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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SATIVA LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON NEW WATER CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District (the "District") desires to establish limits on new water connections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that the District will at all times has the appropriate water pressure to serve the entire District

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes existing customers have a shortened water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes that adding new connections puts a strain on the last 2 remaining aged wells, which can cause well failure; and

WHEREAS, the Well #2 (built in 1940) is on offline status due to a bacteriological reading and is not providing the 412 gpm and not providing any water pressure;

WHEREAS, Well #3 (built in 1944) has had recent fine sand problem due to over draft and is not pumping the 377 gpm on a consistent basis, with reduced water pressure;

WHEREAS, Well #5 (built in 1993) is the only well which is providing 643 gpm water pressure, is strained due to other well problems, and not providing enough pressure for fire flow;

WHEREAS, this resolution prevents or mitigates impacts from the sudden, unexpected well failure;

WHEREAS, this resolution prevents or mitigates the loss of, or damage to life, health, property, and essential public serves;

WHEREAS, the Sativa Master Plan adopted in 2013, shows that no hydrant is capable of achieving the fire marshal's requirement of 1250 gpm and that new buildings require fire flows in several thousands gpm based on building size;

WHEREAS, water levels have dropped in the aquifers, particularly in the Inglewood/Gardena area over 18 feet due to the lack of precipitation as stated in the Water Replenishment District Groundwater Regional Monitoring Report.

WHEREAS, if construction, that requires a new connection to the city's water system, continues in light of the current limited water pressure conditions and drought conditions without the benefits of a new water supply, the drought conditions, the water well conditions, and water pressure problem will be exacerbated;

WHEREAS, new Sativa Los Angeles County Water District Water System Project Design Standards must be met and required pressure is not being met in these Standards;

WHEREAS, this year and the last 5 years have been particularly dry years;

WHEREAS, the State has required a water conservation goal of 25% reduction water usage, due to the drought, and the District has only met a 19% reduction in water usage;

WHEREAS, the drought continues and rainfall has been below normal, which has reduced the water levels and contributes to strain on the operation of the well, and water quality issues in the aquifer;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors also wishes to avoid significant water pressure fluctuations in the future; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing objectives, the Board of Directors is adopting this resolution to establish a moratorium on new water connections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sativa Los Angeles County District does hereby adopt and enact immediately the following moratorium on new connections and authorizes District staff to take all necessary actions to implement it.

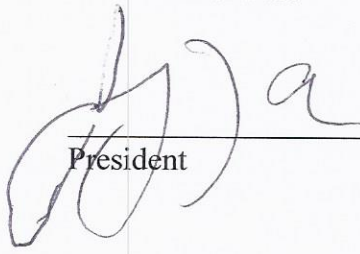
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sativa Angeles County Water District held on September 6, 2016 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: CASILLAS, LANDEROS, ZEPEDA, AGUILAR

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



President

Attest:


Secretary