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Note to editors: A digital photograph of Diana Sanchez is available upon request.

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NEW COMPTON REPRESENTATIVE SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Community leader Diana Sanchez was seated today as the city of Compton's representative on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Sanchez succeeds Yvonne Arceneaux, who had served on the Metropolitan board since April 2009. She has been a business administrator at Foam Fabricators in Compton for more than 11 years.

A long-time Compton resident, Sanchez helped establish Community United for Compton, a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to civic participation and city improvement. She serves on the board of the Gardena Valley Christian School Parent Teacher Fellowship.

She also is involved in the Compton Jr. Posse Equestrian Program, a non-profit activity in which her children participate. The program uses horses to encourage inner city and underprivileged youth to become productive members of society and helps them to set both academic and career goals. In addition, she volunteers as a catechist and religious educator at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Compton.

The Los Angeles native earned an associate's degree from Compton Community College as well as a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and a master's in business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

She and her husband, Fermin Sanchez, have two children.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.