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**Comments:**

With over 71% of the world covered in water, and 840 miles of California coastline along the largest body of water in the world, there is no shortage of water. It's just not all in the right place. No amount of conservation will change that, but we have the technology to do so. An abundant supply with a ravenous market is just the sort of "problem" that creative, hard-working scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs thrive on. But they need to be free to work. And the rest of us need to be free to purchase their product.

Even with the strangling regulations and restrictions in place, thanks to technology and planning, San Diego's water supply actually far exceeds 10% over our current mandated restricted use. If we had 99% supply before desal and before government enforced restrictions, we are now at 99% plus 10% (new desal), or 109% over pre-restriction demand. But overall, San Diegans have jumped to comply with Brown's edict, and cut back water use by 25% through October.  $109/75 =$  a water supply of 145%, 45% over what we are currently allowed to use. That number seems incredible! Regardless, thanks to decades of planning and developing technology, San Diegans have much more water than the governor will allow us to use. (Thanks to Don Billings at [www.watertruth.org](http://www.watertruth.org), for this analysis.)

San Diego is an example of how to thrive even in a drought, how to move forward in the face of uncooperative weather, not be passive, helpless victims of it.

We need more freedom and technology, not government restrictions and deprivation. You're taking us back to buckets! Leave us to move forward with science and technology. Remove the regulations that place the lives of fish over those of hardworking people and their families, and remove the restrictions that don't allow us here in San Diego to use the water we have been paying to have developed for over 20 years.