

Los Angeles County to Serve as Temporary Administrator of Sativa Water District in Compton

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SACRAMENTO – The State Water Resources Control Board today <u>ordered</u> the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District to accept administrative services, including full management and control, from Los Angeles County. The order is effective immediately.

Sativa has consistently failed to provide customers -- about 6,870 residents in parts of Willowbrook and Compton -- with a reliable and adequate supply of pure, potable water as required by the California Health and Safety Code. The public has complained of discolored water and particulates in the water.

The district's violations of water quality regulations have included failure to provide adequate capacity to meet the system's maximum daily demand; failure to maintain adequate pressure in the system and flushing velocity for hydrants; failure to maintain particulate matter requirements; and failure to comply with water quality monitoring and reporting requirements.

Los Angeles County's Department of Public Works will serve as temporary administrator for the troubled water district pending the outcome of proceedings before the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission to dissolve the district and transition its operations to a successor entity.

<u>Today's order</u> implements <u>Assembly Bill 1577</u> (Chapter 859, Statutes of 2018), authored by Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, which took effect earlier this year.

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