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**Thousands of Residents Learn About
Environmental Stewardship at 11th Annual Earth Day Event**
Annual Earth Day Event Hosted by Inland Empire Utilities Agency and City of Chino

Chino, California – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) partnered with the City of Chino to co-host a two-day Earth Day Event on April 17 and 18, 2019 at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park. The 11th Annual Earth Day celebration provided Water Discovery field trips to approximately 2,000 students, parents and teachers on April 17, and hosted over 2,000 community members on April 18 during Community Day.

The event provided fun, interactive opportunities for the public to learn how they can be environmental stewards and protect natural resources. Students and the public learned about water resources, how compost benefits the soil, the diversity and importance of the region’s habitat, and the importance of proper recycling. The student event provided opportunities to participate in the Water Discovery Program with engaging lessons and activities about the water cycle, recycling, animals and habitats, wetlands, and water usage. Students experienced an animal encounter, enjoyed an environmental show, and observed the wetlands and its functions. The public event included environmental exhibits, document shredding, free giveaways, hands-on earth-friendly activities, environmental show performances, animal encounters, and much more.

“This event takes environmental outreach and education to a new level,” stated Paul Hofer, IEUA Board President. “The Annual Earth Day event is an opportunity to expand environmental stewardship: students and the community learn firsthand about our precious natural resources and ways to protect them for current and future generations.”

“The educational programs provided to teachers, students, and the community through this Earth Day event are impactful and valuable,” stated Eunice Ulloa, Mayor of the City of Chino. “This event fosters curiosity about resources, habitats and personal responsibility, and motivates us by providing resources and solutions to create a healthier, more sustainable region and planet.”

Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was partially funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. The Water Discovery and Busing Mini Grant Program are partially funded by a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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.

The City of Chino encompasses approximately 30 square miles and is home to the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park, Prado Regional Park, and over 88,000 residents in the western San Bernardino region.