

Giant waterslide cancels Sacramento stop, cites drought

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The Utah company planning to crisscross the country with a massive inflatable waterslide has canceled its California dates – including a planned June 14 Sacramento stop – citing water use concerns.

In January, organizers for the Salt Lake City-based JSC Events said they were looking into sites in Folsom and El Dorado Hills for the daylong event. Slide the City advertises 1,000 feet of “slick vinyl to brighten your city streets.”

“We’ve just had trouble getting city approval in California in general so we have pulled back on set dates and are working on ways we can actively participate in water conservation during the event,” said event coordinator Emily Clifford-Sanchez. “We have had great response from people, so our goal is still definitely to slide in Sacramento.”

The idea was generating plenty of buzz months before the listed date. While scores of individuals took to social media to rally their friends, officials from at least one city in the region set out to lure the event.

But with the state mired in a major drought, at least one legislative office was already asking where the event would get the 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of water needed.

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