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Stimulus Program Includes \$14 Million for Recycled Water Infrastructure

Inland Empire – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency will receive \$14 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI for the Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Program.

The Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Program is an aggressive project expanding delivery of IEUA's high quality recycled water to guarantee that the Chino Basin is protected from future droughts and other water shortages. "The \$14 million stimulus grant will be used to complete the recycled water pipelines in the cities of Fontana, Ontario, Upland, and Rancho Cucamonga," said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "The new job created are very important too with unemployment exceeding 12 percent in our communities," added Catlin.

"The current drought conditions have generated considerable interest throughout California in constructing recycled water purple pipe systems," declared Ken Willis, Chino Basin Watermaster Chairman and Upland City Councilman. "The use of recycled water is the ultimate water conservation program," added Willis.

IEUA is shovel ready to begin its recycled water projects this summer with the projects scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2010. "Given the extraordinarily dry conditions facing California, this funding could not come at a more important time," said Catlin. "It is crucial for ensuring a reliable water supply for the Chino Basin."

"The Inland Empire Utilities Agency would like to thank its federal delegation, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and House of Representatives Joe Baca, Ken Calvert, David Dreier, Gary Miller, Jerry Lewis, and Grace Napolitano for their efforts in helping to bring this much needed money to the Inland Empire," said 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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