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Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Water Quality Lab Project Awarded Water/Wastewater Treatment Project of the Year

Inland Empire, CA– The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) has been awarded the Water/Wastewater Treatment Project of the Year from the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Los Angeles Branch for the Agency's Water Quality Laboratory. The Water/Wastewater Treatment Project of the Year award was presented at ASCE's Annual Awards Banquet held in Riverside, California.

Each year ASCE's Los Angeles Branch recognizes many talented engineers and remarkable projects, as well as awards scholarships to local university students. The banquet provides local engineers the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of fellow engineers, firms and agencies that are making a positive impact across the Inland Empire.

Construction of the Water Quality Laboratory began in August 2017 and was completed in July 2018. The 17,166 square foot, \$17.8 million lab is a Gold LEED™ Certified building for energy efficiency and the use of eco-friendly materials. In addition to quality control and quality assurance, educational tours will be provided of the lab showcasing the building and its water quality functions.

"This new, state-of-the-art laboratory will handle needed expansion, manage quality testing for the Agency's wastewater treatment and water recycling operations well in to the future, as well as provide educational opportunities to the community," stated IEUA Board President Steve Elie. "The original laboratory was built in 1979 and expanded in 1997. A feasibility study in 2006 determined that the existing facility presented several challenges which could not meet future needs, including limited expandability, an anticipated increase in the number of annual samples and changes in chemical measurement regulations. This award-winning laboratory will help IEUA serve its constituents well into the future."

The American Society of Civil Engineers' mission is to provide essential value to its members and partners, advance civil engineering, and serve the public good. ASCE advances technology, encourages lifelong learning, promotes professionalism, develops civil engineer leaders, and advocates infrastructure and environmental stewardship.

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.

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