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## The Inland Empire Utilities Agency's FY 2013/2014 Budget Receives Distinguished Award

**Inland Empire** – For the ninth consecutive year, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget.

The award is the highest form of recognition in government budgeting and represents significant achievement. In order to receive this award, a governmental entity must publish a budget document that meets the highest principles of governmental budgeting and satisfies nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communication device

The budget document must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, including an additional fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories.

"This budget document supports IEUA's goal of transparency by clearly communicating its policy objectives and the financial resources needed to achieve them," commented IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "Special recognition goes to IEUA's Finance and Accounting Department that is primarily responsible for compiling and publishing this award-winning document," continued Catlin.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency covers 242-square miles, distributes imported water, provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services to more than 830,000 people. The Agency's service area includes the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as the Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, and Fontana Water Company.

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