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**Over 3,500 Participants Attend the Ninth Annual Earth Day Celebration
at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park**

Chino, California – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) partnered with the city of Chino to co-host a two-day Earth Day Event on April 20 and 21, 2016 at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park. The Earth Day celebration provided Water Discovery field trips to approximately 2,000 students, parents and teachers on April 20th and hosted over 1,500 community members on April 21st during Community Day.

The event promotes environmental awareness to the community and provides ways for the community to take action and support environmental stewardship. It includes environmental exhibits, free giveaways, hands-on earth-friendly activities, environmental show performances, and much more.

During Water Discovery Day, students visited a variety of activity booths to learn about recycling, the water cycle, the natural habitat, and ways to protect Earth's resources. The students also had the opportunity to meet Wally the water drop (IEUA's education mascot) and Ally the owl (Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park mascot).

During Community Day, participants visited 29 vendors, participated in earth friendly activities, received giveaways, and watched an environmental show. The activities and giveaways focused on providing ways to protect the environment, reduce your carbon footprint and use water efficiently.

"The Annual Earth Day celebration is an opportunity to reach out to the community and offer ways to protect the environment. It is a time where one can learn about the earth's precious natural resources and how to practice efficiency and sustainability," stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "If each participant walks away from the event knowing at least one way to practice environmental stewardship, then the event has served its purpose," continued Catlin.

The Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was partially funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board.

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 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.

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