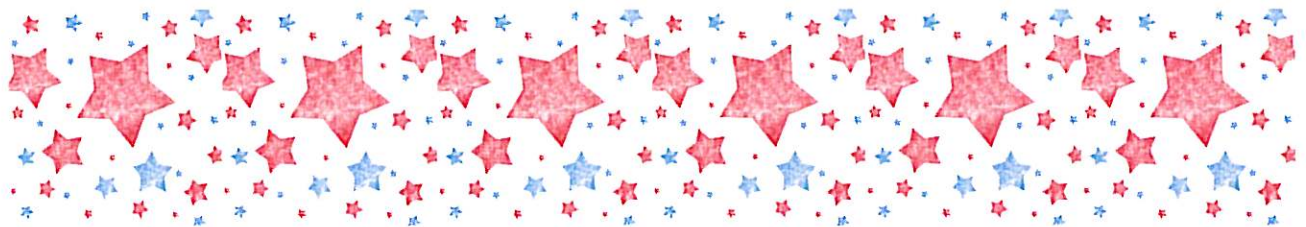


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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2009

AGENDA

INTERAGENCY WATER MANAGERS' REPORT

Chino Basin Watermaster

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Discussion Items:

- IEUA's Drought Plan Update (oral)
- Recycled Water Status Report (oral w/written attachment)
- Peace II CEQA Update (oral w/written attachment)

Written Items:

- Water Conservation Programs Monthly Report
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**INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM UPDATE**

Recycled Water Connected Demand: At the end of fiscal year 2008-09, IEUA had connected a demand of 27,034 AFY recycled water. In June, the member agencies connected over 187.5 AFY. We anticipate on connecting another potentially 11,640 AFY within the next 30 to 90 days, increasing the total connected demand to over 38,000 AFY, expected to surpass the fiscal year goals of 36,000 AFY for FY 09/10. Following are some of the upcoming priority customers.

Name	City	Demand (AFY)	Estimated Completion Date
Vellano Golf Course	Chino Hills	1,000	August 2009
Cal Poly, CIM – North Connection	Chino	2,000	September 2009
Lee Farm on Schaefer Ave	Ontario	2,000	August 2009
Lee Farm on Whispering Lakes Lane	Ontario	2,000	July 2009
Lee Farm on Edison Ave at vineyard Ave	Ontario	2,000	October 2009
Lee Farm on Chino Ave at County Rd	Ontario	2,000	October 2009
Kellogg on Schaefer Ave	Ontario	200	August 2009
Bellevue Cemetery	Ontario	220	August 2009
Guasti Park	Ontario	220	August 2009
Total Demand		11,640	

Northeast Area Project Updates: The award of the bids for the 1299 E Reservoir Conversion & 1630 E Pump Station, the 1299 E Pipeline, and the 1630 E Pipeline Segment A were contingently approved at the June 17, 2009 IEUA Board meeting. The construction projects are anticipated to start in August 2009. The bids for the Monitoring Wells and Lysimeter projects are expected to be received on July 28th and July 30th, with an anticipated construction start date of October 2009. The projects, with an anticipated connected demand of 10,000 AFY, serving San Sevaine and Victoria Basins, are expected to complete construction in Summer 2010.

Southern Area: The Southern Area Recycled Water Project will primarily build the Regional Recycled Water distribution system in the Cities of Chino and Chino Hills. The project also includes a regional storage system. The draft preliminary design report for the project has been completed, and is currently awaiting the City of Chino Hills's consensus on the preferred alignment. The anticipated design completion date is Summer 2010.

Northwest Area: The Northwest Area Recycled Water Project will primarily build the Regional Recycled Water distribution system in the City of Upland and the western service areas of the CVWD. The project also includes a regional storage system. A draft Preliminary Design Report has been submitted and circulated, for review and comments. Currently IEUA is evaluating alignments for the Northwest Area Recycled Water System. The anticipated design completion date is Summer 2010.

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DRAFT PEACE II CEQA Schedule

Version Date – (6/22/09)

(Dates meant to be approximate)

1/1/08—TDA will finish draft Project Description for review. It will describe the project and the major issues. WEI, IEUA and CBWM are expected to provide key input. (COMPLETE)

1/15/09—TDA will provide WEI with a list of supporting exhibits needed (tables, graphs, charts, etc.) (COMPLETE)

2/20/09—TDA will release draft Initial Study and Notice of Preparation. (COMPLETE)

3/11/09—IEUA/CBWM will hold a Scoping Meeting so other agencies (water mgt agencies and regulatory agencies) will identify their concerns. (COMPLETE)

7/17/09—WEI will perform any necessary modeling, such as overlaying the Peace II and DYY models and looking at water level impacts, and prepare a Report.

8/15/09—SEIR Document released for public for review for 45 days.

9/30/09—End of 45-day public review period.

10/9/09—TDA finishes responses to comments.

Fall 2009—IEUA Board adoption.

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Water Resources and Conservation Programs

Monthly Report

JUNE 2009 (REPORTING MAY 2009 DATA)

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California Water Supply News



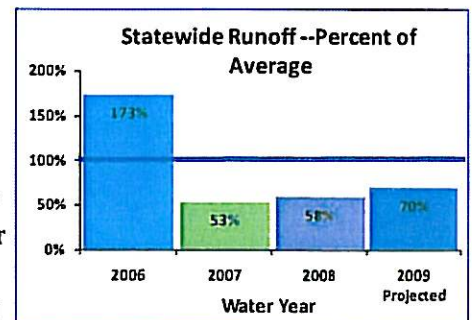
The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has scheduled three public workshops to provide information on the AB 1420 compliance process to urban water suppliers who may request loans or grant funds. IEUA hosted one of the workshops on June 22, 2009.

On June 4th, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a new biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act that could reduce Delta exports by an additional 300,000 to 500,000 acre-feet. This represents a drop of 5-10% from water deliveries that are already drastically limited by drought and earlier court rulings related to protecting fish species such as the Delta smelt. DWR responded by reaffirming the need for a comprehensive solution to water and environmental conflicts in the Delta.

IEUA submitted comments to DWR on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009 by the June deadline. This is expected to be a comprehensive plan for California water that features new surface and underground water storage, improved water delivery systems, and stresses water use efficiency, water recycling, storm water management and other strategies.

MWD Water Supply News

Since August 2007, IEUA retail agencies have received in excess of \$3,000,000 under MWD's Phase I-Public Sector Rebate Program for facility audits, high-efficiency devices and recycled water landscape conversions. Phase I included 20 MWD member agencies, with IEUA and its retail members receiving the largest funding portion (20% of the \$15 million program).



The current trend water demand estimate for 2009 is 2.1 million acre feet (MAF) with the region operating under a Level 2 Water Supply Allocation Plan. With currently projected supplies on the State Water Project and Colorado River Aqueduct of 2.0 MAF, there is a resulting supply need of approximately 154 TAF. This need will be met through withdrawal of water from Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan storage supplies.

MWD staff reported to their Board on the goals and progress of the Five-Year Supply Plan. These options could yield approx. 429 TAF or more of additional supply if successfully implemented. The resource options focus on six initiatives: extraordinary conservation, Colorado River transactions, near-term Delta actions, State Water Project transactions, groundwater recovery, and local resources.

IEUA Water Supply Programs



Imported Water Deliveries

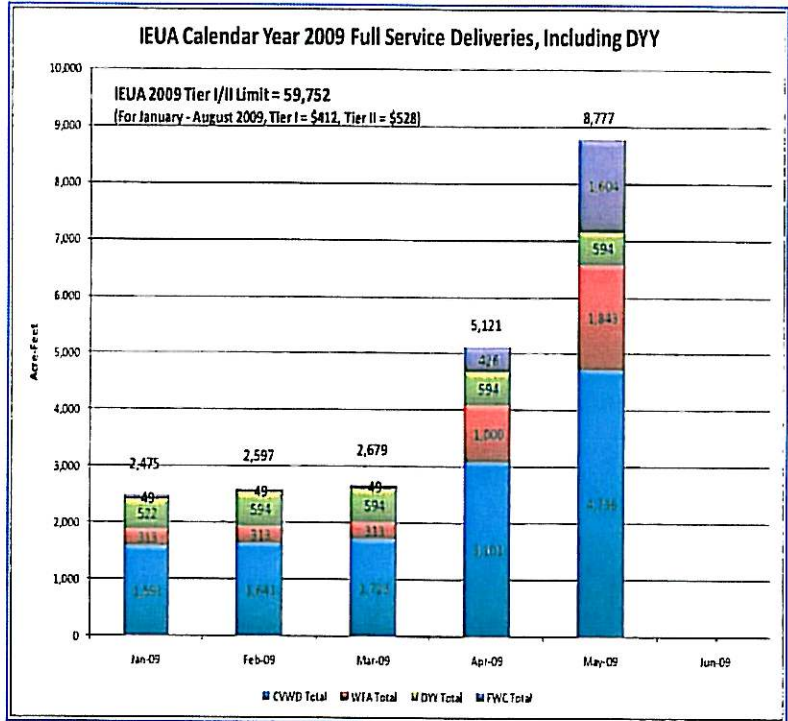
For the month of May, IEUA purchased 3,611.1 acre feet (AF) of Tier I water, increasing the cumulative total for the calendar year to 8,777.5 AF (see graph below).

Dry Year Yield (DYY) Program

IEUA retail agencies have met their DYY Program obligations for the year, ending in April 2009. DYY participants certified they pumped 30,332.5 AF (98% of IEUA's obligation of 31,000 AF) from the groundwater storage account. MWD imported water deliveries were reduced by 30,589 AF (99% of IEUA's obligation of 31,000 AF).

DYY Program Expansion

Chino Basin Watermaster has taken the lead working with IEUA, Western Municipal Water District, and Three Valleys MWD, to develop and complete an agreement for expansion of the DYY Program. One of the terms from the LRP Agreement, between the Chino Desalter Authority and MWD (funding from MWD is \$250/AF), stipulates that a DYY Expansion agreement must be complete by September 2009. The DYY Program parties are discussing a possible extension of this deadline.



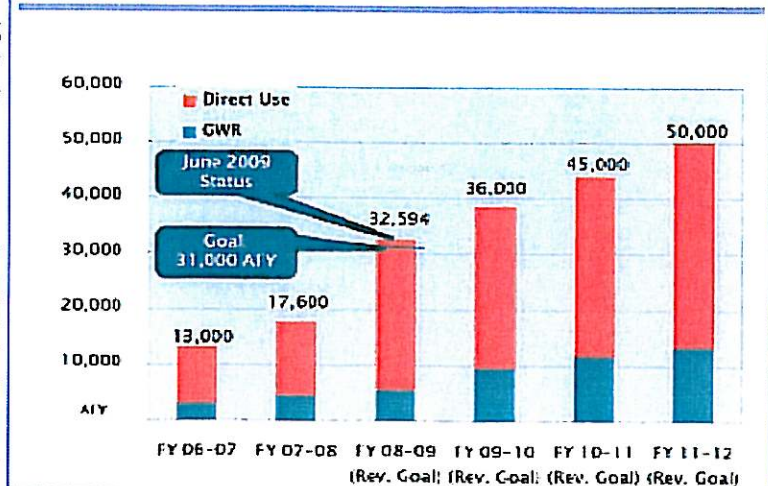
Recycled Water Program

IEUA has achieved a recycled water milestone!!! IEUA had a goal of reaching 31,000 AFY of connected direct reuse by the end of FY 2008/09, and as of May 2009, has connected 32,594 AF!

Chino Desalter Authority (CDA)

This fiscal year, the two desalters have produced 23,847.8 AF of water (of which 13,726 AF was delivered to IEUA retail agencies). The current production capacity is 24,600 AFY, and it is scheduled to be expanded to approximately 40,000 AFY by 2012, with the implementation of CDA Phase III.

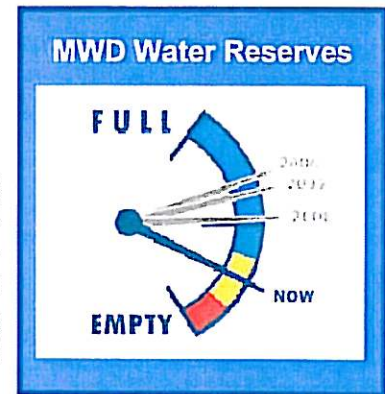
RW Connected Demand Goals



MWD Conservation Program News

MWD Conservation Budget

On May 19, 2009, MWD staff convened a special Program Advisory Meeting with member agencies to review the existing conservation budget and program issues. The identified backlog for all programs totals approximately \$24 million. Based on member agency recommendations, MWD staff prepared and presented a board letter on June 9, 2009 recommending the payment of all backlogged applications using funding from the FY 08-09 MWD Water Transfers fund.

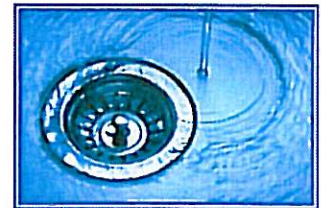


The MWD Board requested the MWD staff auditor to perform an audit on the entire backlog to verify the total amount of funding needed and present the findings at the July 14, 2009 Board Meeting. *All programs are on hold until the Board takes action on July 14, 2009.*

MWD Conservation Programs

Based on the MWD FY 2009-10 budget of \$19.1 million and recommendations from the Program Advisory Meeting, MWD staff has prepared a board letter recommending the following actions:

- MWD to pay all backlogged customer applications through June 10, 2009 (\$24 million-FY 2009-10 Water Transfers fund)
- Resume the So-Cal Water Smart Program effective July 1, 2009 with reduced incentives (\$6 million for FY 2009-10)
- Suspend the CII Save-A-Buck Program for three to six months pending new vendor selection (\$4.6 million-FY 2009-10)
- MWD to release \$4.5 million for payment of Phase II Public Sector Program applications and defer \$5 million allocated in the FY 2009-10 budget to FY 2010-2011 (FY 2009-10—\$0 funds)
- Member Agency implemented programs (FY 2009-10—\$5.5 million)
- MWD Water Savings Performance Program (FY 2009-10—\$500,000)
- MWD Enhanced Conservation Program (FY 2009-10—\$500,000)
- Agriculture Conservation Program (FY 2009-10—\$2 million)



MWD Program Incentive Changes

MWD Staff is recommending to their Board on July 14, 2009, the following device incentive caps and program changes. All incentives will be limited to a maximum of 50% of the retail device cost.

- Urinals: limit incentives to < 0.25 gpf fixtures-reduces incentive from \$400 to \$200 per unit and \$60 for new construction.
- Commercial Sprinkler Heads: reduce from \$13 to \$7 per set
- High Efficiency Toilets: reduce from \$100 to \$50 per toilet, unless member agency grant relies on MWD incentive.
- High Efficiency Washers: reduce from \$100 to \$50 per unit, unless member agency grant relies on MWD incentive.
- Synthetic turf: requires a minimum \$0.30 local agency match share and limits rebates to 1/2 acre of turf replacement.
- Rotating Nozzles for pop-up spray heads: incentive remains \$4, but must be purchased with a pressure regulating head
- Enhanced Conservation Program Awards: reduces annual awards from \$2 million to \$1 million to reflect actual program awards in recent years.

Conservation Activities and Outreach



California Friendly Landscape Training Classes

Member agencies were notified by MWD that eight classes per member agency would be available in FY 2009-10. Forms were distributed to IEUA member agencies and returned for submission to MWD. Cucamonga Valley Water District and Monte Vista Water District will host two classes, one in the Fall and Spring, Upland and San Antonio will co-host two, and Ontario and Chino Hills will host one.

Inland Empire Landscape Alliance

A letter requesting the DWR's endorsement of the equivalency of the IELA's Regional Model Chino Basin Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance was sent to the DWR. No response has been received to date. A Pervious Concrete Conference, which kicked off the application process for a pilot pervious concrete rebate, took place on June 25th. The next Landscape Alliance Board meeting is scheduled for June 15th, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in IEUA's Board Room.

Landscape Evaluation and Audit Program

In Phase III, Chino Basin Water Conservation District has completed 165 landscape audits with a potential savings of 903 AFY. This is in addition to 1,200 AFY in Phase II. There are currently three sites scheduled for auditing, 3 sites awaiting scheduling, and 150 release forms pending processing.

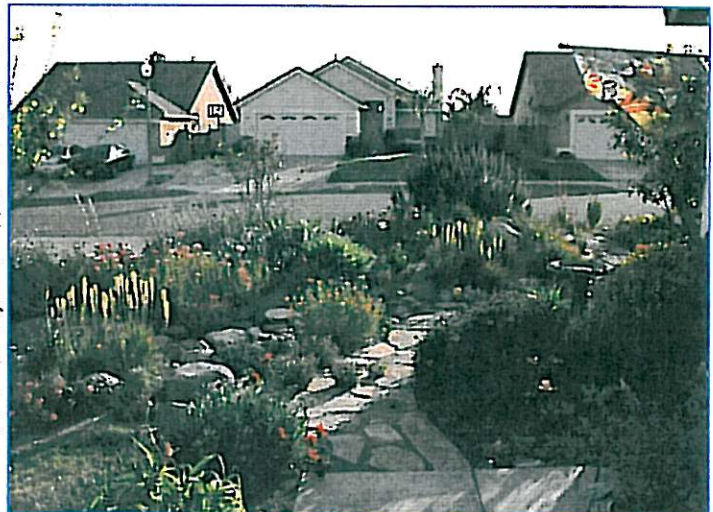


Water Wise Residential Landscape Program

A total of 123 conversions have been completed, with the cumulative area of landscape retrofitted since program inception being 154,268 sq. ft. This represents an annual water savings of 21.6 AFY. The initiation of this pilot program was completed on December 31, 2008. Approximately 17 landscapes are still in the process of being converted by the end date of June 30, 2009 when the program will be fully complete.

Residential Landscape Contest

IEUA residents were invited to participate in a regional landscape contest which included Western Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, and IEUA's service areas. Out of the 97 applicants, 31 came from IEUA's service area. Judges selected the first, second and third place winners based on plant palettes, creativity and originality of design, and water efficiency. 1st place received \$1,000, 2nd place \$750 and 3rd place \$500. One of IEUA's entries, the McPherson's (Fontana residents), received 3rd place for their landscape (pictured) and was recognized at an award ceremony held on June 10th.



Garden in Every School®

FY 2008/09 gardens are still under construction and dedication ceremonies will be held in the fall when schools are back in session. Ontario Center School will complete their garden installation during summer school. Planting at Anna Borba (Chino), will occur when school returns from summer break, per the maintenance district's request. Program staff have met with schools who applied to the FY 09/10 program and finalized garden locations. Schools participating in the FY 09/10 program include Cattle Elementary, Chino; Mariposa Elementary, Ontario; Stork Elementary, Rancho Cucamonga; Baldy View Elementary, Upland.



Solar Cup 2009

MWD held their annual Solar Cup competition at Lake Skinner on May 15-17. Sun-powered boats from Savanna High School, Anaheim, and Canyon High School won first-place. Teams are sponsored by MWD and local water agencies, cities and others. In addition to providing students with practical application and textbook lessons in electrical and mechanical engineering, Solar Cup introduces them to California's water supply system and the correlation between conserving water and saving energy. There were a total of 33 schools that participated. IEUA sponsored three schools: Rancho Cucamonga H.S., Upland H.S., and Ayala H.S. Ayala placed 26th, Upland placed 21st and Rancho placed 17th.

National Theatre for Children

The National Theatre for Children (NTC) Program contract is currently in the process of being renewed for the next fiscal year. NTC staff have already prepared scripts for next year's theatre performances and drafted letters for distribution to schools outlining the program. School scheduling will begin in July 2009 after IEUA Board approval of NTC's contract amendment.

Public Outreach Activities

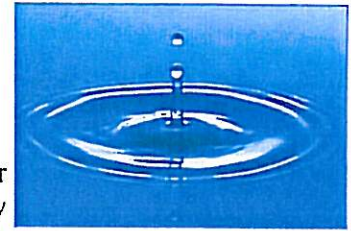
Beginning June 12, 2009 and ending October 15, 2009, MWD's water awareness 30-second TV ad will run in 71 movie theatre screens throughout the service area. A 1/4 page conservation ad will run monthly in the Fontana Herald News, Champion Newspapers, La Opinion Newspaper and the Inland Empire Magazine. We will continue to run our monthly conservation tip in the Daily Bulletin as well as our full page ads.



EPA Water-Efficient Single-Family New Home Specification

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a draft specification for water-efficient single-family new homes on May 22, 2008. Based on substantial feedback and significant revisions, EPA released a revised draft specification on May 8, 2009. More information can be found at www.epa.gov/WaterSense/specs.

Conservation Legislation, Grants, and Policies



Update on the MWD IRP Process

Metropolitan's Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) is a comprehensive water plan for the region. The 2009 Update of the IRP is still scheduled to be complete by the end of calendar year 2009. The IRP oversight committee received recommendations from several of the technical workgroups that had completed drafts of their issue papers. The common trend among all the technical workgroup recommendations was to have MWD coordinate regional efforts. This coincided well with the IRP-SIM modeling goal of finding a mix of water resources that is robust enough to cover the uncertainties that our region is currently facing (climate change, drought, Delta issues, etc.). A new issue this year is urban stormwater management and the benefits of low impact development. The stormwater issue paper is expected to highlight the need for better interagency coordination in order to do a much better job of capturing stormwater and using it to augment our local water supplies.

Conservation Legislation

IEUA continues to work directly with stakeholders and the legislature on shaping language for three water conservation bills listed below. Each bill lays out variations and approaches in achieving a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by 2020 (consistent with the Governor's call for 20% by 2020).

- **AB 49 (Feuer/Huffman)** was amended on June 1, 2009; passed as amended out of the Assembly on to the Senate. Read first time on June 4, 2009 in the Senate.
- **SB 261 (Dutton/Ducheny/Hollingsworth)** was last amended on May 28, 2009; passed as amended and unopposed out of the Senate to the Assembly. Read first time on June 1, 2009 in the Assembly.
- **SB 460 (Wolk)** was last amended on April 30, 2009; placed on suspension by Appropriations and held in committee under submission as of May 28, 2009. Authors of SB 460 are working with Authors of SB 261 for possible language integration into SB 261 as SB 261 is on a faster legislative track.

Grant Opportunities

IEUA is awaiting notification of award on two grant proposals submitted to MWD's Enhanced Conservation Program for water budget development and residential water surveys. Notifications are expected to be released at the next MWD water use efficiency meeting on June 18, 2009.

State Water Resources Control Board Recycled Water Policy

On May 14, 2009, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Recycled Water Policy that was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on February 3, 2009. Hence, the Recycled Water Policy is now in effect. The Recycled Water Policy can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board website.



State Water Resources Control Board Rules for Landscape Irrigation with Recycled Water

Copies of a revised draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for Landscape Irrigation with Recycled Water have been posted at the State Water Resources Control Board website. Comments received by June 30th, 2009 will be considered at the July 7, 2009 State Water Board Meeting.

Rebates Issued and Water Savings

MWD SoCal WaterSmart & Save-A-Buck Programs

Table I summarizes the rebates provided through May 2009 for the Save-A-Buck Program (CII and Multi-family Residential) and the SoCal WaterSmart Program. Overall, 51,784 devices/rebates were issued under these programs since their inception, for a total annual water savings of 3,469 acre-feet per year.



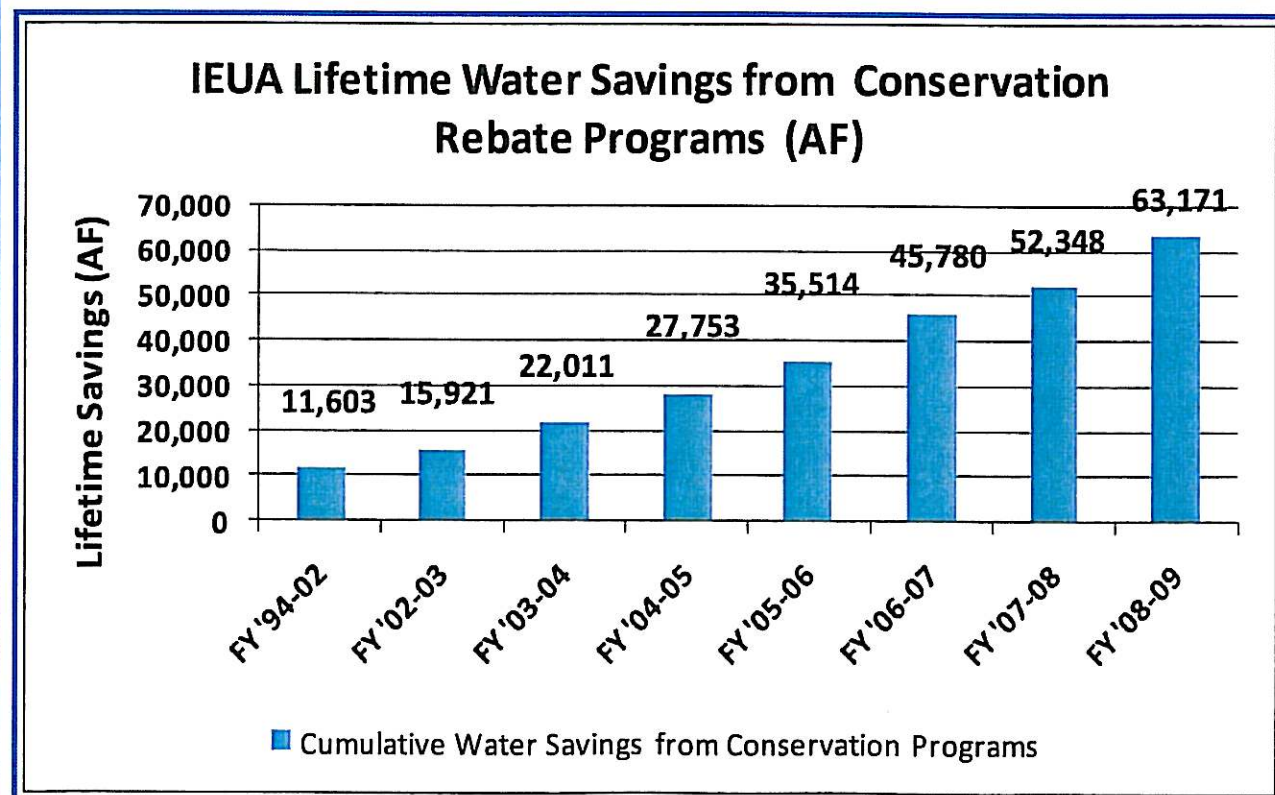
MWD Public Agency Sector Program



Total MWD funding received by public agencies within the IEUA service area has been \$2,612,227 (Table II below). Overall, 906 devices have been funded, representing an annual water savings of 575 acre-feet per year, or a savings of 5,702 acre feet over the lifetime of the devices.

Cumulative Water Savings

The cumulative expected lifetime water savings from the water conservation devices that have been installed in the service area through rebates currently totals 63,171 acre feet. The Lifetime Water Savings graph illustrates the growth trend in water savings due to rebate and retrofit programs. It does not include the savings from public educational and outreach programs, which are difficult to quantify. Additional details on rebates and retrofits are provided in Tables I and II on the next page.



MWD Public/Private and Public Agency Rebate Programs

TABLE I—MWD Public/Private Sector Rebate Programs

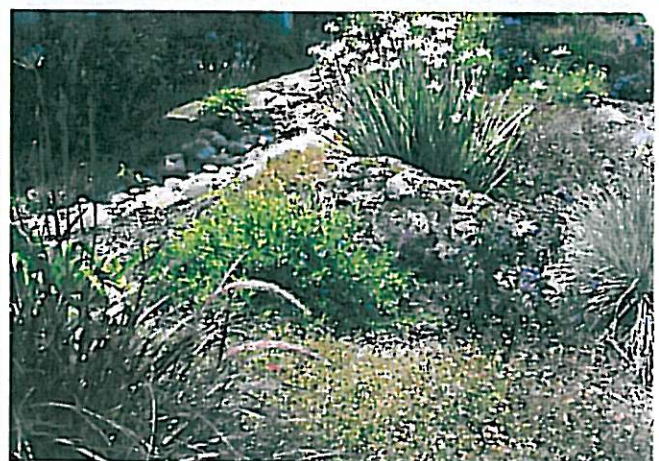
Device Name	Current Fiscal Year through May '09		Since Program Inception	
	# Devices Installed	Equivalent Annual Water Savings (AFY)	Cumulative # Devices Installed	Equivalent Annual Savings (AFY)
Commercial, Industrial, Institutional Program				
High-Efficiency Clothes Washers	9	0.8	466	39.4
Multi-Family High-Efficiency Clothes Washers	10	0.8	11	0.9
Cooling Tower Conductivity & pH Controllers	4	2.6	28	18.0
Ultra-Low-Flush Toilets	1	0.03	1,895	657.6
ULFT Flushometers	0	0	4	0.3
High-Efficiency Toilets	858	36	3,279	139.4
Zero Water Urinals	142	17	1,168	143.1
High-Efficiency Urinals	0	0	8	0.5
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers	17	11.05	26	16.9
Rotating Nozzles for Pop-Up Spray Heads	86	0.3	183	15.5
Synthetic Turf for CII (rebates)	0	0	5	4.7
High-Efficiency Nozzles for Large Rotary	120	21.6	120	21.6
Dry Vacuum Pumps	0	0	0	0
Steam Sterilizer Retrofits	0	0	0	0
Pre-Rinse Spray Head (PRSH)	31	7.9	33	8.4
Water Broom	5	0.8	701	107.5
X-Ray Recirculation Units	0	0	11	35.2
Subtotal	1283	99.8	7938	1209.0
Multi-Family Direct-Install Program				
Ultra Low-Flush Toilets	0	0	14,283	495.6
High-Efficiency Toilets	1682	71.5	1744	74.1
Subtotal	1682	71.5	16,027	569.7
Residential Program				
Ultra Low-Flush and High Efficiency Toilets	1714	59.5	13,783	478.3
High-Efficiency Clothes Washers	1089	92.1	10,731	907.8
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers	12	7.8	401	260.7
Rotating Nozzles for Pop-Up Spray Heads	26	0.1	2,620	10.5
Synthetic Turf Retrofit (rebates)	102	12.09	164	12.1
Water-Wise Residential Landscape Retrofit Program (rebates)	100	20.85	120	20.9
Subtotal	3043	192.4	27,819	1690.2
TOTALS	6008	363.7	51784	3468.9

**TABLE II---MWD Public Agency Sector Rebate Program
(February 2008 - Present)**

Customer	Device Quantity	Award	Annual Water Savings (AFY)	Lifetime Water Savings (AF)
City of Ontario	72	\$445,540.02	93.8	956.9
Chino Valley Unified School District (Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario)	277	\$361,575.36	123.5	1200
Cucamonga School District	10	\$10,547.13	7.7	76.9
Central School District	32	\$31,619.94	11.9	119.3
Etowanda School District	39	\$125,206.38	32.2	321.8
Chaffey Joint Union School District (City of Ontario, CVWD, MVWD)	86	\$222,832.56	45.5	434.3
Monterey Water District	6	\$2,356.46	0.4	8.3
Alta Loma School District	22	\$36,538.62	16.7	166.7
City of Fontana	9	\$94,087.56	18.8	185.2
Upland Unified School District (Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario)	51	\$84,457.74	23.5	234.6
City of Chino Hills	302	\$897,425.00	199.5	1994.9
TOTALS	966	\$2,612,227	575.4	5,782

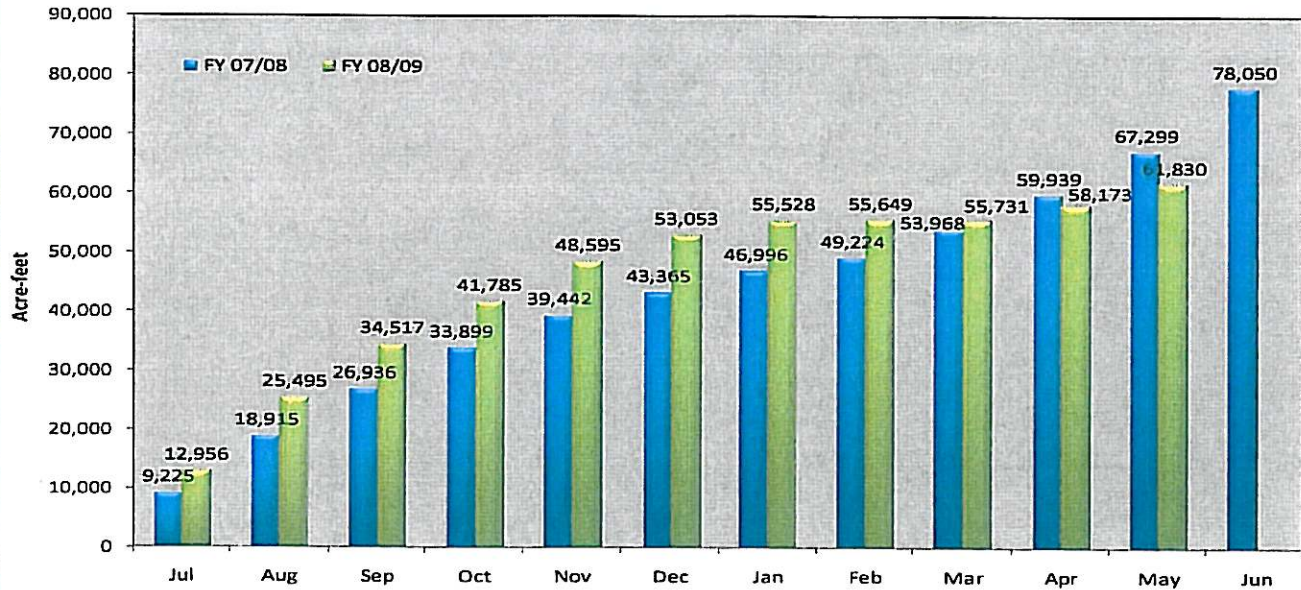
Calendar of Upcoming Events and Meetings

July 1, 2009	IEUA Board Meeting (IEUA Board Room)
July 15, 2009	IEUA Board Meeting (IEUA Board Room)
July 15, 2009	Landscape Alliance Board Meeting (3:00 pm—4:00 pm, Board Room)
July 16, 2009	MWD Monthly WUE Meeting (MWD-LA, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm)
July 18, 2009	Greenlee Nursery Landscape Workshop “Maintain & Sustain” IEUA Event Center (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)
July 22, 2009	Conservation presentation to Chino Kiwanis Club, noon, Chino Community Building (M Davis)
August 1, 2009	Volunteer Work Party, Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park, (8:30am – 11:30am)
August 5, 2009	IEUA Board Meeting (IEUA Board Room)
August 19, 2009	IEUA Board Meeting (IEUA Board Room)
August 20, 2009	BIA/San Bernardino County Water Conference, Ontario Convention Center (Time TBD)
August 20, 2009	MWD Monthly WUE Meeting (MWD-LA, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm)
August 27, 2009	MWD Education Coordinator’s Meeting @ MWD (9:00 am - 11:30 am)
October 24, 2009	Regional Water Fair, CBWCD, 9:00 am—2:00 pm
November 18, 2009	Landscape Alliance Board Meeting (3:00pm—4:00 pm, Board Room)

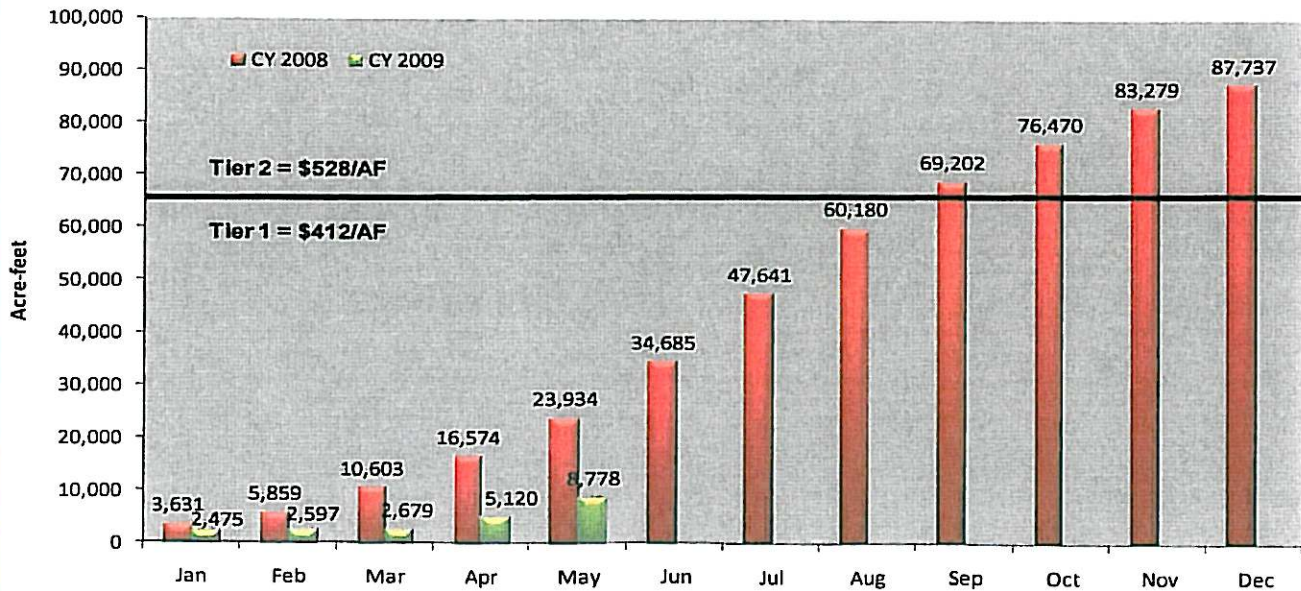


Imported Water Deliveries

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Cumulative Full Service Imported Water Deliveries & Dry Year Yield
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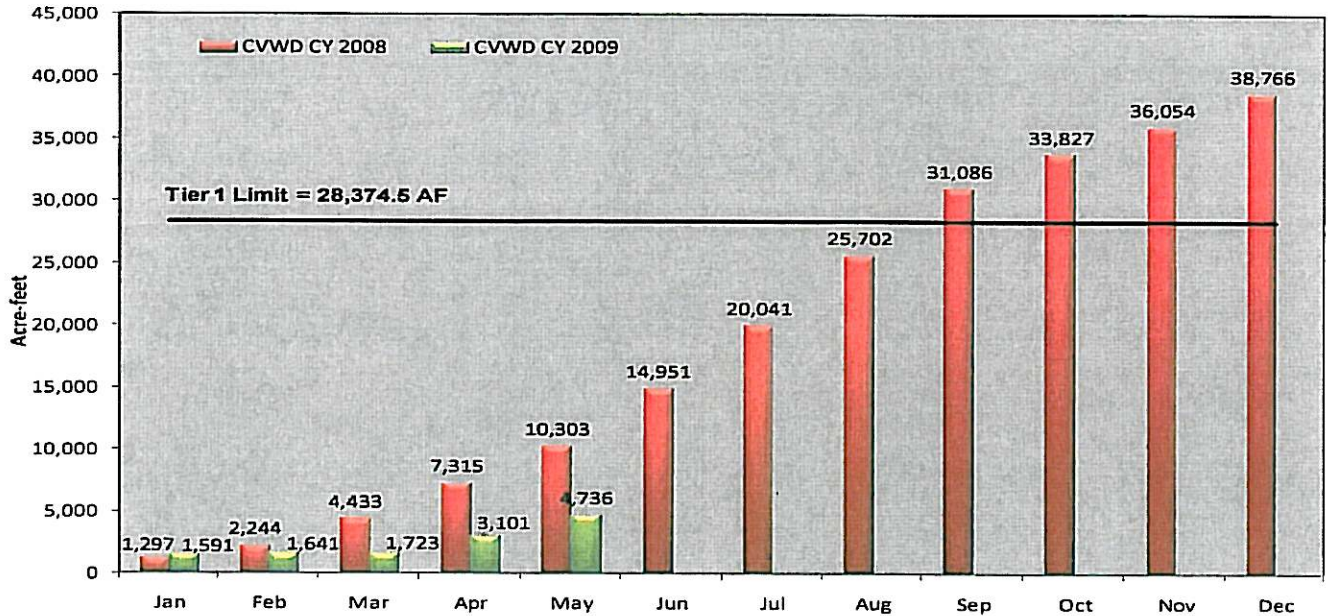


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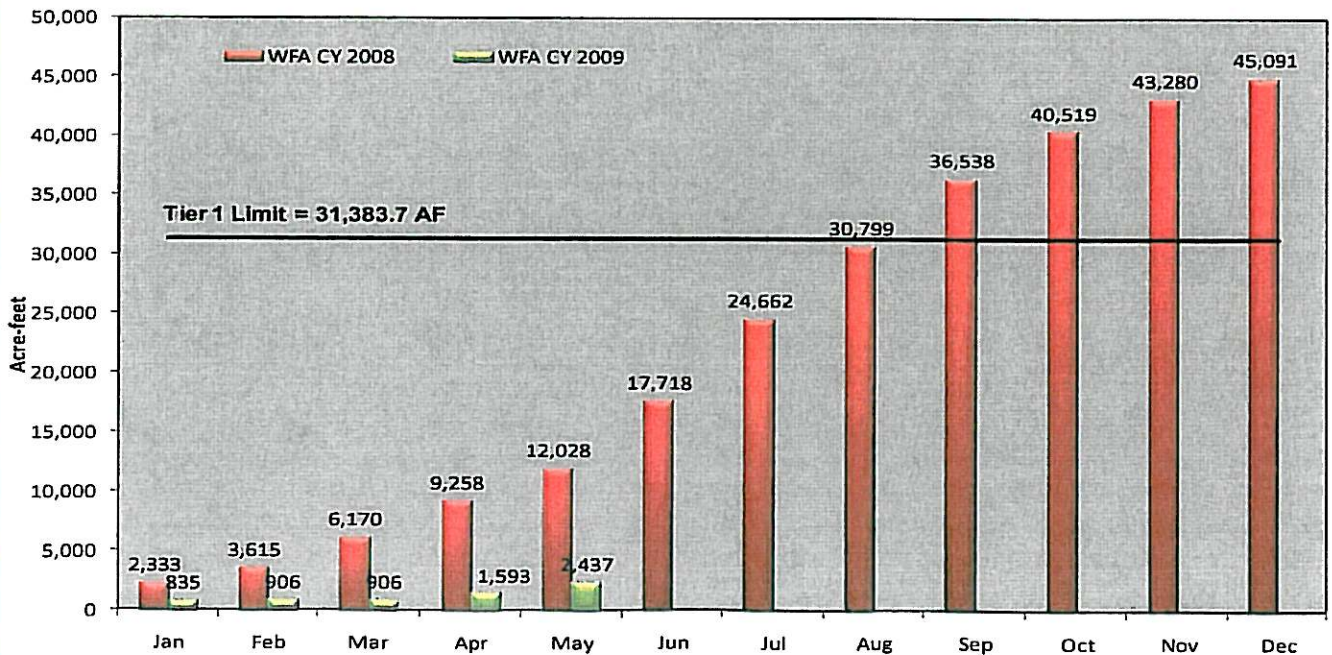


Imported Water Deliveries (Continued)

CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
Cumulative Full Service Imported Water Deliveries & Dry Year Yield
Calendar Year 2008 and Calendar Year 2009



WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Cumulative Full Service Imported Water Deliveries & Dry Year Yield
Calendar Year 2008 and Calendar Year 2009



Summary of 2008 & 2009 Imported Water Purchases

2008 Imported Water Sales	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Water Facilities Authority													
Direct Deliveries	2,333	1,282	2,555	3,088	1,332	1,682	2,730	3,450	2,913	2,836	1,444	1,060	26,705
Dry Year Yield					1,438	4,008	4,214	2,686	2,827	1,145	1,317	751	18,386
Sub-Total	2,333	1,282	2,555	3,088	2,770	5,690	6,944	6,136	5,740	3,981	2,761	1,811	45,091
Cucamonga Valley Water District													
Direct Deliveries	1,297	947	2,189	2,883	2,988	3,046	3,074	3,129	2,857	2,741	2,182	1,213	28,546
Dry Year Yield					1,603	2,016	2,532	2,527	0	44	1,499	1,131	11,352
Sub-Total	1,297	947	2,189	2,883	4,591	5,062	5,606	5,656	2,857	2,785	3,681	2,344	39,898
Fontana Water Company													
Direct Deliveries	0	0	0	0	0	15	406	747	426	501	369	303	2,767
Sub-Total	0	0	0	0	0	15	406	747	426	501	369	303	2,767
Inland Empire Utilities Agency													
Direct Deliveries	3,631	2,229	4,744	5,971	4,320	4,743	6,210	7,326	6,196	6,078	3,995	2,576	58,018
Dry Year Yield	0	0	0	0	3,041	6,024	6,746	5,213	2,827	1,189	2,816	1,882	29,737
TOTAL	3,631	2,229	4,744	5,971	7,360	10,767	12,956	12,539	9,023	7,267	6,811	4,458	87,756
2009 Imported Water Sales	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Water Facilities Authority													
Direct Deliveries	312	0	0	687	844								1,843
Dry Year Yield	522	71	0	0	0								594
Sub-Total	834	71	0	687	844	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,436
Cucamonga Valley Water District													
Direct Deliveries	1,591	50	82	1,378	1,635								4,736
Dry Year Yield	0	0	0	0	0								0
Sub-Total	1,591	50	82	1,378	1,635	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,736
Fontana Water Company													
Direct Deliveries	49	0	0	376	1,179								1,604
Sub-Total	49	0	0	376	1,179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,604
Inland Empire Utilities Agency													
Direct Deliveries	1,952	50	82	2,441	3,658								8,183
Dry Year Yield	522	71	0	0	0								594
TOTAL	2,474	121	82	2,441	3,658	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,776

JULY 2009

RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Highlights:

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HIGHLIGHT: IEUA will receive \$14 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI for the Inland Empire Regional Recycled Water Program. The \$14 million stimulus grant will be used to construct recycled water facilities in the Cities of Fontana, Ontario, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga.

MEMBER AGENCY UPDATE: CITY OF CHINO

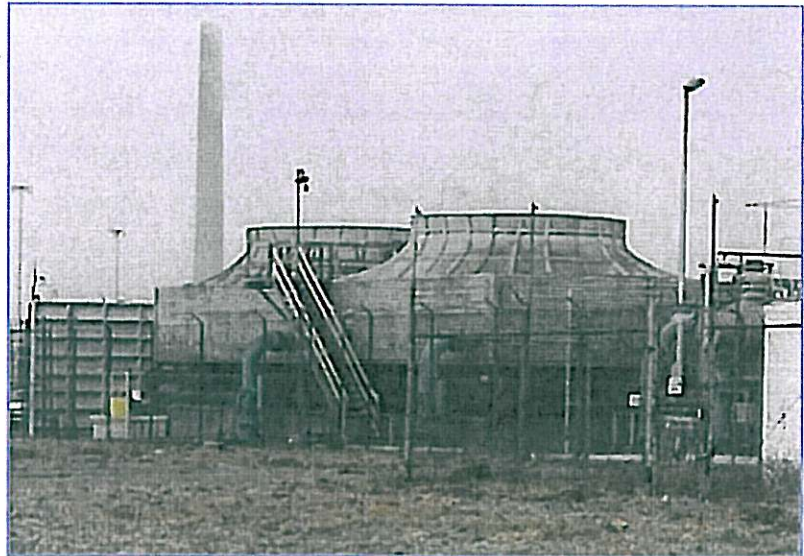


The City of Chino has worked closely with the California Department of Corrections, California Institution for Men and OLS Energy to convert OLS industrial cooling towers to recycled water. Using recycled water will lower OLS operating costs and help the City conserve valuable drinking water supplies.

OLS Energy Facilities is located on approximately 1 acre of land within CIM and uses approximately 209 acre-feet of water per year primarily for its industrial cooling towers. 209 acre-feet of water is approximately 68 million gallons or enough water for approximately 418 households for one year.

OLS Energy is a 30-MegaWatt power plant (a 30MW power plant can produce enough electricity in one year to power 7,665 households) that operates year round producing electricity and steam for use at the California Institution for Men and for sale to the Southern California Edison Company.

The City of Chino, one of the first retailers of recycled water, leads the way in converting existing industrial and irrigation potable water users to recycled water. Chino currently provides over 4,600 acre-feet of recycled water to approximately 170 industrial, irrigation, and farming operations. From golf courses to regional parks, landscape sprinklers to crop irrigation, Chino is one of the Inland Empire leading retailers of recycled water.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Red Team Meeting (IEUA and Member Agency Implementation).....3:30 PM August 6, 2009 at CVWD
- Professional Landscape Workshop (Remove your lawn Series III).....10am-12pm, July 18, 2009 at IEUA
- Volunteer Work Paty.....8:30am-11:30am, August 1, 2009 at IEUA
- Recycled Water Site Supervisor Training8:00am-12:00pm, September 10th, 2009 at IEUA
- SAWA Bird Festival.....9am-12pm, September 26,2009 at Chino Creek Wetlands & Educational Park

Recycled Water Customers and Usage Data:

Recent Connections:

- 4th St. Landscape (CVWD, 5 AFY)
- Mission Business Center (CVWD, 7 AFY)
- Kingsley Park (MVWD, 9 AFY)
- Saratoga Park (MVWD, 38 AFY)
- Sunrise Park (MVWD, 7 AFY)
- Sunset Park (MVWD, 21 AFY)
- ACCO North Amercia (Ontario, 9 AFY)
- CCC-South (Ontario, 16.5 AFY)
- Fruit Growers (Ontario, 20 AFY)
- Galvin Park (Ontario, 30 AFY)
- Vineyard Park (Ontario, 25 AFY)

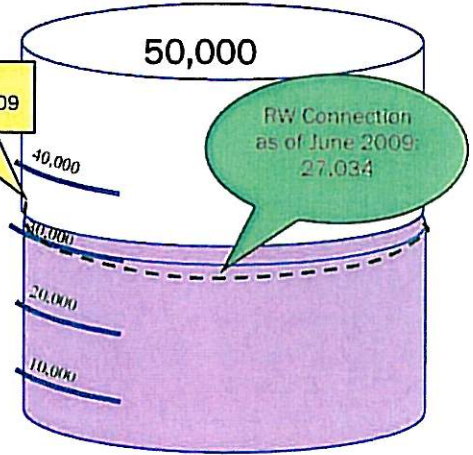
Total New Connections:
187.5

Upcoming Connections:

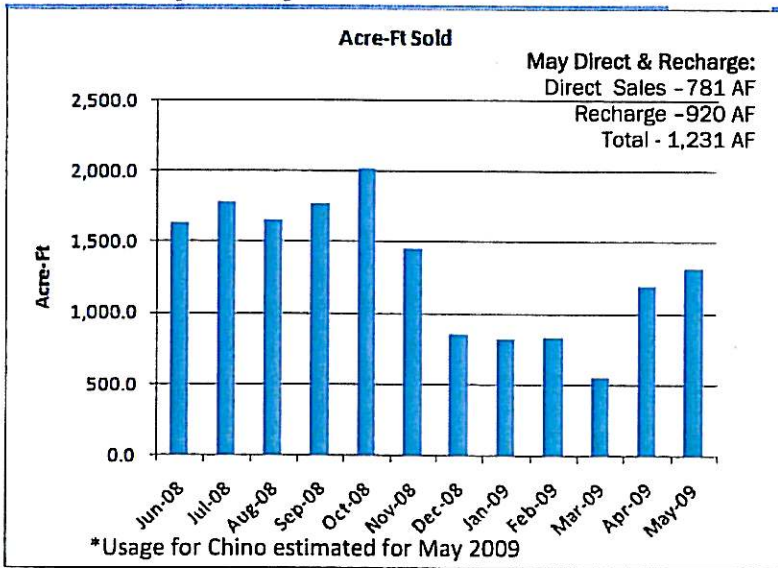
- Vellano Golf Course (Chino Hills, 1,000 AFY)
- Lee Farm on Schaeffer Ave (Ontario, 2,000 AFY)
- CIM Farm N Connection (Chino, 2,000 AFY)
- Bellevue Cemetery (Ontario, 220 AFY)
- Cintas I (Ontario, 120 AFY)
- Guasti Park (Ontario, 224AFY)

Total Upcoming Connections:
5,564 AFY

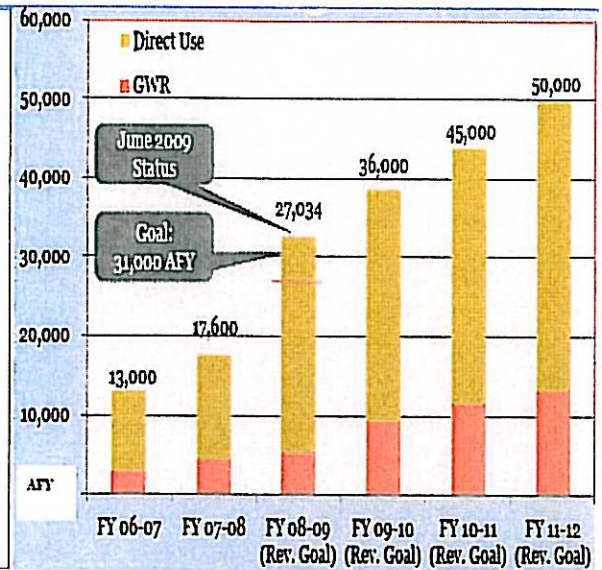
Annual Goal
31,000 AFY by June 09



Monthly Recycled Water Sales



RW Connected Demand Goals



GWR Update: RP-3 Recharge Basin:

RP-3 Basin is located in Fontana at Jurupa and Beech. The former treatment plant site was improved in 2004 and began recharging with stormwater from Decluz Channel in 2005.



The recycled water had been off line due to improvements being done to the San Sevaine Channel by the San Bernardino County Flood Control District CDPH. After receiving approved start-up protocols on May 27, 2009, delivery of recycled water started on June 2nd at a rate of 5 cfs. Recycled water is being delivered via San Sevaine Channel to Jurupa Basin. Pumping from Jurupa Basin to RP-3 Basin duration will be 6 months of 10 AF day (1800 AF).



Program Description & Financial Status

The 3 Year Business Plan

Summary: The Three Year Business Plan, that was adopted in December 2007, is to be updated annually. The update includes changes made to the IEUA FY 2008/09 Budget and the Ten Year Capital Improvement Plan (TYCIP). The goal is to connect 50,000 AFY by FY 2011/12.

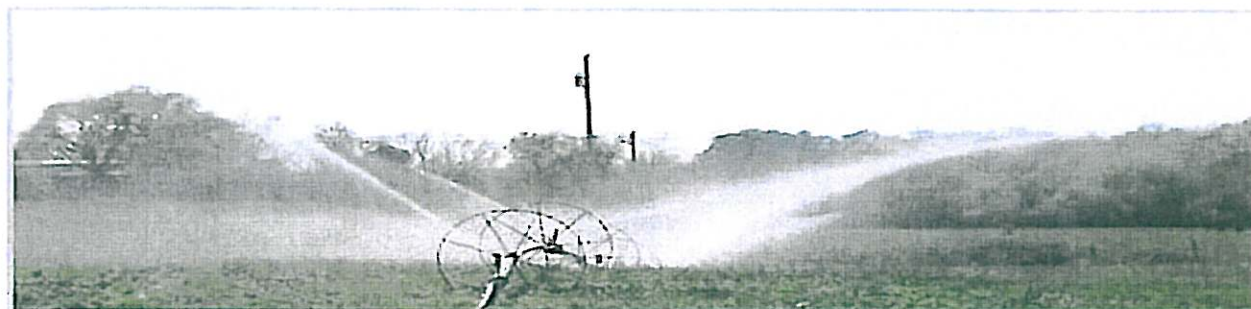
Discussion: The schedule of some Capital Projects has been delayed primarily due to the State/Federal grant (and SRF loan) approvals.

Annual Recycled Water Connection Goals

Year		Connected Demand (AFY)
1	2007/08	17,600
2	2008/09	32,594
3	2009/10	36,000
4	2010/11	45,000
5	2011/12	50,000

FUNDING DEVELOPMENTS: DWR Urban Drought Assistance

The Agency received the DWR Drought Assistance Grant for recycled water retrofits in the amount of \$1 million. The deadline for completion of the retrofit was June 30, 2009. The Agency is at present requesting that all invoices be submitted with associated progress reports to Rocky Welborn at rwelborn@ieua.org.



FUNDING DEVELOPMENTS: Stimulus Funding

Stimulus Funding: President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009 that allocated \$6 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Wastewater Projects in California will receive \$280 million dollars through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and drinking water projects in California will receive \$160 million through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. IEUA has executed funding agreements for stimulus funding for the Northeast Area Project through the CWSRF Program. Also, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has been allocated \$126 million for the Title XVI projects in the stimulus bill recently passed by Congress. IEUA is in line for \$19 million of the total appropriation through its Title XVI Recycled Water Business Plan Authorization. The President's 2009 Budget contained a \$5 million appropriation for the IEUA project and a request for these funds has been processed and the funds have been received. On April 6, 2009 IEUA submitted two applications to USBR for Title XVI stimulus funds totaling \$14 million. The breakdown of the two application were as follow:

Northeast Area Project = \$10 million
 Northwest Area Project = \$4 million
 Total = \$14 million

Applications that will be funded by Title XVI Stimulus money were announced on July 1, 2009 and IEUA was successful on both its applications, and was awarded the \$14 million.

Program Description & Financial Status

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF): The California Water Resources Control Board adopted a new CWSRF Policy at their March 17, 2009 meeting. The new policy is designed to streamline and simplify the financial aid application process. The revised policy allows financing of soft costs (design, etc) and public sector on-site retrofits as an eligible cost. Also on March 17, 2009 The California Water Resources Control Board approved a \$4.2 million grant and a \$34 million SRF Loan for IEUA's Northeast Area Project.

ASCE AWARD WINNING PROJECT

In 1996 the City of Fontana and IEUA executed an agreement defining construction of infrastructure to bring wastewater from the northeast part of the Fontana to IEUA's regional wastewater Plant No. 4 (RP-4) The City was required to construct the San Bernardino Avenue sewer system between the San Sevaine Channel and Cypress Avenue. IEUA constructed the Lift Station and Force Main connecting to RP-4.



The Pump Station design was completed in 2008 followed by construction in 2009. The project was selected by ASCE San Bernardino and Riverside Branch as Civil Engineering Project of the Year.

The completion of the project captures and conveys wastewater flows to RP-4, providing additional recycled water supplies to the communities of Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga. IEUA, together with the City of Fontana and Cucamonga Valley Water District, are planning construction of recycled water conveyance and distribution systems to utilize recycled water use in their service areas.

FUNDING DEVELOPMENTS: *Retrofit Rebates*

MWD Public Sector Retrofit Rebates: IEUA has received rebate requests totaling \$110,000 for processing through MWD. If you have not submitted your retrofit cost back-up information, please do so to insure funding availability to ghackney@ieua.org. The \$110,000 in requests are being processed and should be available when MWD finishes the audit of the program in 30 to 60 days.



Chino Basin Water Conservation District Rebates:

CBWCD also provides incentives for Public Sector Schools and Parks within its service area to help offset the costs of onsite irrigation system conversion as a result of connecting to the recycled water system. The application and program rules are available on the CBWCD website, www.cbwcd.org.

Readers who have questions should contact Gerry Foote at: gfoote@cbwcd.org.

PROJECTS IN PLANNING

Northwest Project Area: The project will design the 1630 pressure zone pipeline pump station and reservoir in the City of Upland. The project is in the preliminary design stage with anticipated design completion in Winter 2009.

Southern Project Area: The project will design the 930 pressure zone pipeline and reservoir in the City of Chino Hills. The project is in the preliminary design stage with anticipated construction completion in Winter 2010.

Central Project Area:

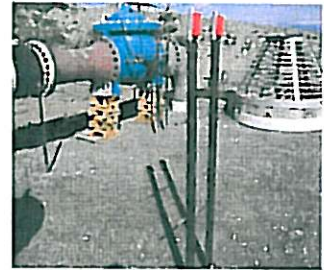
The second draft of the North Chino Master Plan is being completed by IEUA and the City of Chino.

IEUA has begun the SRF loan application process for the Wineville Avenue Extension pipeline project located in the City of Fontana.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY

PROJECTS IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- **CB-14 and CB-20, Chino Basin Facilities Improvements, Phase II (Turnout Service Pipeline Connections & SCADA Improvement Project No. TS07004.03)** : The Contractor has completed the installation of MWD CB-14 and 20. Electrical Instrumentation and testing is being conducted by MWD. Currently, with the addition of telemetry and relocation of pedestals at San Sevaine Basin, work is estimated to be completed by August with environmental restoration of San Sevaine being completed by December. At this time, telemetry reception towers at RP-1 and RP-4 are being installed.
- **Northeast Area Recycled Water Projects:** Cucamonga Valley Water District and IEUA received construction bids for the North East Area projects in the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana. These recycled water projects include the conversion of a 3.5 MG steel reservoir from domestic to recycled water; a 1200 HP Pump Station; approximately 25,000 LF of 36" diameter pipeline and 4,200 LF of 12" diameter pipeline; three monitoring wells and two lysimeters. Some of the locations benefiting from these projects include the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana public facilities; The Epicenter; Victoria Garden Shops; Bass Pro Shop; Inland Greenhouse; Stadium Plaza North; Chaffey Joint Union High School District; Foothill Crossing as well as basin groundwater replenishment. Low bids are as follows:
- **MW & Lysimeters at Victoria & San Sevaine Basins** - The design has been completed on these facilities and the permits have been received. The Facility Plan Approval for the projects has been received by IEUA. The project was advertised for construction June 2009 and a bid opening in July 2009.



CB 14 and CB 20, City of Upland



Guasti Park, Ontario

Recycled Water Operations Update:

- There were no recycled water service interruptions for the month of June.
- 1299 pump station continues to maintain a pressure set point of 85 psi and experiences less than 10 psi pressure drop when Empire Lakes Golf Course begins their irrigation cycle.
- Operators cycle 1299 HSC pumps in manual to relieve any trapped air in the system to prevent the pumps from getting air locked when they are called on.
- Two of the RP-1 1158 vertical turbine pumps and three existing VTP's at RP-4 were pulled on 5/18/09 to have impellers trimmed. They are expected to be re-installed by early July 09.
- San Bernardino Lift Station start up was on June 24th. (Flow range: <1–5.5 MGD, Average flow 3-3.5 MGD)

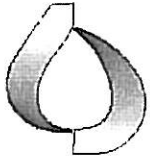


Emergency Response:
Chino Avenue, City of Chino
June 2009



Emergency Response: On Tuesday 6-16-09 at 1:00 pm a water leak was reported by Vector Control on Chino Ave approximately ¼ mile west of Cucamonga Channel. A RW Coordinator arrived on site at 2:00 pm and determined that the leak was coming from a damaged, apparently run over, below grade blow off. Estimated flow was determined to be 4 gpm and the total contained spill was approximately 2,000 gallons. The entire spill was contained in a dirt area with brush approximately 30 ft x 50 ft. The contractor arrived on site and was able to locate and isolate corp stop by 9:45 pm.

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Inland Empire
UTILITIES AGENCY

Date: July 15, 2009

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources Committee (07/15/09)

From: Richard W. Atwater
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Submitted by: Martha Davis
Executive Manager of Policy Development

Subject: June Legislative Report from Agricultural Resources

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Dave Weiman provides a monthly report on his federal activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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June 24, 2009

Legislative Report

TO: Richard W. Atwater
General Manager, Inland Empire Utility Agency

FR: David M. Weiman
Agricultural Resources
LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, IEUA

SU: Legislative Report, June 2009

Highlights:

- *Mike Connor Confirmed, Sworn In – and Finally on the Job*
- *BuRec Fails To Announce Stimulus Funds for Title XVI*
- *Unintended Consequences – BuRec Failure Impacts Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee Work – Committee Not Happy with BuRec*
- *Climate Change, Energy Legislation*
- *Drought Conditions/Water Supply*
- *IEUA Working Partners*

Mike Connor Confirmed, Sworn In – and Finally on the Job. The new Commissioner finally got confirmed in late May, and then was sworn in and was able to report to the Interior Department for “duty.” The Commissioner comes from the US Senate where he served as Counsel and Staff Director to the Water and Power Subcommittee. Connor is fully familiar with Title XVI and helped process legislation for about 20 projects – including the IEUA legislation. He knows and understands the value of Title XVI projects and the necessity to “stretch” existing and limited water supplies.

BuRec Fails to Announce Stimulus Funds for Title XVI – Again. The Corps and EPA, with a multi-billion program between them, announced their stimulus funding program and project priorities weeks ago. Hundreds if not thousands of projects are involved. By contrast, the BuRec, with a universe of about 20, maybe 30 projects, is unable to do the same.

In May, at ACWA, the Deputy Commissioner announced that the BuRec list would be announced by Memorial Day – or the end of May. It didn't happen.

Now, we approach the end of June, the BuRec Title XVI list remains unreleased. Meanwhile the President touted the “job” creation from stimulus funds, but the BuRec has been unable to move its own rather small program.

The BuRec, it appears, is busy finding reasons not to advance its approved project list. Months after enactment of the Stimulus bill, BuRec became preoccupied with generic provisions imposed by Congress. Namely, Congress stated in law (pursuant to a provision advanced by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK)) that none of the stimulus funds could be used at Indian Casinos or on golf courses. Thus, a BuRec investment in a Title XVI project that would help save significant amounts of potable water on a public golf course was statutorily denied – at least with Stimulus funds. The Coburn restriction passed, and when it did, no one in Congress recognized the potential conflict with Title XVI.

Reclamation, instead of imposing these conditions of the receipt of federal funds for an approved project instead decided that each applicant, including IEUA, would be required to “pre-certify” adherence to this provision. This decision added a new layer of paper-work and then added weeks and weeks to the process. IEUA has submitted the appropriate certification. It is NOT a problem for IEUA (but it contributed to the BuRec's delay in the announcement of projects)

Amidst all this, there has been a new game of “finger-pointing.” BuRec officials are all-but openly blaming OMB for this delay. They claim that OMB made them “pre-certify” adherence to the Stimulus. That's curious, since OMB did not require either the Corps of Engineers or the EPA to “pre-certify” adherence to the statutory restrictions.

As a result of the delays, there is growing apprehension and outright dissatisfaction with BuRec by the Water Subcommittee and various members of Congress. The term “frustrating” is repeatedly invoked on and off the Hill. Chairwoman Napolitano met with the new Commissioner and made it clear that publishing the list was a high priority. Commissioner Connor promised Chairwoman Napolitano that, by the closing days of June or the first days of July, the list would be published.

IEUA General Manager Rich Atwater, Director Comacho and local leader Ken Willis came to Washington this past month. Meetings were held with the Congressional Delegation, both Senator Offices, Chairwoman Napolitano and the new Commissioner. IEUA emphasized that we have contracts “ready to award, people ready to work and shovels ready to dig.” The IEUA

application is among those under consideration by the BuRec and funding, at some level, is expected.

Unintended Consequences – BuRec Failure Impacts Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee Work – Committee Not Happy with BuRec. In late June, the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee met, marked up the FY 2010 bill, but was unable to fund the Title XVI program. The Subcommittee was unable to assign “real numbers” to the Title XVI projects because the Bureau had yet to release its stimulus numbers. Thus, the BuRec’s failure to process stimulus funding on a timely basis now disrupted the work of the congressional funding subcommittee. The subcommittee, to deal with the situation, assigned 10-11 projects \$100,000 each, including IEUA. These are “space-holder” funding numbers, to be adjusted as appropriate after Stimulus numbers are released.

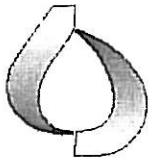
Climate Change/Energy Legislation. The Waxman-Markey Cap and Trade Climate change was brought to the House floor and passed, 219-212. An “adaptation” amendment – advanced by Rep. Lois Capps and supported by the water industry was not included in the bill, despite an effort to include it in the Manager’s Amendment. Waxman has promised hearings and consideration later this year. This bill has a long-journey before it in the Senate. It also appears that the Administration wants comprehensive health care legislation, then climate change/energy – and as a result, most believe that completion of this legislation will likely drag into 2010.

Drought Conditions and Water Supplies. The NOAA/USDA Drought Monitor reports for the past month is almost identical to 30 days ago – almost all of California remains in moderate to severe drought, from the Oregon to the Mexican border, with the severe conditions found along the Coast, and less severe conditions found inland. The worst drought condition in the West (and entire US) is found in South Texas – same as last month..

IEUA Continues to Work With Various Partners. On an on-going basis in Washington, IEUA continues to work with:

- a. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- b. Milk Producer's Council (MPC)
- c. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)
- d. Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- e. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)
- f. WaterReuse Association
- g. CALStart
- h. Orange County Water District (OCWD)
- i. Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD)
- j. Western Municipal Water District
- k. Chino Basin Watermaster

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To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources Committee (07/08/09)

From: Richard W. Atwater
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Submitted by: Martha Davis
Executive Manager of Policy Development

Subject: June Legislative Report from Geyer and Associates

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Bill Geyer and Jennifer West provide a monthly report on their state activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rich Atwater and Martha Davis
FROM: Jennifer West
DATE: June 25, 2009
RE: June Legislative Report

Budget Update

Last week lawmakers rejected the core of the Democratic-backed budget plan to close the \$24.3 billion budget deficit. Shortly after the budget bills were rejected, Controller John Chiang said he would start issuing IOUs on July 2 if a budget has not been passed. The Department of Finance has stated that these IOUs will be distributed for general fund payments to local governments for social services, private contractors, state vendors, and income and corporate tax refunds, among other things. The Legislature plans to work through the weekend to try to craft a plan to avoid the IOU scenario. Since Legislature leaders have expressed opposition to borrowing from local governments pursuant to Prop. 1A, the Department of Finance issued a statement yesterday that the \$1.98 billion that would have come from Prop 1A should be made up by 1) eliminating the state's contribution to employee health benefits and 2) eliminating the state's share of costs for the Child Welfare Services and Foster Care Programs.

Worse, the Department of Finance warned that the budget deficit continues to grow, as state revenues are now \$1.1 billion below projections for June.

Delta Hearing Proposed for July 7

The package of delta-related bills will be heard on July 7 by a joint Senate and Assembly Committee on water. The package contains the two water conservation measures, AB 49 (Feuer/Huffman) and SB 261 (Dutton/Ducheny). (see recommended positions) Other measures considered in the package are measure on the creation of Delta Conservancy and Delta governance. There have also been rumors that a water bond measure may also be included in this hearing. There are numerous versions of water bonds in the Assembly and Senate, all with Delta components.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Recommended Positions
June 25, 2009

AB 49 (Feuer/Huffman) Water Conservation – Support in Concept

Requires retail urban water suppliers to achieve a 20 percent reduction in urban per capita water use by Dec. 31, 2020. Would also require agricultural water suppliers to implement certain best management practices for water use efficiency by July 31, 2012. Sponsored by MWD and NRDC

SB 261 (Dutton/Ducheny) Water Conservation – Support in concept

Requires each urban water supplier, or regional water management group acting on behalf of the urban water supplier, to develop and implement a water use efficiency and efficient water resources management plan. Requires DWR and SWRCB, by April 1, 2010, to convene a task force to develop best management practices for commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) water uses. Sponsored by SAWPA and Western Municipal Water District

Positions
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
June 25, 2009

AB 13 (Salas) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water

Support

This bill would establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to provide policy oversight, foster implementation of, and manage funds to implement the restoration and management of habitat and lands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh, and to develop and implement projects to address the economic viability of the Delta region, consistent with a comprehensive Delta sustainability program.

AB 28 (Jeffries) Natural Gas Engines: water pumps

Status: Assembly Natural Resources –Two year bill

Support

The bill prohibits air pollution control districts and air quality management districts from restricting the use of engines powered by natural gas by a city, county, or special district, including a water district, to operate water pumps.

AB 234 (Huffman) Water/Energy Efficiency Projects

Status: Senate Energy 6/30

Support

The bill requires the CEC to coordinate with the SWRCB and local water suppliers on planning and implementation of energy efficiency actions that also can result in water use savings when using funding received pursuant to the federal stimulus package. The bill requires CEC and SWRCB to establish criteria and priorities for partnering with the water board programs and projects that have both water and energy efficiency benefits.

AB 410 (De La Torre) IRWMP Funds/Recycling

Status: Senate Environmental Quality 7/6

Support

This bill would provide that, of the \$100 million unallocated in Prop. 84 for the IRWMP, \$5,000,000 shall be made available to specified regions for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the SWRCB. This bill would refer to the statewide recycling goal as a target, and would additionally set a target to recycle a total of 1,300,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2020, and 2,000,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2030. The bill would require DWR to assess progress toward meeting that target every 5 years, based on information provided in urban water management plans.

AB 474 (Blumenfield) Contractual Assessments: Water efficiency Improvements

Status: Senate Local Government 7/1

Support

MWD Sponsored. It expands the AB 811 program to include water conservation efforts. The measure would authorize public agencies to provide upfront financing for the installation of permanently fixed water use efficiency improvements. Property owners within a designated assessment area would agree to assess themselves for associated principal, interest and administrative costs. Property owners would pay an annual assessment until costs advanced are repaid to the public agency.

AB 804 (Hall) Invasive Species: Mussels

Status: Senate Judiciary 7/7

Support

Would ensure that if a water supply system operator follow the requirements of current law to address quagga infestation, then the water entity and its employees will not be held civilly or criminally liable for the spread of quaggas.

AB 900 (DeLeon) Water Diversions

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water 7/6

Support

Will require every person who diverts water, a publically-owned resource, to measure and report diversions to the State Water Resources Control Board thus creating a baseline of water diversion information, parallel to that required of other diverters in the state.

AB 560 (Skinner) Net Energy Metering

Status: Senate Energy 6/30

Support

Increases the current cap on the amount of electricity that can be generated under the net-metering program for solar and wind generation. Currently the cap for the net metering is set at 2.5 % of each of the participating electric utilities' aggregate peak demand. This bill increases the cap to 10%.

AB 1061 (Lieu) Common Interest Development: Water Efficient Landscapes

Status: Senate Floor

Support

Sponsored by MWD. Will eliminate the ability for CIDs to prohibit, fine or assess a property owner for installing or maintaining water efficient landscaping that is in compliance with the state's model landscape ordinance, local ordinances or water conservation requirements adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 353 or 375.

AB 1366 (Feuer/Caballero/A. Strickland) Residential self-regenerating water softeners

Status: Senate Environmental Quality 7/6

IEUA Sponsor

Gives local agencies additional control over salt discharges from residential self-regenerating water softeners, consistent with the recommendations of the Water Recycling Task Force. IEUA is leading a major lobbying effort on this measure, which is

strongly opposed by the water softening industry. The bill came off the Assembly floor on a 60 yes to 14 no vote.

AB 1465 (Hill) Urban Water Management Plan

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water 7/6

Support

This bill would revise provisions relating to the information that the urban water supplier is required to include in the plan with regard to water demand management measures. The bill would require the urban water supplier to describe in the plan the opportunities for development of recycled water supplies, including opportunities for nonpotable and indirect potable reuse, and the opportunities for stormwater recapture and reuse as a long-term water supply.

AB 1520 (Evans) Statewide Watershed Program

Status: Assembly Appropriations –two year bill

Support

This bill would establish the Statewide Watershed Program as a voluntary and nonregulatory program to provide the means by which the state may provide assistance and funds to local community-based efforts in the conservation, protection, and restoration of the state's watersheds and to promote coordinated management of watersheds under the authority of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Conservation.

SB 26 (Simitian) Home Generated Pharmaceutical Waste

Status: Senate Appropriations –two year bill

Support

This bill would require the California State Board of Pharmacy to coordinate with other state agencies, local governments, drug manufacturers, and pharmacies to develop sustainable, efficient policies and programs to manage pharmaceutical wastes and the disposal of devices. The bill would authorize a pharmacy to accept the return of home-generated pharmaceutical waste and home-generated sharps waste, as defined. The measure would make local pharmaceutical waste disposal programs available for grant funding.

SB 283 (DeSaulnier) Dual Plumbing Recycled Water

Status: Assembly Appropriations

Support

Requires the Department of Water Resources, on or before July 1, 2008 and in consultation with Department of Public Health (DPH), to adopt and submit to the Building Standards Commission (BSC) regulations to establish a version of Appendix J of the Uniform Plumbing Code for California for design standards for both potable and recycled water systems.

SB 407 (Padilla) Plumbing Fixtures: High Water Use

Status: Assembly Judiciary 6/30

Support

This bill requires the owner of a property to replace high-water-using plumbing fixtures prior to any sale or transfer of the property that occurs on or after January 1, 2014.
MWD sponsored.

SB 696 (Wright) Emission Reduction Credits

Status: Senate Energy –two year bill

Support

Due to a state court CEQA decision, the SCAQMD has been forced to stop issuing any permits relying on the District's internal offset accounts. Over 1000 permits are now on hold. This bill provides a limited CEQA exemption for implementation of specific SCAQMD rules creating or providing offset from the SCAQMD's internal bank. Individual permits would not be exempted from CEQA. The bill would require SCAQMD rules to apply stringent best available control technology, air quality impact modeling and air toxics limits.

SB 802 (Leno) Retention Proceeds

Status: Assembly Business and Professions 6/30

Oppose

The bill requires that local governments reduce their payment retention amount from 10% to a 5% cap for construction projects. A large coalition of labor unions and contractors are supporting this measure.

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AB 39 (Huffman) Final Delta Vision

Status: Senate Rules

This bill requires the yet-to-be-created California Delta and Ecosystem Water Council (CDEWC) to prepare a plan to implement the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, issued by the Delta Vision Blue-Ribbon Task Force, and to submit that plan to the Legislature by January 1, 2011.

AB 231 (Huffman) Climate Protection Trust Fund

Status: Senate Environmental Quality

Requires CARB to adopt by regulation no later than March 30, 2010, after a public workshop, a schedule of fees to be paid by the sources of regulated greenhouse gas emissions regulated. The fees would go into a Legislative controlled "Climate Protection Trust Fund."

AB 300 (Caballero) Subdivisions: Water Supply

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water

This bill would require, until January 1, 2020, any city, county, or public water system preparing a water supply assessment to reduce the projected water demand for the project to an amount below the current statutory and regulatory requirements, as defined, based on the project applicant's voluntary water demand management measures, as defined. Water savings projections would be authorized to be calculated using the water savings projections adopted by the California Urban Water Conservation Council. Water savings projections for measures for which the California Urban Water Conservation Council does not have adopted findings would be required to be based on substantial evidence in the record and included in the water supply assessment adopted by the water supplier. If a project applicant proposes to use a new voluntary water reduction demand management measure that is not based on water savings projections adopted by the California Urban Water Conservation Council, the legislative body of a city or county or the advisory agency would be required to have the project applicant enter into an agreement with the water utility to implement and monitor the actual water savings over time, as specified. The public water system would be required to prepare a written report of the projected water demand versus the actual water use 5 years after the project has been fully developed. By adding to the duties of the public water system, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Sponsored by CBIA

AB 626 (Eng) IRWMP: Disadvantaged Communities

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water 7/6

Directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to achieve the 10% statewide allocation of Prop 84 implementation grants, planning grants, local groundwater assistance grants, and CALFED scientific research grants to address the critical water supply needs of disadvantaged communities required by current state law by awarding the grants for those purposes to disadvantaged communities within a hydrologic region in a total dollar amount that is equivalent to 10% of the total dollar amount of grants awarded in that region.

AB 752 (Arambula) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund: Severely Disadvantage Communities

Status: Senate Appropriations

This bill defines "severely disadvantaged community," as that term is used in relation to Chapter 6.5 of the Water Code, as a median household income that is less than 60 % of the statewide average.

AB 958 (Eng) Design-Build: Metropolitan Water Districts: Solar Energy Systems

Status: Senate Local Government 7/1

This bill would authorize a metropolitan water district to enter into design-build contracts for projects involving the design, construction, fabrication, and installation of a solar energy system in excess of \$1,000,000, in accordance with specified provisions.

AB 1100 (Duvall) Potable Reuse Demonstration

Status: Senate Health 7/1

This bill would allow the bottling of potable reuse demonstration water, as defined, to be distributed, free of charge, for educational purposes or to promote water recycling. The bill would establish specific bottling, labeling, and sanitation for potable reuse demonstration water.

AB 1187 (Huffman) Water Bond 2010

Status: Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife

Assembly Water Bond vehicle

AB 1242 (Ruskin) State Water Policy

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water 7/6

Declares the "established policy of the state" that a human being has the right to clean and accessible water on an equitable basis, that is adequate for the health and well-being of the individual and family, and that no one shall be deprived of that access or quality of water due to individual economic circumstances. Requires relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the State Department of Public Health (DPH), to employ all feasible means to implement this policy.

AB 1438 (Conway) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Status: Senate Environmental Quality 7/6

This bill would allow the Department of Public Health to establish a wellhead protection account within the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

SB 7 (Wiggins) Renewable Energy: Net Metering

Status: Senate Floor

This bill requires an electrical distribution utility or cooperative to allow eligible energy generation customers to apply for kilowatt-hour credits on net surplus electricity generated during a 24 month period.

SB 12 (Simitian) Delta

Status: Senate Appropriations 5-28

This bill creates the Delta Ecosystem and Water Council which must adopt a Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan by December 1, 2010. The bill requires the Delta Protection Commission to revise its resource protection plan to be consistent with the Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan. Requires that the general plans of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo counties and the cities within those five counties must be consistent with the Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan.

SB 301 (Florez) Water Supply Reliability and Ecosystem Recovery and Restoration Act of 2009
Status: Senate Natural Resource & Water
Senate vehicle for 2010 water bond.

SB 310 (Ducheny) Water Quality: Stormwater and Other Runoff
Status: Senate Floor

This bill would authorize a county, city, or special district that is a permittee or copermitttee under an NPDES permit for a municipal separate storm sewer system to develop a watershed improvement plan that addresses major sources of pollutants in receiving water, stormwater, urban runoff, or other surface runoff pollution within the watershed or subwatershed to which the plan applies. The regional boards would be authorized to participate in the preparation of the watershed improvement plan. The bill would authorize a county, city, or special district, or combination thereof, to impose fees on activities that generate or contribute to runoff, stormwater, or surface runoff pollution to pay the costs of the preparation of a watershed improvement plan or the implementation of a plan that is approved by a regional board if the plan will facilitate compliance with one or more water quality requirements. The bill would authorize a county, city, or special district, or combination thereof, to plan, design, implement, construct, operate, and maintain controls and facilities to improve water quality. Sponsored by CBIA.

SB 371 (Cogdill) Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009
Status: Senate Natural Resources & Water
Governor's Water Bond Proposal

SB 456 (Wolk) Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010
Status: Senate Natural Resources & Water
Water Bond proposal for 2010

SB 457 (Wolk) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
Status: Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife 7/7

This bill requires the Delta Protection Commission to review all general plans of cities and counties within the Delta, and the resource management plan, to be consistent with any new Delta management plan that may be created or adopted by the commission. This bill authorizes the commission to cover the cost of the review by imposing a per acre-foot fee on any water diversion within the Delta Watershed, and a fee on any water conveyed through or around the Delta.

SB 458 (Wolk) Conservancies: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
Status: Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife 7/7

This bill would establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to undertake various activities related to the Delta, as defined, including monitoring projects within the watershed of the delta, providing stewardship, and coordinating with other delta governance entities. The bill would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of the conservancy. The bill would create the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund in the Treasury. Moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation, for the purposes of the conservancy.

SB 565 (Pavley) Water Recycling

Status: Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife 6/30

This bill would require the state board to develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of wastewater that is annually discharged into the ocean, as of the year 2009, is recycled and put to beneficial use by the year 2030. The bill would prescribe various requirements with respect to that plan. The bill would require the state board to impose a fee on each person discharging wastewater into the ocean and would require that fee to be deposited into the Ocean Discharge Recycling Fund, which the bill would establish. The bill would authorize the state board to expend the moneys in that fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of carrying out the wastewater recycling plan. The author is considering major amendments that would gut the bill and instead require DHS to establish regulations for potable water reuse.

SB 735 (Steinberg) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010

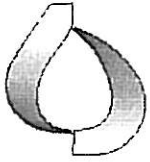
Status: Senate Natural Resources & Water and E.Q.

Senate Water Bond proposal

SB 790 (Pavley) Stormwater Management

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials 6/30

Under the Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act Clean Beaches Program, the bill authorizes grants to implement or promote low impact development that will contribute to improving water quality or reducing stormwater runoff, and to implement a stormwater management plan. Under the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, it authorizes a regional water management group to coordinate its planning activities to also incorporate stormwater management planning. Authorize a city, county, or special district (individually or jointly) to develop a stormwater management plan that meets certain requirements (e.g., be developed on a watershed basis, provide for community participation, assist in compliance with TDML implementation plans and applicable NPDES permits). Provides that a stormwater management plan must be designed to augment local water supply through infiltration, and reuse of stormwater; reestablish natural water drainage treatment and infiltration systems.



Date: July 15, 2009
To: The Honorable Board of Directors
Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (07/08/09)
From: Richard W. Atwater
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Submitted by: Martha Davis
Executive Manager of Policy Development
Subject: June Legislative Report from Innovative Federal Strategies, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Letitia White provides a monthly report on their federal activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rich Atwater and Martha Davis
IEUA

From: Letitia White, Alex Shockey and Heather McNatt

Date: June 29, 2009

Re: June Monthly Legislative Update

As always, June was a very busy and contentious month in Washington. The FY 2010 Appropriations bills began to move through the House this month, with the full House approving four of them before recessing for July 4th last Friday. House Republicans steadily protested what they claimed were restrictive floor procedures imposed on the bills, but the Democratic majority did not lose control of the proceedings. Meanwhile, the Senate's effort to move their first Appropriations bill was not successful. The Senate Appropriations Committee marked up several bills, but the Senate floor debate on the Legislative Branch bill became problematic and must continue after recess.

IEUA Summary

IEUA enjoyed a very successful month in Washington, including a productive round of meetings on the Hill and in the Agencies during the second week of June. It was our pleasure to accompany the IEUA delegation to nine meetings with Members of Congress and their staff on June 11th. Some of those Members were not aware that the Bureau had not yet released the Title XVI funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and our meetings were well-timed to highlight the ongoing delay that IEUA is enduring.

We were thrilled to share the news that IEUA is again included in the House Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The FY 2010 House mark contains \$100,000 for IEUA's project. IFS spoke with Hill staff and learned that all agencies who have applied for Title XVI funds from ARRA were funded at \$100,000 as a place holder. The Appropriations Committee staff feels that ARRA will fully fund some of the Title XVI projects. Once the Bureau announces the ARRA awards, the staff will revisit the projects and make the necessary adjustments. Needless to say, no one ever envisioned that the Bureau would be so terribly delayed in announcing their ARRA funds for Title XVI. The staff on Capitol Hill is trying to cope with a very unusual situation. For the record, it has now been over 120 days since the President signed the ARRA into law, and the mandate of the bill was to distribute money quickly for the purpose of creating jobs quickly.

Energy and Water Appropriations

On June 25, the Energy and Water Subcommittee of the House Appropriations committee approved their FY 2010 bill. It was the subcommittee's first time working with a budget from President Obama and working under a new Chairman, Ed Pastor of Arizona. The bill includes a

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little over \$1 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, which is a slight decrease from the FY 2009 enacted amount. Funding for the Army Corps of Engineers is set at \$5.5 billion. IFS is still waiting to see the full details of the bill and will alert IEUA of the specifics once they are released.

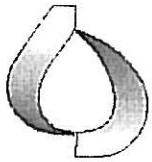
Climate Change

Just before the start of recess, the House very narrowly passed a Climate Change package by a vote of 219 to 212. Up until the last minutes, there were serious doubts that the vote would be successful. Intense negotiations and pressure from the White House helped Speaker Pelosi achieve her promised goal of passing the bill through the House before July 4th. Until late last week, Agriculture Committee Chairman Peterson was the biggest roadblock. But a deal reached on Thursday with agriculture interests cleared the way for passage.

The cap and trade scheme outlined by the bill will allow industry and other greenhouse gas emitters to purchase and trade allowances to continue releasing gasses into the environment. There is ongoing debate about the ultimate price tag of the bill. The massively complicated legislation was too long for most Members to read before the vote was called; and the CBO cost estimate changed on the night before the vote because of last minute adjustments from the Rules Committee. The Senate version of the climate change bill is scheduled to move through committee during July.

July Outlook

We expect July to be a hectic month with many late nights and Friday sessions which will be necessary to complete all the goals the Congress has set. Chairman Inouye of the Senate Appropriations Committee wants to move all of his remaining bills through committee, while Chairman Obey on the House side wants to pass all of his through the floor. Both chambers also want to move forward with controversial and complicated health care overhaul legislation. Finally, the Senate will probably spend a great deal of time on the Supreme Court nomination of Sonia Sotomayor. As always, we will keep you posted on news critical to your agenda.



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RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Michael Boccadoro provides a monthly report on the Dolphin Group's activities on behalf of the Chino Basin/Optimum Basin Management Program Coalition.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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June 25, 2009

To: Chino Basin/OBMP Coalition
From: Michael Boccadoro
President
RE: June Status Report



Please find attached the status report from The Dolphin Group for the month of June 2009.

Nearly six weeks after voters roundly rejected a series of ballot measures to address the state's ongoing budget crisis, the Legislature continues to struggle to close the \$24 billion budget shortfall projected for the 2009-10 fiscal year. In contrast to the agreements that occurred last February, this time Governor Schwarzenegger has clearly stated this time that increased taxes will not be part of any solution he endorses.

However, many pundits are inclined to believe that this renewed "anti-tax" stance of the Governor may not include increased fees for a variety of state services, as some Democratic leaders have proposed. Over the last few weeks, a conference committee of key Senators and Assemblymembers have been meeting almost daily to review a number of the Governors proposals. However, few major decisions have been reached other than rejecting the Governor's proposal to borrow \$2 billion in local government property tax revenues under the 2004 Proposition 1A program.

As a result of the ongoing budget issues, very few other major policy discussions have met with much success this session. In fact, this year saw a relatively limited number of measures pass out of their house of origin prior to the legislative deadline on June 5, 2009. Among these few measures was SB 32, a measure supported by IEUA. Legislative leaders are still hoping to turn their attention to a comprehensive water solution once the budget is finalized.

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ENERGY/REGULATORY

Stimulus Dollars Start to Seep Out

On June 17, the California Energy Commission released a brief overview of the status of numerous programs designed to disperse millions of dollars of federal stimulus dollars for energy-related projects. Although a few details have emerged regarding how funding will be allocated, the application process and eligible projects remain unknown.

The CEC estimates that California will be eligible for approximately \$1.2 billion in allocations from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the largest portions being dedicated to two specific programs:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program \$351 million

The vast majority of these funds, \$302 million will be awarded directly to large cities and counties by the federal government and the allocations to these agencies have been released.

Of the remaining funds, \$30 million will be available to smaller cities and counties through the CEC. The remaining \$20 million may be expended at the CEC's discretion, but no process or application has been released yet by the Commission. The CEC is continuing discussions with stakeholders on developing this process.

State Energy Program \$226 million

The SEP funds are for the purposes of supporting various programs in residential, commercial, transportation, industrial and agricultural energy efficiency and renewable energy research.

The state application process to access these funds is still being developed and has not yet been released.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Continuing its fourth budget negotiation process in the past 12 months, the California Legislature appears far from resolving the \$24 billion shortfall. But as the end of June approaches, so does the need to resolve it quickly.

According to State Controller John Chiang, the state of California is expected to run out of cash on July 29. Without a balanced state budget in place, it will be nearly impossible for the state to borrow short-term funds needed to pay the state's bills. Because of the lead time required to solicit lenders and secure cash, Chiang insisted that the Legislature needed to have a budget in place by June 15. As the end of June approached, however, they still remain deadlocked.

Citing the rejection of numerous budget-related propositions in the May Special Election, Republicans appear more united than ever to opposing any tax increase. On the other hand, Democrats have resigned themselves to significant budget cuts, but have continued to push for new revenues in the form of taxes and fees.

Meanwhile, the Governor's office has remained fairly disengaged from the budget development process. In the past, many of these negotiations have occurred among the "Big 5" (i.e. the Governor and leaders of both parties from the Senate and Assembly). However, this time the Legislature alone appears to be taking the lead with the Governor happy to wield his veto leverage.

Throughout June, legislative budget committees held numerous hearings, where they amended and revised the Governor's most recent budget proposal. One of the most significant developments was the bipartisan rejection of the Governor's plan to borrow \$2 billion in property taxes from local governments under 2004's Proposition 1A. However, many observers still believe that Proposition 1A borrowing remains on the table as discussions move forward.

The last week in June has been spent largely on "drills", as the Democratic leadership demanded floor votes on tax increases that Republicans flatly oppose. The result, as expected, was that no substantive budget measures were approved after days of debate.

Following these drills, it is expected that leaders will again return to the bargaining table in an attempt to find the two-thirds vote necessary in each house to resolve the crisis. In the Senate, that will require at least two Republican votes, while in the Assembly (which has one vacancy in a strongly Democratic district) a minimum of four Republican votes will be required.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As June 5 was the last day for both the Senate and Assembly to pass bills out of their house of origin, the first week of the month was relatively busy as both chambers held numerous floor sessions to consider measures already approved by policy committees. However, given the budget crisis and the few measures that survived the appropriations committees, there was much less work than usual at this time of year.

SB 32 (Negrete-McLeod) was approved by the Senate on a unanimous 34-0 vote. The bill is co-sponsored by IEUA, and will expand and improve the existing feed-in tariff (FiT) programs created by AB 1969 (Yee – 2006), another measure that was sponsored by IEUA.

Major Legislation

Prior to being approved by the Senate, SB 32 was amended in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Chair of this committee, Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) previously served as Chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee, and remained involved in energy issues. The recent amendments place an additional obligation on the CPUC to ensure that the price paid under the FiT (the market price referent – MPR) is limited by market forces, as well as preclude the CPUC from approving any other forms of FiTs except for those allowed under this law. The utilities, solar industry and other sponsors such as IEUA are continuing discussions to address these recent amendments.

CA SB 32	AUTHOR:	Negrete McLeod [D]
	TITLE:	Renewable Electric Generation Facilities.
	LAST AMEND:	06/02/2009
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
	HEARING:	07/06/2009 3:00 pm
	SUMMARY:	Requires an electrical corporation to file with the Public Utilities Commission a standard tariff for electricity purchased from an electric generation facility located within the service territory of, and developed to sell electricity to, the electric corporation. Requires the facility to have a specified effective capacity. Amends provisions regarding owners, payments by a market price referent, peak demand, expedited interconnection procedures, net metering, rate-payer funded incentives and contracts.
	Position:	Support
CA AB 560	AUTHOR:	Skinner [D]
	TITLE:	Net Energy Metering
	LAST AMEND:	04/16/2009
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
	HEARING:	06/30/2009 9:00 am
	SUMMARY:	Requires that the standard contract or tariff for net energy metering be offered

on a first-come-first-served basis until the time that the total rated generating capacity used by customer-generators exceeds a 10% of an electric distribution utility or cooperative's peak demand. The current level is 2.5%.

Position: Support

CA AB 920

AUTHOR: Huffman [D]
TITLE: Solar and Wind Distributed Generation
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 07/07/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Revises provisions of the Public Utilities Act regarding electric utilities and solar and wind distributed generation. Relates to standard contracts and tariffs between the utility and customer-generators. Relates to net energy surpluses counting towards the utility's renewable portfolio standard purchasing requirements.

Position: Watch

RPS Legislation

There are three measures related to increasing the state renewable portfolio standard (RPS) from 20% to 33%. This goal has already been established by an Executive Order from Governor Schwarzenegger, as well as adopted by the California Air Resources Board, as a major strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, it has yet to be formally adopted by the Legislature. The three measures differ in terms of the regulation of local public utilities, as well as how they address specific compliance mechanisms. It is expected that the three measures will ultimately be reconciled as they move through the legislative process.

CA AB 64

AUTHOR: Krekorian [D]
TITLE: Renewable Energy Resources: Generation and Transmission
LAST AMEND: 05/06/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Recasts the renewables portfolio standard program to require that a retail seller and a local publicly owned electric utility procure specified percentages of its electricity from renewable resource. Relates to tariffs filed by electrical corporations for energy purchased from small-scale renewable source facilities. Provides for renewable energy designation and transmission corridor zones. Establishes the Energy Planning and Infrastructure Coordinating Committee. Imposes duties on the Energy Commission.

Position: Watch

CA SB 14

AUTHOR: Simitian [D]
TITLE: Utilities: Renewable Energy Resources
LAST AMEND: 03/24/2009

DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
SUMMARY:

Revises the requirement for retail sellers of electricity to meet and exceed a specified percentage of their procurement targets from renewable energy resources. Requires an accounting system to verify compliance by retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities to comply with the renewables portfolio standards program. Relates to Public Utility Commission and Independent System Operator responsibilities under the program. Relates to thermal energy facilities certification. Requires reports.

Position: Watch

CA SB 805

AUTHOR: Wright [D]
TITLE: Energy: Renewable Energy Sources: Procurement
LAST AMEND: 05/04/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:

Revise the renewables portfolio standard. Requires each retail seller, in order to fulfill long-term resource needs, to increase its total procurement of eligible renewable energy resources so that a certain percentage are procured from eligible renewable energy resources. Requires an electrical corporation to procure a minimum quantity of electricity from such resources. Provides that the cost limitation on electrical corporations shall be a percentage of the annual revenue requirement. **This measure was not approved by the house of origin as of the deadline for this session, and cannot be further considered this year without an exception to legislative rules.**

Position: Watch

Other Energy Legislation

CA AB 45

AUTHOR: Blakeslee [R]
TITLE: Distributed Generation: Small Wind Energy Systems
LAST AMEND: 06/10/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Second Reading File
SUMMARY:

Authorizes a local agency to provide for the installation of small wind energy systems and to establish a process for the issuance of conditional use permits for these systems. Authorizes the agency to impose conditions on the installation. Provides an application approval process for a local agency which has not established such permit process. Authorizes a local agency to require a system be removed if it is inoperable for a specified period of time, and the system would be subject to nuisance codes.

Position: Watch

CA AB 46

AUTHOR: Blakeslee [R]
TITLE: Energy: Energy Conservation Assistance
LAST AMEND: 03/31/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending

COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Amends the provisions of existing law that provides for the administration of the State Energy Conservation Assistance Account that provides grants and loans to local governments and public institutions for energy use savings. Extends the operation of those provisions. Extends the financial assistance program and the Local Jurisdiction Energy Assistance Account that provides loans to local jurisdictions for energy projects.

Position: Watch

CA AB 51

AUTHOR: Blakeslee [R]
TITLE: Electrical Corporation Energy Efficiency Programs
LAST AMEND: 06/01/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to limit the administrative costs for energy efficiency programs administered by electrical corporations.

Position: Watch

CA AB 162

AUTHOR: Ruskin [D]
TITLE: Disclosure of Sources of Electrical Generation
LAST AMEND: 06/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that establishes a program under which entities offering electric services disclose information on the sources of energy that are used to provide such services. Defines the term unspecified sources of power for disclosure requirements. Changes reporting requirements from quarterly to annually. Amends other details regarding disclosures and eliminates certain reporting requirements. Provides that meeting disclosure requirements is compliance with renewables reporting requirements.

Position: Watch

CA AB 210

AUTHOR: Hayashi [D]
TITLE: Green Building Standards
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:

Specifies that the requirements and regulations that a city or county is authorized to change or modify building standards includes, but is not limited to, green building standards.

CA AB 222

AUTHOR: Adams [R]
TITLE: Energy: Biofuels
LAST AMEND: 05/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am

SUMMARY:

Modifies the definition of in-state renewable electricity generation facility under the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Program to include a facility that uses conversion at a biorefinery. Amends the definition of solid waste facility under the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 to include a biorefinery. Authorizes a locality to include solid waste diverted to a biorefinery in meeting a requirement to divert solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting.

Position: Watch

CA AB 228

AUTHOR: Huffman [D]
TITLE: Energy: Outdoor Lighting Efficiency
LAST AMEND: 04/20/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt minimum energy efficiency standards for outdoor lighting that would achieve a specified reduction in energy consumption. Eliminates the requirement that the Commission consult with the Department of Transportation to ensure that those standards are compatible with the Department's policies and standards for safety and illumination levels on state highways.

CA AB 413

AUTHOR: Fuentes [D]
TITLE: Energy: Rates
LAST AMEND: 06/01/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Prohibits the Public Utility Commission from requiring or permitting an electrical corporation to employ mandatory or default time-variant pricing for residential customers. Authorizes the commission to allow such corporation to offer customers the option of receiving service pursuant to such pricing under certain conditions. Requires the establishment of a CARE program for electricity and gas customer assistance with specified requirements. Relates to charges for baseline quantities or electricity.

Position: Watch

CA AB 828

AUTHOR: Lieu [D]
TITLE: Green Building Standards
LAST AMEND: 05/21/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Requires the Buildings Standards Commission and other state agencies proposing green building standards to seek input from other agencies and specified groups. Requires any agency providing input to recommend whether the standard should be voluntary or mandatory. Requires that approved green

building standards be inserted into the Building Standards Code. Authorizes the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and adopt voluntary energy efficiency standards.

Position: Watch

CA AB 958

AUTHOR: Eng [D]
TITLE: Design-build: Metropolitan Water District
LAST AMEND: 04/20/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Local Government Committee
HEARING: 07/01/2009 9:30 am
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to enter into design-build contracts for projects involving the design, construction, fabrication, and installation of a solar energy system.

Position: Watch

CA AB 1536

AUTHOR: Blakeslee [R]
TITLE: Clean Technology Incentive Program
LAST AMEND: 05/06/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
HEARING: 06/30/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to administer the clean technology incentive program for distributed generation until a specified date for the purpose of deploying distributed generation technologies that the commission determines require ratepayer incentives to achieve commercialization and produce benefits for ratepayers commensurate with their contribution to program costs. Authorizes incentives to be provided pursuant to the program for energy storage facilities meeting certain requirements.

Position: Watch

CA SB 7

AUTHOR: Wiggins [D]
TITLE: Renewable Energy Sources: Tariff: Net Metering
LAST AMEND: 05/05/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
HEARING: 07/06/2009 3:00 pm
SUMMARY:

Relates to the Public Utilities Act, which imposes various duties and responsibilities on the Public Utilities Commission. Relates to a standard contract or tariff for net energy metering. Requires an electricity distribution utility or cooperative to allow an eligible customer-generator to apply net surplus electricity as a credit for kilowatthours consumed us a specified formula. Provides a requirement for related information to be added to a commission report regarding energy metering.

Position: Watch

CA SB 17

AUTHOR: Padilla [D]
TITLE: Electricity: Smart Grid Systems

LAST AMEND: 05/05/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
HEARING: 06/22/2009 3:00 pm
SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to determine the requirements for a smart grid deployment plan consistent with the policies set forth in federal law. Requires that the smart grid improve overall efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of electrical system operations, planning, and maintenance. Requires each electrical corporation to develop and submit a smart grid deployment plan to the Commission. Authorizes deployment of the plan. Requires related reports by the commission.

Position: Watch

CA SB 412

AUTHOR: Kehoe [D]
TITLE: Electricity: Self-Generation Incentive Program
LAST AMEND: 05/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Energy Commission to require the collection of funding for the self-generation incentive program for nonsolar distributed generation resources to a certain date. Requires the commission to extend the program until all funds have been allocated as incentives. Limits the eligibility for incentives to distributed generation resources that will support the state's goals for reduction of greenhouse gas.

Position: Watch

CA SB 581

AUTHOR: Leno [D]
TITLE: Hetch Hetchy Water and Power
LAST AMEND: 06/17/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
HEARING: 06/22/2009 3:00 pm
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to elect to designate specific renewable electricity generation facilities at-site renewable generation as Hetch Hetchy Water and Power remote renewable generation. Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to elect to designate specific renewable facilities or a portion of specific renewable electricity generation facilities. Requires PG&E to accept any electricity exported to the grid by such renewable generation.

Position: Watch

CA SB 605

AUTHOR: Ashburn [R]
TITLE: California Environmental Quality Act: Biogas Pipelines
LAST AMEND: 05/04/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
SUMMARY:

Relates to the Environmental Quality Act that provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects including a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation,

replacement, or removal of an existing pipeline. Provides that for purposes of that exemption, pipeline means a pipeline located in specified counties, that is used to transport biogas, and meets the existing requirements for the exemption and all local, state, and federal laws.

Position: Watch

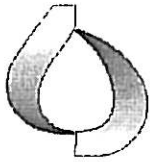
CA SB 696

AUTHOR: Wright [D]
TITLE: CEQA Exemptions: Emission Reduction Credits
INTRODUCED: 02/27/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:

Exempts from the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Act, the adoption and implementation of specified air pollution control district or air quality management district rules relating to emission credits. Provides exceptions.

Position: Watch

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Date: July 15, 2009

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources Committee (07/08/09)

From: Richard W. Atwater
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Submitted by: Sondra Elrod
Public Information Officer

Subject: Public Outreach and Communications

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

Calendar of Events

July 2009

- **July 22**, Conservation presentation to Chino Kiwanis Club, Chino Community Building, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

August 2009

- **August 20**, BIA, San Bernardino Water Conference, Ontario Convention Center.

October 2009

- **October 1**, Project WET Workshop, Cucamonga Valley Water District, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **October 24**, Regional Water Fair, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **October 26**, Project Webfoot Workshop, IEUA, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Outreach/Educational Inland Valley Daily Bulletin Newspaper Campaign

The 5 tips on ways to help conserve water ad will appear in the Daily Bulletin on the first Sunday of each month. The May Water Awareness two-page advertisement ran on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

Water Conservation Outreach

IEUA is continuing to work with conservation partners to plan the Regional Conservation message. The new slogan is *Saving Water...It's the Right Thing to Do*.

IEUA is working on putting together meetings with our service clubs to talk about the drought. Martha Davis is scheduled to make a presentation to the Chino Kiwanis Club on July 22.

IEUA staff attended MWD's hosted legislative breakfasts for Assembly Member Torres and Senator Huff.

GIES program school sites are being completed during the summer with dedications taking place in the fall during the schools back-to-school nights.

Beginning June 12 and running through October 18, IEUA will be running MWD's 30 second conservation ad on 71 screens in our local movie theatres. It is expected that the message will be seen by approximately 2,000 people each week or about 1.4 million people over the 18 week schedule.

Regional Conservation Outreach Campaign

- Ongoing monthly 1/4 page ads in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Champion Newspaper, Fontana Herald News, La Opinion, and Inland Empire Magazine.
- Ongoing water wise gardening classes.
- 30 second PSA's on community TV/movie theaters/radio/internet with conservation tips
- Billboards.

Agency Tours

During the month of June, staff provided a few tours of the HQ. Numerous tours of the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park were provided by SAWA.

Educational Updates

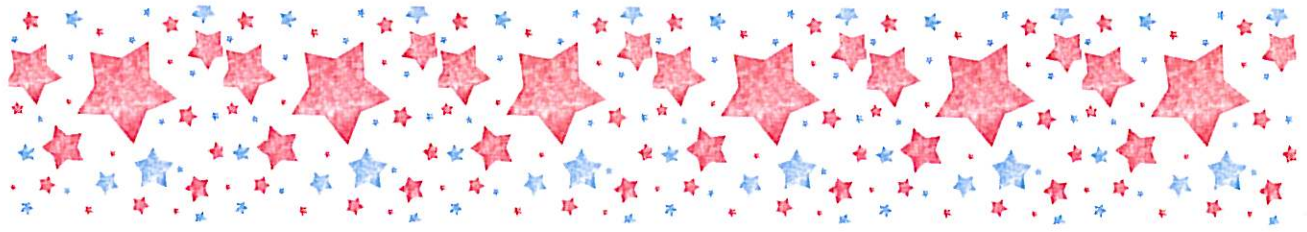
- On June 15-23, IEUA hosted MWD's Traveling Art Show. Out of hundreds of entries, a total of 36 were chosen to be placed in the calendar from MWD's service area. Two posters were placed in the calendar from IEUA's service area: one from Monte Vista Water District and one from Cucamonga Valley Water District.
- The Water Education Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC) has begun planning for the garden that is placed at the Pomona Fairplex during the LA County Fair.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

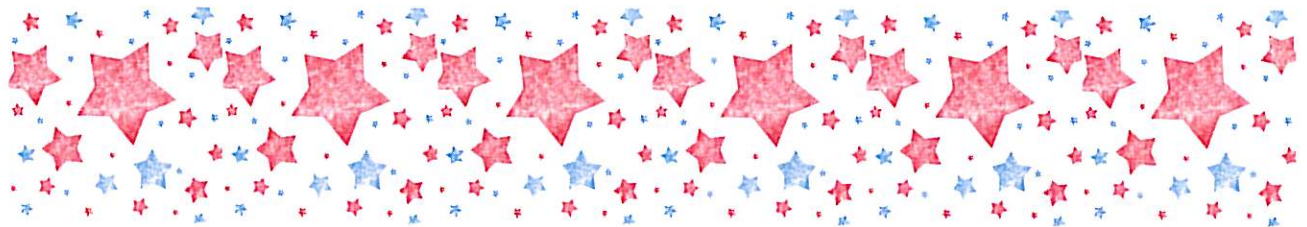
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IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles



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Rancho Cucamonga water agency encourages residents to make a 5 percent water reduction

Wendy Leung, Staff Writer

Created: 06/03/2009 05:00:44 PM PDT
RANCHO CUCAMONGA - Residents should not think they are immune to mandatory water restrictions just because they don't live in Los Angeles.

The ongoing drought is a regional and statewide problem, and officials contend stringent measures here are on the horizon.

Restrictions on sprinklers and other outdoor usage began this week in an effort to cut Los Angeles' water rate by 15 percent.

The Cucamonga Valley Water District is encouraging responsible practices such as using shutoff nozzles on hoses and repairing leaks.

The district is also requiring restaurants to serve water only on request and requiring hotels to offer guests the option to not wash linens on a daily basis.

These new measures are part of ordinance 47, passed in May to stop wasteful practices such as hosing down driveways.

Repeated violation of the ordinance could result in a fine of \$50 or more.

But Robert DeLoach, general manager of the water district, said officials have no intention of fining residents.

"It's early," DeLoach said. "Even those people violating, we'll knock on their doors and say, 'Hey, you may not be aware of (the ordinance,) we'll be able to help you.'"

The district's latest measures also include a voluntary conservation goal of 5 percent.

DeLoach said most households will be able to meet the 5 percent goal.

"People are already conserving, they're starting to get the message," DeLoach said. "I think 5 percent is a no-brainer."

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Give us a year and we can cut 10 percent without breaking a sweat."

Officials said they believe if we get another dry year this winter, tougher measures - such as mandatory conservation and limiting outdoor watering for two or more days - will go into effect.

On Tuesday, the water board and City Council held a joint workshop to discuss future phases of water restriction.

Ordinance 48, an emergency plan to cut usage by 50 percent in stages, will be considered by the water board June 23.

The first phase of the emergency plan would start with mandatory conservation by 10 percent and escalates to a severe water emergency stage, in which no outdoor watering would be allowed for four or more days out of the week.

To learn more about ordinances 47 and 48, visit www.ccdwater.com.

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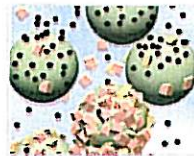
Culligan lobbies hard as water softeners become a drought issue

The company is fighting a state Assembly bill that would let regulators ban devices that discharge salt into municipal sewer lines, rendering water difficult to recycle.

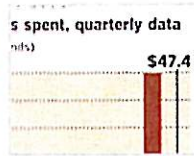
By Marc Lifsher
June 26, 2009

Reporting from Sacramento -- Government bureaucrats want your water softener.

The Culligan Man is fighting back.



Using salt to soften water



Culligan lobbying

The company behind the renowned "Hey Culligan Man!" advertising campaign of the 1950s has launched a political and public relations offensive to kill a bill targeting its signature product.

That proposal would allow regulators to ban conventional water softeners that discharge salt into municipal sewer lines. The mineral makes it tough for sanitation districts to clean and reuse their sewage, which is an increasingly crucial source of irrigation water in drought-plagued California.

The bill pits giant Culligan International Co. and smaller water-softener manufacturers and their dealers against a broad coalition of interests that includes California cities, water districts, big farming groups, chicken ranchers and even the golfing industry.

"It's a water-quality issue," said Mike McCullough, the director of environment and water resources for the Northern California Golf Assn. "If you have better-quality recycled water, obviously the turf can respond accordingly."

But Culligan, based in Rosemont, Ill., contends that it's not to blame for California's water woes. It's portraying the legislation as

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It's "an unprecedented step to take something from your home that you legally purchased to better the quality of your life," said Culligan General Counsel Susan Bennett. The privately held firm, which does not divulge sales figures, is by far the largest player in the California market.

The industry is running ads, including a recent full page in the Sacramento Bee, showing a man in a business suit wielding a plumber's wrench and a briefcase, ostensibly to rip the water softener from the utility closet of a hapless homeowner.

"The Sacramento Politicians are at it again. They're back to try and take your water softener away," the ad warns ominously, directing readers to visit www.savemysoftener.com.

Industry officials said they hoped the campaign would help customers avoid what happened to Vern Crawford, a retired Santa Clarita carpenter, who had to yank out his water softener after a local ordinance made it illegal.

"I do think it's a little unfair to target just the soft-water people," he said.

Dollars at stake

Water softening is a \$500-million annual business in California. Units can cost about \$2,300 plus periodic servicing. One in 10 Golden State homes, or an estimated 1 million households, have them.

The industry has made \$117,000 in political campaign contributions since 2000. It gave \$1,000 to one of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's committees in April 2008. The governor last year vetoed legislation seeking to regulate water softeners.

Proponents of the current bill aren't amused by the industry's cheeky campaign. They say decommissioning of existing units would be a last resort and that homeowners would be compensated. Consumers, they note, still have access to alternative water-softening systems that do not pollute rivers with salt.

"It's hyperbole. Clearly, it's a very reckless and irresponsible attempt to engender fear at the expense of . . . a very important issue," said Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles), the author of the legislation, AB 1366.

The matter has been bubbling for years as California finds it ever harder to satisfy the demands of thirsty cities, farmers and endangered fish species. Drought and climate change are reducing water supplies throughout the Southwest.

Water districts across California are under pressure to "recycle" sewage and runoff that they used to dispose of. The sanitized wastewater can be used for irrigation, groundwater recharge and even drinking water if the sewage is thoroughly cleaned.

But water treatment is expensive. Water softeners are adding to the burden.

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Claremont meets over water company purchase while utility says it isn't interested in selling

Wes Woods II, Staff Writer

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CLAREMONT - While the City Council met in closed session Tuesday night about possibly buying the Golden State Water Co., a water official said Wednesday his company is not in favor of any purchase.

"Golden State Water Co. provides exceptional water service to the residents and businesses in Claremont at competitive rates," said Alice Shiozawa, district manager for the foothill district. "We do not believe the city's ongoing consideration of purchasing the water system is in the best interests of the community."

No action was taken Tuesday night despite the council meeting in closed session both before and after the regular council session.

Nonetheless, Claremont officials will continue talking about the issue for the next couple of months "at least," said Councilman Sam Pedroza.

"The important point is we're seriously talking about it," Pedroza said.

Golden State, whose Claremont office is at 915

W. Foothill Blvd., Suite E, is a public utility and a wholly owned subsidiary of San Dimas-based American States Water Co.

City Manager Jeff Parker said the council had previously met with Golden State officials in 2004 and 2005 discussed a purchase price, when the water company was known as Southern California Water.

Parker said he had seen letters that put a city consultant's estimate of the company's value at \$40 million while the company's estimate was \$100 million.

An American States Water Co. report said "GSWC disagrees with the consultant's valuation assessment. As of Dec. 31, 2008, management believes that the fair market value of the Claremont water system exceeds the \$40.9 million recorded net book value and also exceeds the consultant's estimates of its value."

Councilwoman Linda Elderkin said her biggest concern was "so many residents think they want us to acquire the water company to bring the rates down, and I think it's been made clear from so many sources that it wouldn't happen for a long time. Eventually, the long-term rates would go down. In the short term, we can not do better than Golden State."

Pedroza said regardless of the outcome for purchasing the water company, the city will continue to fight water rate increases through the California Public Utilities Commission process.

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"We're going through the whole process of fighting," Pedroza said.

Elderkin said the city will "consult with their attorney, examine the situation from many points of view and make a decision on if it's appropriate to do more than we've done or take it off the table."

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Chino water, sewer rate increase approved by City Council

Neil Nisperos, Staff Writer

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CHINO - The City Council has approved a increase in its water and sewer rates, raising the average home's costs by about \$4.38 a month starting July 1.

It will increase \$5.18 more per month in the 2009-10 fiscal year, according to a city finance report.

This year's rate increases include \$1.08 for every 748 gallons of water and \$1.17 the next year. The current rate is \$0.9863 for every 748 gallons.

The rates being proposed are largely the result of increases from third-party suppliers, such as Metropolitan Water District and Inland Empire Utilities Agency, said Rob Burns, city deputy director of finance.

About 63 public protest letters regarding the fee hikes were submitted to the city and a few residents spoke out

during public comment.

Waste Management does not plan to increase household trash-collection fees. Services are expected to remain at \$22.12 this year, although an increased charge is proposed next year.

Chino resident Erica Darplee disputed the city's utility rates, saying she pays \$65 a month for utilities at her townhome, while her friends, who live in a large home in Chino, pay "only \$18 more than mine," while many of the charges for water availability, sewer and storm drain fees are the same.

"How does the city or the (Inland Empire Utilities Agency) justify charging the same fees to residents in condos, as they do to residents who live on large lots with yards, pools, horses and other amenities that I cannot physically have," she said.

Darplee's water use amounts to \$2.96 a month, or 4.5 percent of her total bill, while "\$43.33 of my bill (66 percent) results from these other flat charges."

"I feel like the City has forced me to dine out once a month with the community ... (and) they want me to split the check evenly," she said.

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The proposed water rate increases come as the continuing statewide drought has led to higher imported-water costs from agencies, including the MWD. Officials are anticipating more rate increases from water suppliers in the near future.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency sewage treatment service is at \$9.62 for a single-family household and \$6.73 for a multifamily household.

The proposed sewer rates for single-family units are \$10.75 for 2009 and \$11.29 for the next year. The multifamily charges per household are proposed at \$7.52 and \$7.90.

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Legislature

Fix the budget, then fix water

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Among the many competing messages out of Sacramento as state government tries to close a \$24 billion budget deficit, one is very hard to argue with.

That's local Assemblyman Bill Emmerson's call for the Legislature to suspend all other business until the budget mess is sorted out.

Emmerson, R-Rancho Cucamonga, proposed in a point of view on this page last week that both houses of the Legislature suspend work immediately on all legislative work that does not pertain to balancing the budget or to economic stimulus. He suggested, rightly, that legislators should "bring the full force of the Legislature to bear upon what is surely our greatest challenge in decades."

It seems an obvious move in such desperate times, when proposals include snatching the safety net out from under California's poor, and wrecking the

college dreams of many graduating high-schoolers and dimming the state's future by eliminating Cal Grants and slashing funding for public universities and community colleges. Clearly, weighing such steps requires the complete concentration of every elected state official and all their staff members. Let other proposed rules and regulations wait until this fiscal mess is settled.

We would go one step further by advising that the Legislature - after it closes the budget gap and staves off the impending state cash shortage - bring something close to its full force to bear on a huge issue that's not getting enough attention because of the fiscal fiasco: Water.

On Thursday, a federal agency issued directives that water officials estimate will reduce deliveries to farmers and urban water users by 5 percent to 7 percent a year, in order to restore salmon runs through the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta. That's on top of previous federal court rulings that restrict water pumping from the delta by up to 40 percent to preserve the delta smelt.

Earlier in the week, the Delta Vision Foundation issued a report card for the

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governor and Legislature: they got an incomplete grade for their failure to make headway on the foundation's recommendations to sustain the Delta ecosystem and secure the state's water delivery system.

The foundation, then called the governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, released its Delta Vision Strategic Plan in October. It's a well-researched and well-balanced plan, as we've written before. The state's leaders would be well-advised to act quickly to implement the task force proposals, but so far there is just wheel-spinning.

Right now, there's nothing more important than fixing the budget. But beyond that immediate and very short-term need, there's nothing more important to California's long-term future than fixing the state's water delivery system.

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