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**Paul Hofer Elected as Chair of the  
Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority**

**Rancho Cucamonga, CA** – At Monday’s Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA) Board meeting, Director Paul Hofer was elected to serve as Chair of the Board.

Chairman Hofer currently serves as Board President for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) and has served on the Chino Basin Watermaster Board of Directors as a representative for the Agricultural Pool since January 1998. Chairman Hofer is a resident of Ontario where he has spent his lifetime career as a farmer.

“IERCA will continue to provide leadership in compost production while promoting conservation and environmental protection,” stated Chairman Hofer. “IERCA is committed to the highest standards of quality, responsibility and dedication, and I am honored to serve as Chair of such an innovative and dedicated Board.”

Former Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Board member and former Mayor of La Verne, Jon Blickenstaff, was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the IERCA Board.

IERCA is a joint project between IEUA and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. Established in 2002, the IERCA operates the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility (IERCF) located in Rancho Cucamonga. The IERCF is the nation’s largest indoor composting facility,utilizing one of the world’s largest biofilters and is fully compliant with South Coast Air Quality Management District’s stringent air standards. The facility’s urban location also saves thousands of miles of truck traffic and allows the organics to be used locally for beneficial reuse. The compost creates healthy soils, creating beautiful landscapes and saving water. Over 6,200 roof-mounted solar panels provide 1 megawatt of clean energy to help power the facility.

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