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**Inland Empire Utilities Agency Sponsors Four High School Teams at  
Metropolitan Water District's 15th Annual Solar Cup™**

**Inland Empire, California** – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) co-sponsored four local high school teams at this year's Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) Solar Cup™ competition on May 19-21.

Solar Cup™ is a solar powered boat competition held annually at Lake Skinner in Riverside County. This year, more than 700 students from over 40 high schools from six different counties in southern California competed; making it the nation's largest solar powered boat competition. This eight-month educational program, which culminates with a weekend competition where teams race the boats they built, has allowed students an opportunity to work together as a team to problem-solve, learn about mechanical and electrical engineering, and learn about conserving natural resources.

For the 2017 Solar Cup™ competition, IEUA sponsored: Chino High School, located in Chino and co-sponsored with the city of Chino; Chino Hills High School, located in Chino Hills and co-sponsored with the city of Chino Hills; Los Osos High School, located in Rancho Cucamonga and co-sponsored with Cucamonga Valley Water District; and Henry J. Kaiser High School, located in Fontana and co-sponsored with Fontana Water Company.

Los Osos High School placed eighth overall and received the Teamwork Award for assisting another team with their equipment and offering advice. Chino Hills High School placed 16th overall, Chino High School placed 18th overall and Henry J. Kaiser High School placed 41<sup>st</sup> overall. All participating teams did a wonderful job and showed enthusiasm, teamwork, dedication to learning, creativity, and motivation.

“As southern Californians and environmental stewards, we at IEUA recognize the need for water-use efficiency and green initiatives,” said IEUA Board President Steve Elie. “The Solar Cup™ competition is a wonderful opportunity for these bright high school students to obtain knowledge of sustainable resources, while putting their newfound abilities into practice. This is a huge learning opportunity for the students and the community surrounding them as well.”

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*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.*