

IEUA WATER FORUM

MARCH 2016



Local Initiatives for Drought Response

- SAWPA, which administers the Prop. 84 Drought Grant for the regional watershed, has approved the addition of Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD), Garden Grove, La Habra and Loma Linda for budget-based rate structure reimbursement funding. Agencies have 12 months to initiate and implement the conservation-based rates to receive the maximum funding from the grant. This adds CVWD to Chino and Chino Hills to the list of IEUA agencies who will move to budget-based rates.
- On February 2, 2016, University of California Sacramento hosted international water economists to describe challenges their countries face with drought, climate change, and cost recovery for water and sewer service. At the water rate symposium, two presentations highlighted the successes that budget-based rates are providing agencies in California to (1) collect and stabilize agency revenues, (2) eliminate water waste, and (3) treat customers fairly with individualized water allocations. Economists expressed consensus that budget-based rates show how customer data, State efficiency standards, and economics can be integrated for the benefit of agencies, customers, and the environment.
- SAWPA has funding remaining for agencies in the watershed to participate in Technology-based conservation outreach. Contact Rick Whetsel at SAWPA for more information.

Water Resources Planning Activities

- IEUA's draft Regional Water Use Efficiency Business Plan Update was released to the member agencies on February 23, 2016 and presented the next day at the Water Manager's Meeting. IEUA Staff requested that comments on the plan update be submitted to the Agency by March 31, 2016 and plans to be adopted by IEUA Board in April.
- The Land Use Based Demand Model was completed and presented to the member agencies on March 7, 2016. The Model is now available for members to utilize for their 2015 Urban Water Management planning efforts. Members were requested to navigate the model and provide feedback with edits, if required.
- The first draft of IEUA's Regional Urban Water Management Plan will be available for review in April. Upon completion of the internal review, the draft will be provided to member agencies for comments.

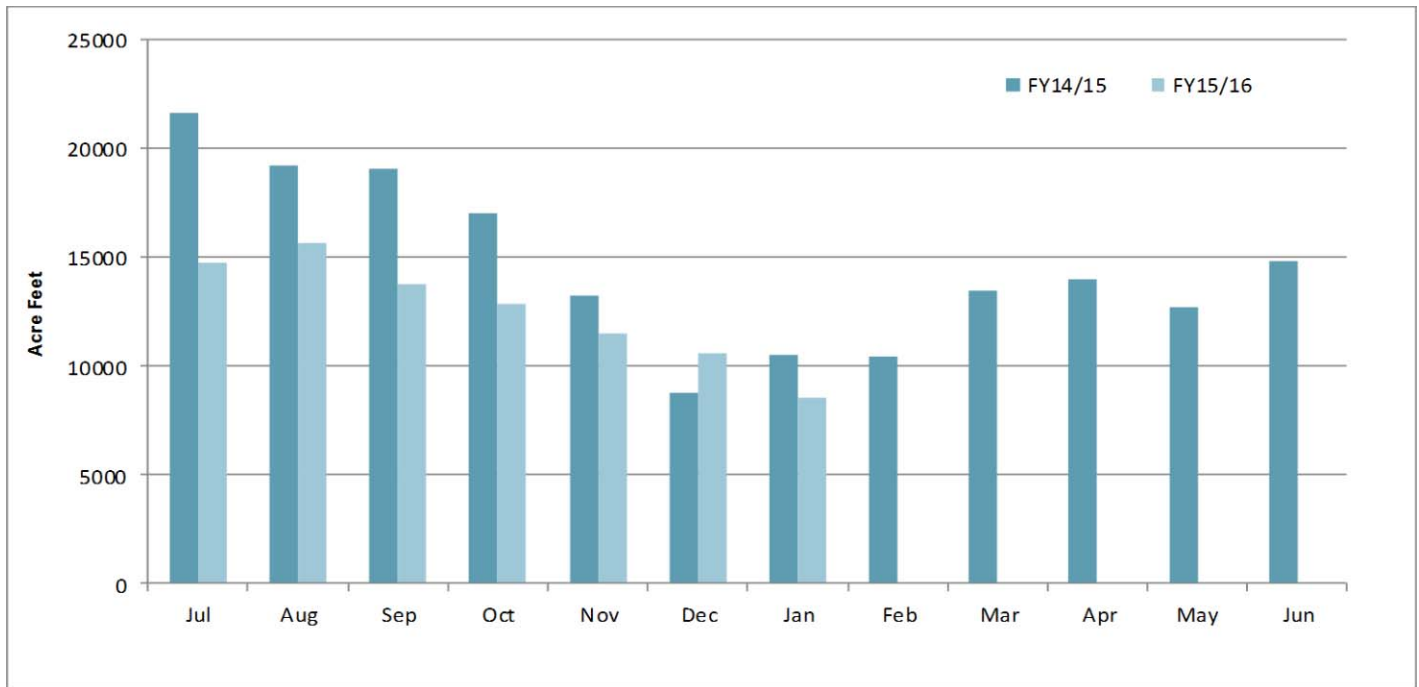
WUE Programs Snapshot

- It was reported at MWD's February Water Use Efficiency Meeting that President Obama has included a tax exemption for water conservation rebates in the Federal Budget for next fiscal year. However, even though it is included in the budget, it will still require an action by Congress or the IRS to enact a law allowing for the exemption. The inclusion in the budget is for consideration of the exemption.
- MWD released applications for their Innovative Conservation Program the week of February 22nd and applications are due on Monday, May 23, 2016. Awards are open to both public or private organizations for research that will evaluate the water savings potential and reliability of innovative water savings devices, technologies, and strategies (\$30,000-\$100,000).
- IEUA staff continues to conduct turf removal rebate inspections through IEUA's service area. Through February 29, 2016, there have been 965 residential and commercial turf removal site inspections conducted. Of those customers rebates, 800 have been paid by MWD.
- IEUA held a free mandatory Garden in Every School Workshop on Thursday, March 3, 2016 for new schools interested in installing a water-wise garden within their school. A total of 10 school representatives were in attendance.

Water Resources Planning Activities

- **Integrated Resources Plan**
- The Draft IRP is being developed and will be distributed for member agency review at the end of March.
- IEUA is pursuing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Contingency Planning funds of up to \$200,000 to apply towards Phase II of the IRP. The grant funding is aimed at supporting advanced drought resiliency planning by promoting collaborative and comprehensive planning efforts, such as the IRP.
- **SARCCUP**
- The SARCCUP team is preparing governance, operations, and financial agreements.
- A planning and decision support modeling is being developed using services of CH2Mhill.
- CEQA will be prepared by Tom Dodson & Assoc. over the coming year with adoption by end of March 2017.

Regional Water Use



MWD Dashboard

- Rates:** Initial budget estimates indicate a 4% overall rate increase for CY2017 and CY2018, and in the range of 4-5% for the remainder of the 10-year period. Consistent with prior rates, there is no provision for Replenishment Water rate or supply.

Rate	2016 Approved	2017 Proposed	% Change	2018 Proposed	% Change
Full Service Untreated Volumetric Cost (\$/AF)					
Tier 1	\$ 594	\$ 666	12%	\$ 695	4%
Tier 2	\$ 728	\$ 760	4%	\$ 781	3%
Treatment Surcharge	\$ 348	\$ 313	-10%	\$ 320	2%
RTS Charge (\$M)	\$ 153	\$ 135	-12%	\$ 140	4%
Capacity Charge (\$M)	\$ 43	\$ 34	-21%	\$ 37	9%

- MWD Water Supply Allocation Plan (WSAP):** As a reminder, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, reduced Tier 1 allocations were set as follows. Purchases of MWD water in excess of amounts below will result in an Allocation Surcharge from MWD. The regions cumulative sales were 17,866.8 AF through end of February 2016.

CVWD: 26,569 AF (Cumulative sales of 5,841.3 AF, 22% of WSAP Allocation)

WFA: 27,406 AF (Cumulative sales of 8,469.0 AF, 31% of WSAP Allocation)

FWC: 7,293 AF (Cumulative sales of 3,556.5 AF, 49% of WSAP Allocation)

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings & Events

April 13, 2016	IRP draft for stakeholder review and comments.	Submit Member Agency comments to IEUA
April 27, 2016	Water Manager Meeting	SAWPA Prop 84 Grant: Aerial Imaging, Omni Earth Dashboard, SARCCUP