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When I moved to California in 1975, someone told me that to understand California, I needed to understand water policy and practice.

There are now twice as many people in the state as when I moved here and they all want lots of water and are putting their straws in the flow anywhere and everywhere they can.

The effects on commerce and wildlife are immense. Ten years ago someone told me that when they built the C&H Sugar Company plant in Crockett, the water was fresh enough to take right out of the river; now it is too brackish as all those straws keep sucking away upstream.

I believe the flow objectives for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries should be 60% of unimpaired. I lived on less than a gallon of water a day for a year in my RV (except for showers and clothes-washing) while on assignment in Arizona. All it requires is a will.

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PS. Ms. Marcus: You met me while I was finding all those abandoned USTs in Indian country in Arizona for Lester Kaufman as a SEE worker.