



Dear Board Members,

The lack of water conservation in Santa Clara County is appalling. It is embarrassing. Here in Los Altos where I live, lush lawns are the norm. Even the Los Altos Fire Department has lawns flanking it's driveway. Why? Why don't local city governments take the lead, set an example and stop watering their lawns? Or replace their lawns with drought tolerant plants? Lawns are lazy landscaping, and also just not that attractive. I am just back from a visit to the Sunnyvale Library, where lawns are still lush. The grounds surrounding the city government offices are also lush.

Businesses are also wasting water on their tiny lawns. Gas stations, fast food restaurants are all wasting water.

And let's not forget construction sites, where water is shot out of hoses to dampen dirt.

Fines should extend to EVERYONE; not just residential homes.

We in California have a great opportunity to show the rest of the country how willing we are to conserve, but instead we continue to waste.

Why is that?

Best Regards,
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