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New Partnership Formed to Address Inland Empire Water Challenges

Inland Empire, CA – Four water agencies today announced the launch of a new regional partnership to increase awareness of and advocate for solutions to regional water quality and supply challenges. The Inland Empire Clean Water Partnership (IECWP) is beginning as many municipalities face challenges surrounding dry-weather conditions as we navigate another hot summer in southern California.

The water agencies included in the partnership are Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District. These water providers collectively serve water users throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties including retail water providers, and residential, businesses and agricultural customers.

“Working together as a region, we can bring a unified voice to regional water solutions,” said IEUA Board President Jasmin A. Hall. “While the southern California water supply portfolio is secure as a result of proactive investments in infrastructure and sustainable projects, the Inland Empire Clean Water Partnership recognizes the State’s drought conditions and the importance of continued water-use efficiency to maintain reliable, high-quality water supplies today, and for future generations.”

The IECWP was formed because of the shared challenges and the agencies’ commitment to solutions that collectively benefit all water users and the region. The first items of interest to the collaboration are constituents of emerging concern and prolonged dry climate impacts on water supply, and the shared approach will better prepare water agencies and users to tackle future issues that may arise.

Speaking collectively, these unified voices will help to align strategy, share and implement best practices, and better serve our Inland Empire water customers.

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