



**Media Alert:
April 8, 2009**

Emergency Drought Press Conference

With the Governor declaring that California is officially in a drought, and the likelihood of Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors April 14, 2009 decision to implement its Water Supply Allocation Plan with shortage allocation, which would become effective July 1, 2009, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), in partnership with the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Montclair, Upland, the Monte Vista Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company and the San Antonio Water Company are holding a press conference on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, on the urgency of water conservation.

"The Inland Empire Utilities Agency and its local water agencies are asking residents to focus on outdoor water conservation," stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "Up to 70% of our water use is for outdoor purposes and IEUA and its local water agencies have identified 5 easy ways to conserve," continued Catlin.

- Water in the pre-dawn or early morning hours and **save 25 gallons each day.**
- Stop runoff and overspray from outdoor watering and **save 500 gallons of water per month.** Any cycle over 5 minutes may result in runoff. Re-adjust watering schedules to allow for two shorter cycles with 30 to 45 minutes in between and **save 15 to 25 gallons of water per minute.**
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off sidewalks and driveways and **save 150 gallons or more each time.**
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads and **save 500 gallons a month.**
- Talk with your family and friends about saving water - **priceless.**

"We may be facing mandatory conservation and water rationing," stated IEUA Vice President Angel Santiago, who represents IEUA on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors. "Now is the time to get serious. The water we save today, is the water we'll need next year!"

What: Press Conference
Where: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, California 91708
When: April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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