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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board
Approves Support for Proposition 1, Water Bond

Inland Empire, CA - The Inland Empire Utilities Agency’s (IEUA) Board of Directors unanimously approved support for California Proposition 1, “The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014,” at their September 17, 2014 Board meeting. The measure, which was approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on August 13, is slated for the November 4 ballot.

State bond funding has been a critical source of financial resources to fund public water supply and water quality infrastructure improvements in recent years, and if approved by voters, the $7.545 billion water bond measure would provide funding in seven broad categories, including new surface and groundwater storage projects, water conservation, watershed protection and safe drinking water, as well as water recycling and regional water reliability projects.

“California is in a severe, multi-year drought and faces a growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, climate change, population growth and other factors,” said IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. “The proposed bond would help advance conservation and regional programs, establish water resource and storage projects, as well as assist public agencies in preparing for both long-term and future drought conditions.”

For more information on Proposition 1, visit the Association of California Water Agencies at www.acwa.com.

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 830,000 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.

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