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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Inland Empire, CA – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) has been awarded the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“This award is a testament to IEUA’s commitment to open government,” stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. “The entire IEUA staff is to be commended for their efforts to provide transparent communication to the public including fiscal policy information and initiatives that affect the region.”

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all Board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

IEUA also fulfilled 15 website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public such as Board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit.

The district must also demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engage the public in its governance, through community engagement projects and an annual information public budget hearing.

“IEUA continues to cultivate a positive and transparent relationship with its stakeholders and members of the community to enhance quality of life, preserve our heritage and protect the environment,” stated IEUA General Manager Joe Grindstaff.

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.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

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