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The Regional Recycled Water Project Receives \$27 million in Funding

Inland Empire - Today, Chino Basin leaders joined Congressman David Dreier, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Cucamonga Valley Water District for a groundbreaking ceremony for the Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Program's North East Area Project.

The Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Program is an award winning project designed to help reduce the local need for expensive imported water and safeguard the region from future droughts.

"I am happy to see this funding go toward such an important project," said Congressman Dreier during his remarks. "Recycled water plays an important part of ensuring we have a reliable water supply," continued Dreier.

Cucamonga Valley Water District Board President Randall Reed agrees "Recycled water is a valuable new resource that will help us continue to diversify our water supply portfolio," commented Reed. "This 'new resource' will help us achieve the goals we have set for our community to reduce our reliance on imported water."

The estimated total cost for the Northeast Area projects is approximately \$30 million. Funding for these projects has been provided in full, or in part, by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Stimulus Grant, the State Water Resource Control Board Stimulus Loan and a State Water Resources Control Board Grant.

Today, United States Bureau of Reclamation's Southern California Area Manager, William Steele presented IEUA with a \$7 million from Title XVI American Recovery Reinvestment Act funding and Gerard Thibeault presented IEUA with a \$20,261,431.00 check from the State Water Resources Control Board for the water recycling program.

"The State Water Board has awarded federal and state funds to the Northeast Area Recycled Water Project because it provides recycled water for landscape irrigation and recharges local groundwater," said Charlie Hoppin, Chair of the State Water Board. "We are continuing to

award over \$270 million dollars in federal economic stimulus funds to projects that protect California's water quality, enhance its water supply, and put people back to work."

The Northeast Area Projects include:

- Two Pipeline Projects, each about 13,000 feet or approximately 2.5 miles
- One Pump Station to boost Recycled Water to higher pressure zones
- Conversion of a 2.5 MG Reservoir from potable water to recycled water
- Installation of five specialized Monitoring Wells to ensure water quality is maintained and to measure travel times for the recharged recycled water.

Locations benefiting from the recycled water project include:

- City of Rancho Cucamonga public facilities
- City of Fontana public facilities
- The Rancho Cucamonga Quake stadium, the Epicenter
- Victoria Gardens Shopping Center
- Bass Pro Shop
- Inland Greenhouse
- Stadium Plaza North
- Chaffey Joint Union High School District
- Foothill Crossing

When completed, the Northeast Area Projects will provide approximately 10,000 acre-feet of recycled water annually.

"The Inland Empire Utilities Agency would like to again 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 funding to the Inland Empire," commented IEUA Board President Terry 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.

