

# Catalina Street Pump Owners Association and Diamond Park Mutual Water Company

**County:** Orange

**Population:** 350

**Challenges:** Uranium and nitrate levels above drinking water standards

Serving a population of roughly 350 residents in Orange County, a pair of public water systems producing contaminated water from groundwater wells were consolidated into the city of Santa Ana. The consolidation gave the residents of these communities access to a safe drinking water supply once again.

Delivering water to approximately 200 residents from one well, the Diamond park Mutual Water Company's water exceeded the drinking water standard for nitrate – making it undrinkable for pregnant women and infants in this disadvantaged community.

In another section of Orange County near Santa Ana, the Catalina Street Pump Owners Association was providing water from one well to approximately 150 residents in this disadvantaged community that was exceeding the drinking water standard for uranium.

With the use of approximately \$1.6 million in Proposition 84 funding, the two public water systems were consolidated into the city of Santa Ana's water system. The project included more than 4,000 feet of new pipe for the water distribution system; the abandonment and destruction of two water wells; the installation of new fire hydrants and water meters at each property; and the dissolution of two public water systems



Photo 1 Officials take part in the groundbreaking ceremony to connect Diamond Park Mutual Water Company with the city of Santa Ana.

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