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IEUA and City of Chino Come Together for 17th Annual Earth Day Event

Approximately 2,150 participants attend two-day event held at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park

CHINO, CA – On April 22 and 23, 2026, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) and the City of Chino partnered to present its 17th annual two-day Earth Day celebration. This year’s festivities provided Water Discovery field trips to approximately 850 students, parents, and educators on Wednesday, April 22. Close to 1,300 participants attended the Community Day celebration on Thursday, April 23, which included scout troops and City of Chino’s after-school program participants.

“Each Earth Day is a powerful reminder that safeguarding our water resources takes consistent dedication and strong community partnerships like the great partnership we have with the City of Chino and its residents,” stated Steve Elie, IEUA Board President. “Through hands-on experiences, we’re able to connect young learners and the community to the importance of strengthening our shared responsibility to preserve clean, reliable water for future generations.”

“Earth Day reflects our community’s commitment to caring for the world we share,” said Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa. “It’s inspiring when students and families come together to learn about water conservation and environmental stewardship. I appreciate IEUA’s continued partnership in helping make events like this possible for the Chino community.”

Students who participated in the field trip portion enjoyed an environmental show as well as engaging activities to better understand proper recycling, the water cycle, water usage, and the wetlands and its functions. The Community Day celebration featured 45 educational and interactive booths that showcased hands-on, educational activities, animal encounters, train rides around the park, environmental exhibits, plant and compost education, water-saving technologies, free giveaways, and much more!

“Every small action adds up to a lasting impact,” continued Elie. “By engaging both students and community members, we’re helping build a more water-wise and environmentally responsible community for current and future generations.”

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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is an innovative, forward-thinking Agency serving 242-square miles in western San Bernardino County. The Agency is committed to supporting the needs of its service area and safeguarding public health through its significant investments in developing a diversified water supply portfolio, developing reliable municipal/industrial wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services in a regionally planned and cost-effective manner. IEUA’s mission ensures long-term success for the region and its customer agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, San Antonio Water Company, Upland, and West Valley Water District.