



Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)

Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is a municipal water district that distributes imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and provides municipal / industrial wastewater collection and treatment services to more than 700,000 people within a 242-square-mile area in the western portion of San Bernardino County, California. IEUA provides service to the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as the Cucamonga Valley and Monte Vista Water Districts and the Water Facilities Authority.

IEUA was formed in 1950 as the Chino Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) and joined Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the same year. In 1998 CBMWD changed its name to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to reflect changes in the District's mission. IEUA's supplemental water comes from both imported water and recycled water.

The wastewater treatment facility consists of domestic and industrial disposal systems and energy recovery and production facilities. The agency is also a biosolids and fertilizer treatment provider and remains a leader in protecting the quality of the area's groundwater.

In 2002 IEUA made history by becoming the first public agency to obtain a Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit trade organization that promotes sustainability in how buildings are designed, built, and operated. The LEED rating system promotes the green building industry.

In 2008 the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park opened to the public. The park is located at the IEUA headquarters adjacent to the LEED Platinum buildings. Among many other things, the park features: 1.7 miles of trails, 22 acres of habitat, six connecting wetland ponds used for tertiary treatment of grey water before it is sent out to the Chino Creek. About one million gallons of recycled water flow through the wetlands each day.

The SAWPA Connection

SAWPA's Chair Terry Catlin has served on IEUA's Board of Directors since January 1996 and SAWPA Commissioner Angel Santiago was elected to IEUA's Board of Directors in 2002.

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