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CENTRAL BASIN COMMENDS THE CITY OF DOWNEY FOR PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN WATER QUALITY TESTING

COMMERCE, CA- The Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors commends the City of Downey for undergoing stringent precautionary measures over the weekend to ensure the safety and quality of their drinking water supplies.

As a result of such efforts, the city's boil-water order was lifted yesterday evening for most of the city, after several water quality tests returned negative for coliform bacteria. The order has been enacted since Thursday, September 25, when the city's water tested positive for the bacteria.

"When it comes to water quality, we cannot be too cautious," said Director Ed Vasquez, representing Division I. "The City of Downey has an exceptional track record for providing the highest quality water to its residents. Their response to this incident further demonstrates their commitment to maintaining a healthy and safe water supply."

"Although the City of Downey relies 100% on their local groundwater supplies, and not on water imported through Central Basin, the city is one of the largest in our service area," continued Director Vasquez. "We have been in touch with city officials to extend any services we can – from providing bottled water to support with water quality testing."

Since last week, Central Basin has remained in contact with retailers and cities throughout the region to ensure that this isolated issue has not affected any additional communities in the 24-city service area. Residents are encouraged to contact their local water supplier or the Central Basin office at (323) 201-5501 if they have any questions.

Central Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in southeast Los Angeles County, serving a population of more than 2 million. In addition, Central Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1952, Central Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region.

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