

## Renew and Recycle

Serving the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as Monte Vista and Cucamonga Valley Water Districts.

### The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is Selected for the 2010 WaterReuse Association's Large Recycled Water Agency of the Year

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency has been selected as the 2010 Large Recycled Water Agency of the Year Award for its recycled water program. This selection was made by the 2010 California Annual Conference Awards Sub-Committee members and the WaterReuse California Board. The award was announced at the March 2011 WaterReuse California Annual Conference. The awards recognize projects and people across the United States and abroad that have made significant contributions to water reuse and/or desalination. The awards typically recognize projects that advance alternative sources of water supply or offer a novel approach to meeting local water needs.

### United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Visits Northwest Recycled Water Projects

Representatives from the USBR along with IEUA representatives visited the sites of the Northwest Recycled Water Project in February for their quarterly visit to check on progress of the grant funded project. Sites visited include: West Pipeline Segment A, West Pipeline Segment B, West Pipeline Segment C, West Reservoir, West Pump Station.



**Water Conservation Tip:** Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.

### Upcoming Events

**April 8: Earth Day Event**  
Chino Basin Water Conservation District  
5th Grade Classes

**April 9: Earth Day Event**  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
11:00 am—3:00 pm

**April 22: Earth Day Event**  
Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park  
1:00 pm—6:00 pm

**May 3-5: Compost Awareness Week**  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
May 3: Vermicomposting & Community Workshop: 4:30pm & 5:30pm

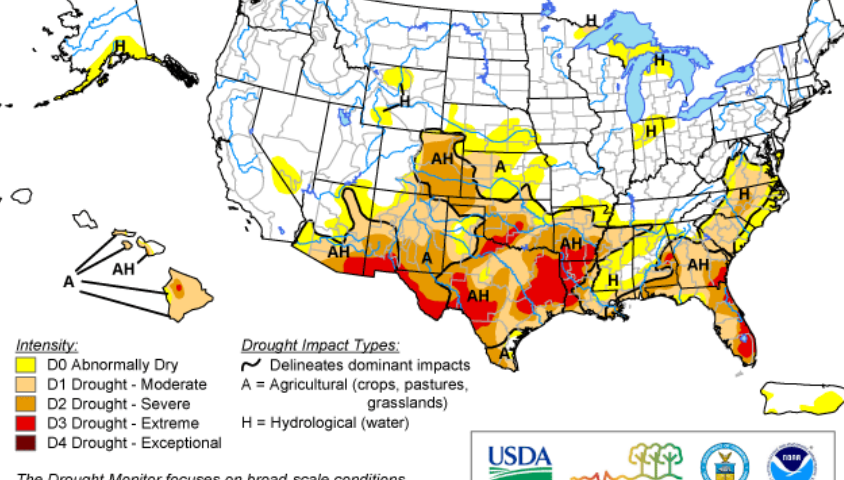
May 4: Project Learning Tree Workshop: 4:00pm—5:30pm

May 5: Meet Vendors at Compost Giveaway: 9:00am—2:00pm

**May 14: Garden Friendly Plant Sale**  
Home Depot: Chino  
9:00am—2:00pm

**May 13-15: MWD Solar Cup Boat Competition**  
Lake Skinner

### U.S. Drought Monitor March 22, 2011



### Drought Summary

**The West:** Unseasonably heavy rain and mountain snow across the Pacific Coast States contrasted with ongoing drought in lower portions of the Four Corners Region. Current soil moisture percentile rankings and objective drought blends indicated conditions are deteriorating across New Mexico and Arizona, with further drought assessment necessary over the upcoming weeks. In contrast, heavy rain and mountain snow were observed in California, boosting mountain snowpacks and eliminating lingering D0 (Abnormal Dryness) in northern portions of the state. Snow depths exceeded 100 inches at numerous locations in the Sierra Nevada, with some estimates in excess of 200 inches. Estimated weekly total liquid precipitation eclipsed 6 inches in southern and northern portions of the California coast, and was locally more than 8 inches in the Sierra Nevada. In the Northwest, precipitation estimates of 1 to 3 inches (liquid equivalent) in west-central Washington led to the removal of D0. Despite early melting of the Northwestern snowpack, most locations in the Northwest are reporting snow water equivalent in the 40th percentile or higher, with some locales in the 70 to 85th percentile.



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## Inland Empire Garden Friendly

By Lucia Diaz, IEUA Senior Site Administrator

**Team Members:** Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Cal State University San Bernardino's Water Resource Institute and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.

Over a series of meetings, the Inland Empire Garden Friendly plant selection and marketing campaign was developed along with Home Depot, corporate affiliates and suppliers. Plants that Home Depot regularly carried in stock, but were not advertised as climate-appropriate in the Inland Empire, were selected to be marketed as "Inland Empire Garden Friendly."

Home Depot is hosting Parking Lot Plant Sales in the spring and fall season for coalition-selected plants to market the newly developed Inland Empire Garden Friendly campaign. Inland Empire Demonstration Gardens are hosting free workshops to educate the consumer on which plants are climate-appropriate, and how to care for them. By developing a coalition and teaming up with a big-box retailer to develop a strategy that makes the consumer aware of the selection and availability of plants at conveniently-located stores that require minimal irrigation, a shift in consumer behavior is expected to occur.

On February 22, 2010 Home Depot hosted a Road Show for their employees and invited "Team Members" to introduce the Inland Empire Garden Friendly Program to their employees that work in the garden departments. This was done in a marketing attempt to kick off the program.



From L to R: Bob Tincher—San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Pamela Pavela—Western Municipal Water District; Lucia Diaz—Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Debby Ficoni—Chino Basin Water Conservation District; Brian W. Parker—Home Depot



Coming March 1st:

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Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park

Presents:



# Annual Earth Day Celebration

Hosted By:



Friday, April 22, 2011

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino

**Featuring:**

- Environmental Exhibits!
- Hands-on Earth Friendly Activities!
- Free Family Fun!
- H2O Musical Group!
- Blood Drive
- And Much More!!!!

**To be an Exhibitor:**

If your agency or company would like to showcase its environmental friendly programs or services by hosting an exhibit booth, please contact Lucia Diaz at (909) 993-1631 or [ldiaz@ieua.org](mailto:ldiaz@ieua.org) for more information.

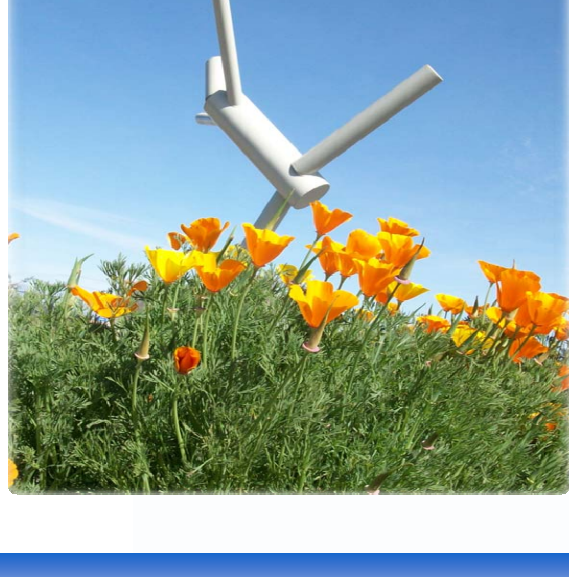
**EDUCATORS**

Do your students know an environmental themed song or have an Earth Day related performance? Contact [carrie@sawaedu.org](mailto:carrie@sawaedu.org) for more information!! Field Trips available for Event. Please contact [ldiaz@ieua.org](mailto:ldiaz@ieua.org)

Visit our website at [www.ieua.org](http://www.ieua.org)

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

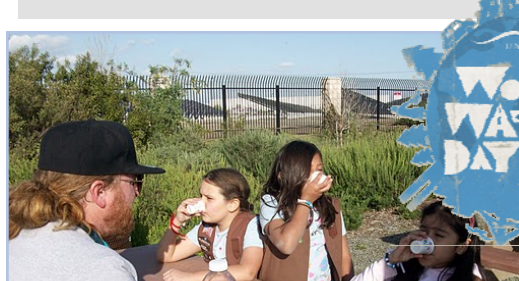
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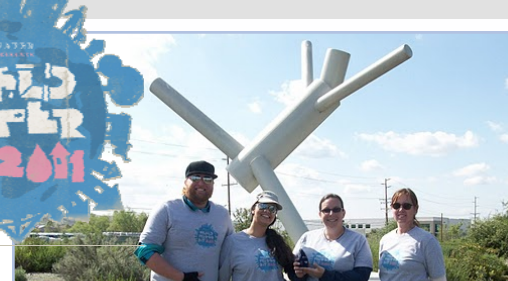
### World Water Day: Scout Day in the Park

March 22, 2011

By: Carrie Bryant, Education Coordinator for the Santa Ana Watershed Association  
March 22, 2011 was World Water Day. For the event, scouts from surrounding areas visited the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park for a day full of educational activities. For the event there were 64 scouts and 26 adults in attendance for a total of 90 visitors to the park. There were 64 scouts from 10 troops. There was a lot of positive feedback. Scouts participated in a variety of activities including Meet a Macroinvertebrate, EnviroScape, Water Experiments, Water Cycle Bracelets, and a Snake Encounter. Self-guided activities included a scavenger hike through the park and several water themed displays in the interpretive center. The troops ended their visit by taking a water pledge to conserve water.



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