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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Sustainable Category Award for San Sevaine Basin Improvements Project

INLAND EMPIRE, CA – Last Thursday evening, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) San Bernardino-Riverside Branch presented the Sustainable Category Award to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency), in partnership with Chino Basin Watermaster, for the San Sevaine Basin Improvements Project.

The San Sevaine Basin Improvements Project was implemented by IEUA in partnership with Chino Basin Watermaster with the goal of increasing local groundwater supply. The San Sevaine Basin, located near the city of Rancho Cucamonga, has an overall goal of ensuring water supply reliability in the region, which includes offsetting overproduction, enabling future growth and demands, and serving as a reliable alternative to imported water. Improvements to this basin, as stated in the project's overview, would increase stormwater recharge to 642 acre-feet per year (AFY) and increase recycled water by 4,100 AFY.

Receipt of this award included an invitation to the ASCE San Bernardino-Riverside Annual Awards Banquet. This ceremony, which took place virtually, recognizes engineers and agencies for their civil engineering contributions to society and the best projects in which they participated. IEUA's Manager of Engineering and Construction Management, Jerry Burke and Joel Ignacio, Senior Engineer, were among those present at the virtual awards banquet and had the opportunity to present a short video on the project.

"The Agency is honored to be the recipient of the Sustainable Category Award," stated IEUA General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh. "We take great pride in being an Agency that is dedicated to the sustainable use of environmental resources. We are appreciative of the Engineering Department staff whose hard work is represented by this award."

The American Society of Civil Engineers represents more than 150,000 members of the civil engineering profession in 177 countries. Founded in 1852, ASCE is the nation's oldest engineering society. ASCE is a leading provider of technical and professional conferences and continuing education, the world's largest publisher of civil engineering content, and an authoritative source for codes and standards that protect the public. For more information about ASCE, call (800)548-2723 or visit www.asce.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.