

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 24, 2014

## Contact:

Kathryn Besser Manager of External Affairs 909.993.1638 kbesser@ieua.org

## The Inland Empire Utilities Agency Welcomes Kathryn Besser as the Manager of External Affairs

**Inland Empire, California** – Kathryn Besser has been selected as the Manager of External Affairs for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency).

Ms. Besser has extensive experience in public relations and legislative programs working with the highest levels of state and federal government. Most recently, Ms. Besser served as a consultant for the Las Vegas 2016 Host Committee, organizing and managing the RFP response to host the 2016 Republican National Convention in Las Vegas. Prior to this, Ms. Besser served as Senior Advisor and long-time Chief of Staff for the Nevada Lieutenant Governor. In this capacity, Ms. Besser worked with the Lieutenant Governor on political, legislative and official matters and oversaw all planning, implementation and management of office programs and operations including the annual operating budget.

Ms. Besser's areas of expertise include business management; government affairs, legislative analysis, budget development; media relations; crisis management; special events coordination; public relations writing; and public speaking.

"I'm excited to be joining IEUA and look forward to being part of a team that is dedicated to the communities and member agencies they serve," said Ms. Besser.

"We are looking forward to having Ms. Besser serve as the Manager of External Affairs for the Agency," stated IEUA General Manager P. Joseph Grindstaff. "Ms. Besser's experience and expertise in government relations, legislative analysis and public relations will be an asset toward achieving the Agency's business goals."

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 through its member agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, and Upland.

###