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IEUA Congratulates Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility

Inland Empire, California – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) congratulates the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility (IERCF) on its milestone of processing one million tons, or 1.3M cubic yards, of biosolids, enough to fill the Rose Bowl three times.

The IERCF is the nation’s largest indoor composting facility at 445,275 square feet, processing over 200,000 tons of biosolids and green waste each year into valuable compost. The facility, located in Rancho Cucamonga, is a joint venture between IEUA and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. Biosolids provide valuable nutrients and moisture creating high quality compost. The IERCF has been operating since 2007 utilizing one of the world’s largest biofilters exceeding South Coast Air Quality Management Districts’ stringent air standards. The facility’s urban location also saves thousands of miles of truck traffic and keeps the recycled products local for beneficial reuse.



“California’s drought makes facilities like the IERCF critically important. Turning waste products into compost can save millions of gallons of water while maintaining beautiful landscapes,” said Jon Blickenstaff, Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA) Board Chairman. Reducing lawns and amending soils with compost to make them retain water are important to our region to protect our water resources,” added Blickenstaff.

“The Board is very pleased to have reached this important milestone,” said Gene Koopman, IERCF Vice Chairman and IEUA Board Member. Investing to set up systems to recycle locally is good for our economy and our environment and the IERCF is a model facility for achieving that goal.” Using compost on lawns, plants and trees can help in reaching mandatory water conservation goals set by Governor Brown, reducing outdoor water use up to 30%.

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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