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Governor Brown Signs Important Water Efficiency Legislation *Governor Brown Signs Legislation Establishing Statewide Water Efficiency Goals*

INLAND EMPIRE, CALIFORNIA – Today, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law SB 606 by Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) and AB 1668 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) to help the State prepare for droughts and climate change. Signing these bills establishes statewide water efficiency standards and a framework for the implementation of the new standards, which must be in place by 2022.

The two bills help strengthen the State’s water resiliency in the face of uncertain water conditions. Provisions include:

- Establishing an indoor water use goal of 55 gallons per person per day until 2025, 52.5 gallons from 2025 to 2030 and 50 gallons beginning 2030;
- Creating incentives for water suppliers such as IEUA to recycle water;
- Requiring both urban and agricultural water suppliers to set annual water budgets and prepare for drought.

“This significant action demonstrates how California is coming together to protect this vital resource. Using water wisely – not wasting water – is critical to providing a resilient water supply,” stated IEUA Board President Steve Elie. “These new water efficiency standards follow the Governor’s recent mandate to make conservation a California way of life and shifts our focus to eliminating water wasting practices.”

“As an agency, we will continue to do our part by working closely with our partner and member agencies and the communities we serve to develop action plans and programs that will assist in water use efficiency measures and help preserve our water supply,” continued Elie.

To view the official press release from the Office of the Governor, visit <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2018/05/31/governor-brown-signs-legislation-establishing-statewide-water-efficiency-goals/>.

For water savings tips and rebate information, please visit IEUA’s website at www.IEUA.org.

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 875,000 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.