softener Task force was formed and comprised of members of all the IEUA contracting agencies. After six months of meetings, presentations and thoughtful discussion, Task Force unanimously recommended that this amendment be adopted, in February. In the same month, both the Regional Technical and Policy Committees unanimously recommended the amendment be adopted.

Because of this recommendation, a public hearing was conducted on June 15, 2011 to discuss the proposed ordinance, which featured a presentation by General Manager Thomas Love, and testimony from 17 speakers in support of the amendment. Entered into the record were over 100 letters of support from residents of the IEUA service area, local water agencies and cities, local businesses, environmental organizations and local and state regulators. There was not a single speaker or letter submitted in opposition to the amendment.

Now that the amendment to Ordinance No. 87 has been adopted, future actions will include IEUA contracting agencies adopting local ordinances to implement this restriction (the City of Montclair has already done so!), the continuation of the voluntary self-regenerating water softener rebate program for residents in the IEUA service area, and continued public outreach to explain the importance of protecting access to local water supplies. If you have any questions on the amendment or the self-regenerating water softener rebate program, please contact Beth Olhasso at (909) 993-1923.

IEUA Blog Announcement: The Inland Empire Utilities Agency has set up two blog accounts that provide updated information on both the Garden in Every School® Program and the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park. To view the blogs, visit IEUA's Facebook Page or visit the following links:

Garden in Every School®: <http://ieueagies.blogspot.com/>
Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park: <http://chinocreekwetlandsandeducationalpark.blogspot.com/>

Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park Update: The Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park is now a Certified Wildlife Habitat site with the National Wildlife Federation. Visit the Park website at: <http://www.ieua.org/educations/park.html>

Water Discovery Program Open House

Learn about our Free Field Trips
August 27, 2011
10:30am-12:30pm
15975 El Prado Rd. Chino, CA 91708

Visit the Santa Ana Watershed Association's Interpretive Center
Bus Grant Information
Experience Water Discovery Program activities
Tour the Wetlands Park

Please RSVP to Carrie Bryant Raleigh
SAWA Education & Public Outreach Manager
909 280-1120
carrie@sawacu.org

The Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was partially funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board

IEUA Recognizes Student Winners for the 2011 "Water is Life" Art/Poster Contest

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) recently announced the winners of its inaugural 2011 "Water is Life" art poster contest. The contest was open to students in grades K-12 within IEUA's service area. The objective was for the students to be able to create an artistic poster manifesting wise water usage and water issues. IEUA received over 200 student entries from schools within the service area.

The student's entries were judged on originality, water message, portrayal of wise water use and the use of bold, bright colors. The entries were categorized by grade levels: kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth grade through eighth grade, and ninth grade through twelfth grade. The top three winners in each category received a certificate along with a gift card to a local book store. Each teacher with a winning entry received a gift card to a local school supply store. In addition, the winning entries were sent to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to be entered into their regional art contest. The winners of MWD's contest will be announced in the fall and will be recognized at a special event in early December.

"It is important for students within our community to understand water issues and to be able to use water wisely. This art contest enables students to use their creativity while sending a message relaying the importance of water," said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

Student Winners:

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade: 1st Place – Charlyze Sunahara (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino); 2nd Place – Emily Ngo (Cal Aero Preserve Academy – Chino)

Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade: 1st Place – Roxanna Sheets (Howard Rattles Elementary School – Chino); 2nd Place – Stuart Kusdono (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino); 3rd Place – Taylor Payne (Howard Cattle Elementary School – Chino)

Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade: 1st Place – Rebecca Peterson (Don Lugo High School – Chino); 2nd Place – Kevin Nguyen (Don Lugo High School – Chino); 3rd Place – Madison Moffett (Don Lugo High School – Chino)

For information on next year's contest, contact Andrea Carruthers at 909.993.1935 or acarruthers@ieua.org

6-8 SECOND PLACE: Stuart Kusdono

6-8 THIRD PLACE: Taylor Payne

9-12 FIRST PLACE: Rebecca Peterson

9-12 SECOND PLACE: Kevin Nguyen

9-12 THIRD PLACE: Madison Moffett

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