

Fresno needs water upgrade

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The essentials of life are air, water and food. We can live for a few minutes without air, a few days without water, and a longer time without food.

I understand the need for Fresno to upgrade our water supply. The city is entitled to up to 180,000 acre-feet per year from the the San Joaquin and Kings rivers. To continue receiving that we had to have water meters installed. The Catch-22 is that surface water needs to be treated, hence the need for a water treatment plant. As of now, the city cannot accept all the water to which we are entitled because our ponding basins are inadequate to handle those thousands of acre-feet.

To sustain our water supply into the future, I have no problem paying more than the meager \$25 per month I now pay. The choice seems clear, what price are we willing to pay for the second most important life sustaining element we have? Three hundred dollars per year at current rates with the real prospect of running out of water in the future, or \$600 per year to ensure a necessity for life is available?

Seems like a clear choice to me.

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