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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency Appoints Paul Hofer to Board of Directors

Inland Empire, California- The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) announced today that longtime Ontario resident Paul Hofer has been appointed to the IEUA Board of Directors. Hofer will represent Division 2, which includes the city of Ontario, the unincorporated Agricultural Preserve, and a portion of the unincorporated territories in the city of Fontana's sphere of influence. Hofer received his appointment after a vote by the Board and will fill the position left vacant due to long-term Board Member Gene Koopman's passing in May.

"I am honored to be appointed to the IEUA Board of Directors Division 2 seat. Gene Koopman did a wonderful job representing his constituents and I am proud to carry on his tradition of leadership," said IEUA Board Member Paul Hofer. "IEUA is an innovative leader in water management for the Chino Basin and I look forward to working with my fellow Board Members and Agency staff to continue this service to the region."

Hofer is a farmer who resides and works in Ontario at Hofer Ranch, the family homestead since 1882. He is very active in community affairs and has served on numerous boards, including the Ontario-Pomona Association for Retarded Citizens (OPARC), the Ontario City Library Board of Trustees, Foothill Family Shelter, and the Chaffey Brothers Scholarship Trust.

Hofer has served on the Board of Directors for the Chino Basin Water Conservation District since 1996, most recently serving as vice president and interim president. Hofer also currently serves on the Chino Basin Watermaster Board of Directors as a representative for Agriculture, a position he has held since January 1998.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Hofer join the IEUA Board," stated Terry Catlin, IEUA Board President. "Mr. Hofer will bring a wealth of experience to the Agency. He has a diverse résumé and understands the needs of the region, and his appointment to Division 2 will allow him to continue his long-standing leadership in the community."

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 870,000 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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