

Increase water supply

I shouldn't be surprised. It was just a matter of time before someone suggested restricting what crops farmers grow. (George Skelton commentary, March 25.)

Don't you think 0% water deliveries for two years in a row has farmers growing the crops that give the best return for the water?

The last thing we need is any more government involvement. Look up Amartya Sen. Professor Sen won the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economics by proving that governments cause famines. You are reading that correctly: Governments cause famine.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reports that it takes nearly 800 gallons of water per day to produce food for each of us. Multiply that by 35 million people in California. It takes over 31 million acre-feet of water per year to produce the food Californians eat.

Funny, that is just about how much water California's farmers use per year.

Instead of restrictions, why doesn't Mr. Skelton think of ways we can increase our water supply? Our future prosperity as a state depends on it.

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