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Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Marcus,


I have read many articles addressing the water shortage, one major use of water which is not usually mentioned is seemingly uncontrolled development.

The media, politicians, water companies seems to focus on conservation for the drought, by admonishing the general population to conserve, cut back on showers, watering, flushing, etc. However, I have not seen anything about controlling development, which is rampant in So. Cal. Consider the construction of the tallest building west of the Mississippi in progress in Los Angeles, which required thousands of tons of concrete to fill an empty hole and will require tons of water to service the completed building. Many large hotels going up in San Gabriel, Monterey Park, new development announced about a major media center in Hollywood and countless homes, condos, commercial development in progress. Five hundred (500) new homes are scheduled in El Monte, a 130 million dollar hotel scheduled on Nogales, new low income housing in Pasadena, major construction in progress on Gale Ave and on and on. This is observed just in my limited travels.

Seems to me if drought control was serious, agencies or cities would control issuing water permits. It is obvious that vacant lots that used no water, will use thousands if not millions of gallons once the hotels et al are completed.

**Question: What is being done to control new development as it applies to water usage?**

Thank you for your interest and reply.

  
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