

State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Water usage cut-backs

It is absolutely amazing to me how the City of Los Angeles Dept of Water and Power, can waste hundreds of millions gallons of water yearly due to lack of a credible infrastructure maintenance plan where they have an outdated delivery system which experiences multiple water main bursts each week, losing tens of thousands of gallons on each occasion.

And apparently you don't count that as water usage.

For decades, the LADWP has been using money that should have been going to replace many decades old water mains instead supplementing the City of Los Angeles General Fund.

Other cities and customers who have been diligent in maintaining their water delivery systems and updating water related items. Many homeowners such as myself have installed low flow faucets, low capacity toilets, timers on outside faucets, drip systems for watering shrubs and other plants, low capacity, higher efficiency sprinkler heads, etc, only to have their allowable water consumption reduced by 25 – 30%, while it has been reported that the City of Los Angeles will only have a 16% reduction. This is the same City that was featured on CBS Investigates where they had lost tens of thousands of gallons of fresh water on a project where they mixed fresh water with recycled waste water to fill a large pond.

LADWP has for years ignored court orders and used delay tactics to avoid using water resources properly, refer to the Owens River Valley, the Owens dry lake, Mono Lake, and Lower Rush Creek; and their bullying the small town of Mammoth Lakes over water taken from Mammoth Creek which runs right through the little town for household usage. The whole issue of water from the Eastern Sierras is long overdue for a realistic realignment of water usage especially in times such as these.

It's time that Public Agencies quit catering to LADWP and bring them to justice and require, through a State Water Master if necessary, to bring that apparently un-manageable agency to use water resources responsibly.

Cordially,



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