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**Senator Dianne Feinstein Secures Senate Approval of Key
Water Supply Legislation for the Chino Basin**

Inland Empire – The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) are pleased to announce that on Thursday, January 15, the United States Senate passed the Omnibus Public Lands Package, which included a bill sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein to increase groundwater desalination in the Chino Basin.

The legislation, carried in the House of Representatives by Congressman Gary Miller, will fund \$26 million for the Chino Basin Desalter program, which provides a new fresh drinking water supply for the Jurupa Community Services District, Santa Ana Mutual Water Company, Western Municipal Water District and the city of Norco in Riverside County, as well as the cities of Chino, Chino Hills and Ontario in San Bernardino County. “

“The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) is very appreciative of Congressman Gary Miller for introducing the bill in the House and Senator Dianne Feinstein for introducing the bill in the Senate, as well as congressional delegation, Senator Barbara Boxer, House of Representatives Joe Baca, Ken Calvert, David Dreier, Jerry Lewis, and Grace Napolitano for supporting the efforts to expand our local water supplies,” commented CDA Chairman Glenn Duncan, who is also a council member for the city of Chino.

“This is wonderful news from DC,” commented CDA Member Jim Bowman, who is also the mayor pro tem for the city of Ontario. “With this funding, we will be able to expand our groundwater desalination from its current 9.2 billion gallons per year to 13 billion gallons per year.”

“The CDA and IEUA would like to thank our partners, the Bureau of Reclamation, Chino Basin Watermaster, Western Municipal Water District, Metropolitan Water District, Orange County Water District, and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for their efforts on helping to secure this funding,” stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. “This has been a great example of team effort and how regional watershed partnerships are critical to solving our southern California water problems.”

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IEUA’s service area includes the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario Upland as well as the Cucamonga Valley and Monte Vista Water Districts, with a combined total of over 850,000 residents.

The CDA serves the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and Ontario in San Bernardino County and the city of Norco, Jurupa Community Services District, and Santa Ana River Mutual Water Company in Riverside County.

