

# Bee editorial is laughable

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Humming through The Bee's latest drought editorial, "So many ideas, so little progress in addressing drought." I did not learn much new in the regurgitation of examples of political and legislative ineptitude. I knew The Bee would eventually offer its solutions, and there they were:

"Given that ag gets the lion's share of California water, we should figure out how much land should be farmed. And how many golf courses we need. We should figure out, too, the amount of water needed to maintain a healthy delta."

Let us not stop there. Let's limit the acreage of thirsty lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli, strawberries, wheat, cotton, cauliflower, pistachios, raisins and cabbage.

Let's not stop at golf courses. We need fewer parks, baseball diamonds and soccer fields.

The Bee's recommendations are absurd and ludicrous, not to mention socialistic. What else would you call an idea that takes the rights of landowners away?

The drought has created an opportunity -- as painful as it may be -- to make real progress toward ensuring additional water supplies for California's future. It behooves The Bee to act responsibly and intelligently as championing solutions that make sense -- not suggesting laughable "solutions" like limiting almond acreage or farmland.

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