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**The Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Promotes Chris Berch to Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager**

**Chino, California** – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) recently promoted Chris Berch to Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager. Prior to his promotion, Berch served as the Agency’s Manager of Planning and Environmental Compliance.

As the Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager, Berch will be responsible for planning, organizing, integrating and directing the activities and work of the Agency’s Engineering and Construction Management Department, Planning and Environmental Compliance Department and the Laboratory Department. He will assist in the development of environmental and industrial water compliance; laboratory regulations and operations; coordinate assigned activities and projects with other departments, outside agencies, elected officials and the general public.

“Throughout my career with IEUA, I have been part of a team that has implemented some of the most recognized and innovative environmental engineering projects and programs in the United States,” stated Berch. “I am excited about the opportunity to help lead the next phase of this talented and progressive agency.”

In his position as Manager of Planning and Environmental Compliance, Berch was an integral part of the coordination and development of Agency policies pertaining to long-term planning, capital projects, water resources management, state and regional water issues, and watershed and water conservation compliance with all federal, state and local program requirements.

“It is with great pleasure that we recognize Chris’ accomplishments and contributions to the Agency over the years,” stated Joe Grindstaff, general manager for Inland Empire Utilities Agency. “He continues to bring in-depth knowledge and expertise on water management and is a great asset to IEUA.”

Berch has been with IEUA for over 16 years. He has expertise and specialized knowledge in the management and implementation of various water, wastewater and organic management topic areas. He is a licensed civil engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Riverside and a Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis in Water Management from California State University, San Bernardino.

*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. The Agency’s service area includes the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as the Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, and Fontana Water Company.*

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