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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Adopts Drought Plan

Inland Empire – Today, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency’s (IEUA) Board of Directors adopted IEUA’s Drought Plan with a level 2 Shortage (10%) Allocation that is based on Metropolitan Water Districts decision to implement its Water Supply Allocation Plan with a Level 2 Shortage Allocation of approximately a 10 percent reduction in imported water supplies.

Since the summer of 2007, IEUA and the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Montclair, Upland, the Monte Vista Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company and the San Antonio Water Company have been meeting to discuss MWD’s water supply conditions and regional drought allocation options for reducing imported water supplies. IEUA’s Drought Plan was developed for the purpose of implementing MWD’s Water Supply Allocation Plan, within IEUA’s service area in a manner that is fair and equitable to IEUA’s cities and water districts. The Plan encourages development and full utilization of local water resources, such as recycled water and conservation measures to help reduce our need on imported water supplies.

“Smart water planning starts with water efficiency,” said IEUA Vice President Angel Santiago and the Agency’s representative to the Metropolitan Water District. “Every gallon of water saved at home translates into reduced demand for expensive imported water supplies from northern California.”

“The Inland Empire Utilities Agency and its local water agencies are asking residents to focus on outdoor water conservation,” stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. “We waste a tremendous amount of water outdoors. Up to 70% of our water use is for outdoor purposes and IEUA and its local water agencies have identified 5 easy ways to conserve,” continued Catlin.

- Water in the pre-dawn or early morning hours and **save 25 gallons each day.**
- Stop runoff and overspray from outdoor watering and **save 500 gallons of water per month.** Any cycle over 5 minutes may result in runoff. Re-adjust watering schedules to allow for two shorter cycles with 30 to 45 minutes in between and **save 15 to 25 gallons of water per minute.**
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off sidewalks and driveways and **save 150 gallons or more each time.**
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads and **save 500 gallons a month.**
- Talk with your family and friends about saving water - **priceless.**

“Now is the time to get serious. The water we save today, is the water we’ll need next year,” continued Catlin.