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IEUA and Chino Basin Watermaster Celebrate Basins Improvements Project

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held to Honor Completion of the Wineville, Jurupa, and RP3 Basin Improvements Project

INLAND EMPIRE, CA – On November 10, 2026, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) and the Chino Basin Watermaster celebrated the completion of the $28.8 million Wineville, Jurupa, and RP3 Basin Improvements Project, a regional investment that strengthens groundwater recharge capabilities and helps maximize the use of local water resources.

Completed in March 2026, the project improves the ability to capture, convey, and recharge stormwater, dry-weather runoff, and recycled water at three interconnected facilities in Fontana and Ontario. By creating a hydraulically connected recharge system between the Wineville, Jurupa, and RP3 Basins, the project provides greater flexibility to move water between facilities and maximize opportunities to replenish the Chino Groundwater Basin.

“This project represents what is possible when regional agencies work together toward a shared goal,” stated Steve Elie, IEUA Board President and Chino Basin Watermaster Board member. “By investing in infrastructure that allows us to capture and recharge more water, we are strengthening our region’s water reliability and making the most of the resources available to us. This partnership with Chino Basin Watermaster is an important example of regional collaboration in action.”

The project completed several major improvements, including the construction of a new pump station and rubber dam system at Wineville Basin, expansion of stormwater diversion capacity from the San Sevaine Channel into Jurupa Basin; approximately 10,961 feet of pipeline were also installed to connect the Wineville and Jurupa Basins, and an additional recharge cell was constructed at RP3 Basin. The project was supported by a combination of state and federal funding, including a $15.4 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund low-interest loan issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, $9.8 million Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, and $1 million WaterSMART Grant issued by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

“These improvements give us greater flexibility to capture water when it is available and move it where it can provide the greatest benefit, with a project yield approximately 2,900 acre-feet per year of stormwater and approximately 2,900 acre-feet per year of recycled water,” said Todd Corbin, Chino Basin Watermaster General Manager. “The partnership between IEUA and Chino Basin Watermaster demonstrates the value of regional cooperation and long-term planning to protect and replenish the Chino Groundwater Basin.”

The Wineville, Jurupa, and RP3 Basin Improvements Project is part of ongoing efforts to enhance regional water resources and increase opportunities for groundwater recharge. The Chino Groundwater Basin is a critical component of the region’s water supply, and maximizing local recharge opportunities helps support a resilient and sustainable water future.

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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.

Watermaster's function is to administer and enforce provisions of the Judgment and subsequent orders of the Court, and to develop and implement an Optimum Basin Management Program.