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**Inland Empire Utilities Agency Recognizes July as Smart Irrigation Month
by Offering Free Hose Nozzles for Residents**

Inland Empire, California- The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) recognizes July as Smart Irrigation Month. The Irrigation Association® started this public outreach campaign in 2005 to educate the public about the importance of using water efficiently outdoors through simple practices and innovative technologies.

IEUA will be giving away free hose nozzles to residents within the Agency's service area – Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland – in recognition of Smart Irrigation Month. The nozzles are limited to two per household and are available for the month of July while supplies last.

"We have limited water resources available and effective irrigation plays a significant role in providing real solutions to today's water challenges," said IEUA Board President Steve Elie. "Since more water is typically used in July than any other month, this is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and encourage our communities to be more mindful of water usage during the warmer season."

Landscape irrigation accounts for more than 60% of the average household water usage. Using smart controllers or updating existing irrigation systems will help eliminate waste and conserve this valuable resource.

Water efficient landscapes are great alternatives for keeping an attractive and colorful yard that requires minimal maintenance and resources.

IEUA recommends following these important tips:

- Water responsibly by adhering to the city's/water district's drought ordinances that include restrictions on watering schedules and water waste.
- Water your landscape a few minutes at a time while looking out for run-off.
- Detect and repair all leaks.
- Install high efficiency sprinkler nozzles (rebate available), drip irrigation or moisture sensor systems on irrigation systems.
- Consider replacing your existing irrigation controller with a Smart Controller. Smart Controllers save water by automatically adjusting to changes in the weather and the needs of your landscape, and account for plant types, soil conditions, location, climate, and other landscape conditions.

For more tips on efficient irrigation, rebates and resources visit www.ieua.org.

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.

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