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## **The Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Transparency Certificate of Excellence**

**Inland Empire, CA** –The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) has again 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.

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 Board meeting minutes, the current Agency budget, and the most recent financial audit.

“I am thrilled that IEUA’s commitment to transparency has been recognized again by SDLF. The IEUA Board of Directors is proud of the Agency’s staff for obtaining this award for the second time,” stated IEUA Board President Steve Elie. “We will continue to promote open government as a priority within IEUA’s business practices and provide transparent communication with our stakeholders and members of the community.”

*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 875,000 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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