

It appears that you failed to take into account some important considerations when deciding what cities would have to decrease water use by what percent.

From what I saw on the news, you're only asking Santa Cruz and San Francisco to decrease water use by 10%, whereas you're asking Sacramento and Stockton to decrease by 25%.

This is flawed thinking for a couple of reasons:

1. Cities along the coast from Pismo Beach up to the Oregon border have much lower temperatures overall (highs and lows) and more fog and rain, both of which decrease the need for using household water their yards.
2. San Francisco, for example, has many people living in condos with no yards. Also, many houses butt up against each other, have no front yards and very small back yards, further decreasing their need for/use of water.
3. Stockton and Sacramento have much higher temperatures and less rain (especially in this drought) than the coastal cities and have a much higher percentage of homes with medium to large yards, thus requiring use of more water - i.e., less of the allotted 55 gal/person/day is used for bathing or in the house, but rather, is used outside the house, unlike the coastal cities mentioned.

You should probably re-think your approach re: what percent various cities should reduce their water use. **Will you?**

RSVP

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