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Omnibus Appropriations Bill to Help Local Water Agencies

Inland Empire – The United States Senate yesterday approved the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill which includes \$5 million for Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling projects.

“The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) would like to thank United States Senator Dianne Feinstein and the rest of our federal delegation, Senator Boxer, and Representatives Baca, Calvert, Dreier, Miller, Lewis, and Napolitano for their efforts in passing this bill,” stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

“This funding is crucial for ensuring a reliable water supply for the Chino Basin,” added Ken Willis Chino Basin Watermaster Chairman and Upland City Councilman.

And with the \$126 million in the Bureau of Reclamation economic stimulus package, IEUA will be submitting the necessary paperwork to the Bureau of Reclamation to get \$19 million in grant funding for the Agency’s water recycling grants this spring. “Given the extraordinarily dry conditions facing California, this funding could not come at a more important time,” said Catlin.

The Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Project is an aggressive program to expand delivery of high quality recycled water to guarantee that the Chino Basin is protected from future droughts and other water shortages. The current drought conditions have generated considerable interest throughout California in constructing recycled water purple pipe systems. “The use of recycled water is the ultimate water conservation program,” declared Catlin.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is a municipal water district located in western San Bernardino County, California. The Agency’s mission is to supply imported drinking water and recycled water, to collect and treat wastewater, and provide other utility-related services to the 850,000 residents living within its service area.

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