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## **IEUA and City of Chino Partner for a Virtual Earth Day Event**

***Event is accessible the entire week of Earth Week – April 18-24.***

**Chino, California** – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) and the City of Chino will be hosting a virtual Earth Day event accessible throughout Earth Week from Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, April 24. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park virtually through an interactive and immersive platform as they take part in educational activities, navigate through resources provided by external vendors, learn about our environmental resources and how to protect them, enjoy an environmental show, and participate in opportunities to receive free giveaways. Virtual Earth Day event field trips for elementary schools are available to schedule this week as well.

“It is important to transition our outreach and education programs to a platform that can be accessible to the community during this current pandemic,” said IEUA Board President Jasmin A. Hall. “Providing access to a virtual event in which the community can acquire educational resources showcasing water-use efficiency methods, environmental stewardship initiatives, services and programs offered to aid in preserving our natural resources, and more is imperative to sustaining our environment. This virtual event offers an informational package highlighting the many ways residents can ‘go green’.”

Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa is glad to see the event available to Chino residents and others throughout the region. “This is an event our community looks forward to every year. It really is a rite of passage for our school kids. This event helps them better understand not just the important general concepts of sustainability and stewardship, but it exposes them to the unique challenges of our region and the specific resources on which we rely. We are lucky to have the Chino Creek Wetlands in our own backyard to explore and see our watershed in action.”

The event provides fun, interactive opportunities for the public to learn how they can be environmental stewards and protect natural resources. Students and the public will learn about water resources, how compost benefits the soil, the diversity and importance of the region’s habitat including virtual wildlife encounters and native plant life, and the importance of proper recycling.

“Participants will be able to visit the plant factory booth to learn about parts of a plant and observe the native plants featured at the Chino Creek Wetlands; access water-use efficiency programs and rebate opportunities; explore the cheeseburger booth to take part in a quiz about water use and learn how much water it takes to make a cheeseburger; watch a puppet show hosted by Wally the Water Drop and Owlie the Owl to learn about watersheds and how to protect them; discover virtual animal encounters; and more,” continued Hall.

**What:** Virtual Earth Day Event

**Where:** To register visit <https://www.ieua.org/events/2021-virtual-earth-week/>  
Link will become live on Sunday, April 18 and can be accessed through <https://www.ieua.org/events/2021-virtual-earth-week/>

Contact [schancellor@ieua.org](mailto:schancellor@ieua.org) for schools interested in virtual field trips

**When:** Accessible Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, April 24

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*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.*