

Please don't add to the problem.

We have been informed by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District that they are going to decide our water allocation based on the "number of occupants, property size and other considerations." Is this the way things are done in this country? Do we want some government official or committee to decide for us, haven't we learned from history that this only leads to corruption and failure? We don't need to give up our individual right to make our own decision as we do with all other resources?

There is only one just way to divide up this scarce resource, take the total amount of water allotted to our district and divide it by the number of people. Everyone has the right to the same amount, it doesn't mean they will use it. There is nothing fair about individuals with more property being given a bigger share of water, to do so is outrageous, it means the less wealthy get less water. The "other considerations" opens the door to corruption, a door that never should be opened.

It's not enough to say everyone gets the same amount of water, some will not use what they have a right to use, others will desire more. Those who do not use their allotment need to be able to sell what they don't use to the highest bidder who wants more water. This will give individuals a good reason to conserve and, if needed or desired, others will have access to larger quantities of water. The water district can setup such an exchange process on the website or farm it out to a private company. Of course the exact details need to be thought through. It's not a difficult task, but if our voice isn't heard we know what we will get.

Thank you ,  
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