

Growth's demand for water

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I had conversation with a candidate for Tulare County supervisor a couple years ago. I questioned the supervisors' approval of a 35-home tract on a nearby 5-acre parcel, saying it was a bad decision. He said, "Well, it's zoned residential." I replied that the supervisors approved the zoning. The discussion continued. Suffice to say I didn't vote for the guy.

In The Bee Feb. 22, there's a long article about drought and how it affects fish and farmers. But not one word about the thousands upon thousands of home and business developments approved by planning commissions, city councils and supervisors from Tejon Ranch to Madera. Where's the water coming from? The argument that "they're zoned" for homes doesn't resonate.

Add that to the ludicrous opposition to Fresno's need to develop methodology to conserve and store water and to pay for it by a marginal rate increase. I wonder where will our water come from? Mexico? If you can't take a 10-minute shower twice a day, what then? Far as I know, nobody knows how to create water. Uncle Sam can't supply it. Neither can Jerry Brown. But they sure can take care of those fish!

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