

## **Poll: Most Californians agree that water shortage is serious**

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SAN FRANCISCO — California voters overwhelmingly see the state's ongoing water shortage as a serious problem.

A Field Poll released Thursday says 94 percent consider the shortage serious, and of those 68 percent find it extremely serious.

California is entering its fourth year of drought with lower than normal rain and snow falling on the state that leads the nation in agriculture production.

The poll says that nearly three-quarters of people in San Francisco perceive the shortage as extremely serious, compared to just under two-thirds in Los Angeles County.

The poll says more than half of those asked believe government restrictions on building new water storage should be relaxed; 38 percent disagree.

The poll says that in 1977 amid another long-term drought about half of Californian voters felt the situation was extremely serious.

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