

Regarding the mandatory water reductions, as a 6th generation Californian having completed the UCLA Landscape Architecture Program, I'm a firm believer in Xeriscape. We live in a desert and must use water sparingly.

With that as background, we should:

- Hold Central Valley Agribusiness accountable for the water they consume.
  - Stop the low-cost, subsidized water programs for Agribusiness.
    - Why convert the San Joaquin Desert to Almonds, Grapes, Pistachios, Hay, etc.?
    - The deep agricultural wells need to be monitored and billed according to market rate.
- Golf Courses around military bases need to be severely restricted in water use.
- Curtail Building Permits for new developments and high-rise buildings.
  - Why are we asked to cut back when towering cranes are evident throughout Downtown LA and surrounding districts? They create new demand for water.
  - Every conservation effort we make (installing 1.8 gallon toilets & restrictive shower heads, etc.) allows for new building, new development, more traffic, more demand on the infrastructure.
  - Development has to be severely restricted.
- Stop the Freaking Fracking which pumps waste water into the aquifer, polluting it, making it less potable. What was the Governor thinking?

Certainly some development must occur, but we easily could have reached “the tipping point” in California where it is no longer sustainable, even with more engineering and conservation. People should be encouraged to live elsewhere, to plunder the resources in other states. California has always been faced with a shortage of water where people choose to live. Pumping more from Nor Cal to So Cal makes little sense because the demand will continue until everything comes to a grinding halt.

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