

# Calif.'s drought isn't as bad as the last one. It's worse.



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California has experienced two of the wettest years on record in the past four years.

Many believe that our precipitation is such that we used every last drop. In fact, our current population is such, that we lost a congressional seat due to people leaving California.

The only thing leaving California faster than people is our water, straight to the ocean.

We are now smack-dab in the middle of a re-run of 2014 and 2015. We have a declaration of emergency by a weak Governor who immediately surrenders

authority to unelected bureaucrats, groups who pose as environmental safeguards saying no water is too much water for farmers, and a media anxious to print and report how agriculture is destroying the planet with no interest in factual information.

All while their mouths are full, of course.

For the very few who are responsible for supplying the food we eat, this is not 2014 and 2015 at all.

It is much worse and Americans should pay close attention.

With the Biden Administration reduced the water supplies for the most fertile farmland in America to zero percent, via the Central Valley Project.

Meanwhile, they reduced home and business use to 25 percent of their historical use.

The home of the fifth-largest economy in the world now resembles a third-world, landlocked country.

Through absolute arrogance and a warped utopian hunger for complete control over others, an appetite of destruction has emerged among ruling Democrats that will never be satisfied.

Californians have been fed a steady flow of lies about agriculture and the use of resources for decades, not difficult from a political standpoint when their messaging is happily passed down to the masses by mainstream media figures.

But we do know that between two and three million acre-feet of water annually that used to grow food and fiber in California has been sucked into courtrooms

over 30 years by lawyers cloaking themselves in a Messianic complex for the environment.

Those millions of acre-feet of water are then filtered through the green offices of Sacramento and Washington special interests, then poured out under the Golden Gate Bridge headed west to the Pacific Ocean.

Have fish or their habitats gotten better? Nope.

So what did your billions of tax dollars get you? Instead of growing food on more land, we grew the number of lawyers and bond interest payments for promises of water projects that never materialize.

When two of the past four years have been of the wettest on record in our state and now find ourselves dry once again, you are certainly experiencing a man-made drought.

When almost 80 percent of the total fresh water entering the Delta continues to the ocean instead of being preserved for human use, that's a manmade problem, not a climate problem.

Maybe you are one of the ignorant who actually think the fish in the Delta need that amount of water to survive and our entire existence relies on those amounts.

The only fault you carry in that ignorance is by not seeking the truth.

Again, easy to fall victim to believing this given the garbage we continually read and hear.

Thanks mostly to uneducated journalists who want their stories read, many believe almonds and pistachios are evil, that agriculture uses 80 percent of our water, and farmers are purposefully draining aquifers by using groundwater.

The facts are that many farmers who grow nut trees also grow many other foods, some of which are only grown here. If he or she goes out of business, all of that food production disappears.

Water use facts are that agriculture uses 40 percent of our water, your home and business uses 10 percent, and the remaining 50 percent is used for “environmental purposes.”

It’s important to note that well water for most farmers is absolutely not their first choice of irrigation. Well water is better known as “supplemental water” for many and when their contracted surface supply of water is set at 0 zero percent, they have no choice but to use available supplemental supplies.

You wouldn’t understand this by reading most articles today.

Take the latest by Lois Henry in The New York Times on May 25, for example.

She leaves no room for guessing how she feels about agriculture.

In a story about subsidence in the town of Corcoran, she writes, “[t]he main reason Corcoran has been sinking is not nature. It’s agriculture.”

I would be remiss if I didn’t say that Lois Henry should understand the town of Corcoran is in existence because of agriculture, as are many towns in the Central Valley.

On the City of Corcoran's own website, the first thing you read is this:

".....Corcoran has been built on a strong agricultural base because it is located near one of the most remarkable geographical locations in the San Joaquin Valley, the Tulare Lake Basin, which is the most fertile region in the world."

Her story goes on, like so many, to condemn the use of well water by farmers as if they are out to intentionally create more subsidence in the Central Valley.

The fact is that the contracted water due to farmers has been taken away leaving them no choice.

Instead, the "green machine" would rather extract billions of additional dollars to promote the disasters of climate change, infringe on private property rights, and change food producing land into natural habitat or green energy plantations.

In one part of her story, she even quotes an engineering firm in explaining how newly-created flood plains will adversely affect High Speed Rail.

How's that taste?

And lastly, while Henry describes the "fertile fields around Corcoran," she quotes the director of the California Department of Water Resources, Karla Nemeth.

"The plight of Corcoran is the absolute poster child for legacy unmanaged groundwater pumping that is unacceptable in California and that finally gave rise to the groundwater law."

Both Nemeth and Henry ignore the fact that most unmanaged water flows unhindered to the Pacific Ocean while families and small, disadvantaged and

vulnerable towns suffer.

Apparently, these disadvantaged and vulnerable communities can take one on the chin for the greater cause as is so many times the case.

At the same time, people like Nemeth stand at a podium claiming to care for the disadvantaged while eating Central Valley-grown food for dinner.

The entire Central Valley of California has a massive recharge system that stretches from one end to the other.

A long time ago, a few folks realized this and the result was a system of dams and canals to be used for agriculture and power.

That system was built by farmers who paid for what is now a zero percent allocation. It is they who have the infrastructure to replenish aquifers through irrigation of crops.

Washington, D.C. and Sacramento are drying aquifers by keeping the gates fully open to the Pacific Ocean.

It is Washington D.C. and Sacramento who have caused these problems over decades of misguided or purposeful ideas with their help from the army of ignorant who have a pen in their hand or a desk in front of a television screen.

It will be much easier for America to get educated than it will be to experience hunger.

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44 Farms