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## **The Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority Receives Award**

### **2013 Achievement Award for Technical Achievement**

**Inland Empire, California** – The Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA) recently received the California Association of Sanitation Agency’s 2013 Technical Innovation and Achievement Award. The CASA awards program was established to recognize outstanding achievements in clean water services, programs and projects. Established in 1956, CASA is a leading voice for wastewater agencies in the state.

The IERCA, a joint venture between Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, was established in 2002 and operates the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility (IERCF) located in Rancho Cucamonga, California. The facility is fully compliant with South Coast Air Quality Management District’s stringent air standards and has maintained an excellent environmental and compliance record.

“We are very proud of IEUA’s involvement in the IERCF,” stated Gene Koopman, Inland Empire Utilities Agency board member. “The IERCF is the largest indoor composting facility in North America and utilizes one of the world’s largest biofilters.”

The facility’s urban location saves thousands of miles of truck traffic and keeps the organics local for beneficial reuse. The mineral rich compost creates healthy soils and landscapes which also helps to save water. An additional environmental friendly feature of the IERCF is the 6,224 roof-mounted solar panels which provide one megawatt of clean energy to help power the facility.

“We are very pleased to receive this prestigious award from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies,” stated Jon Blickenstaff, IERCA board chairman. “We understand the importance of protecting our environment and using our resources wisely. The IERCF and its staff work to create a high-quality product at a reasonable price. We are very proud of our composting facility and the staff who run it.”

For more information and updates regarding upcoming events visit [www.ierca.org](http://www.ierca.org).

*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 850,000 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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