

Get government out of water

Gov. Brown's painful water rationing mandates serve to illustrate the inevitable results of government-run enterprise.

Our present "crisis" was decades in the making, and our state government responded in all of the predictable ways. Committees were created to investigate and advise, campaign promises were made, fingers were pointed, and absolutely nothing of substance was accomplished.

So here we are. Our incomes, property values, and way of life, hanging in the balance. Our aquifers nearly depleted.

As history has shown, entrusting governments to provide goods is a recipe for shortages and rationing. If our state government provided our gasoline, our cars and trucks would be coasting to a stop. If it were agriculture, we'd be standing in food lines.

If on the other hand, there was a profit to be made, whether it required tunnels, aqueducts, or desalinization, capitalists would have fought to be the first to provide a surplus of water, in the most cost-effective manner.

I don't know if there's an answer to our water woes, but I do know that we need to resist the "progressive" vision of an ever increasing role of government into our economic activities.

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