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## Rancho Cordova gets backup water storage

Sacramento County and the California American Water Co. have completed construction on a water storage tank intended to provide replacement water if either the county or the water company loses another well from groundwater contamination in Rancho Cordova.

"If there was a demand and we had to operate it today, we could," said Rob Roscoe, who manages California American's Sacramento office.

The tank can hold 3 million gallons. The pump station is capable of delivering 7,200 gallons of water per minute, allowing the utilities to replace a well and maintain service pressure if pollution in groundwater flowing from land owned by GenCorp and Mather Field forces the shutdown of a well.

Pollution from Mather, a former Air Force base, has already led California American to abandon one well and put treatment systems for the contaminants on another. Sacramento County has lost five wells.

California American and the county split the costs (not immediately available) of building the tank and pump station.

Citizens Utilities, which later sold its Sacramento water service to California-American, began building the tank in June 1998 on land it owns at Paseo Road in Rancho Cordova. Citizens halted construction one month later at the request of county Supervisor Don Nottoli when neighbors objected.

Sacramento County Water Agency later obtained an easement for the project at Mather.

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