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Water Crisis

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Dear Sirs,

I live in Santa Clara, Washington County, Utah.

I am very upset about the excessive burden on the Colorado River. Water managers and land developers ignore the fact that the 1922 Compact grossly over-allocated water to the Seven Great Basin States. The State of Utah NOT focused on water conservation. Managers and developers are foolish to try to make the Great Basin Desert a tropical paradise which there is no water to support. The seven States of the Colorado River Compact will not make the compromises necessary to rein in their outrageous water expectations. The Federal Government and the Bureau of Reclamation must enforce the needed restrictions. The Bureau has already waited too long to impose needed restrictions on water use.

In my area, city planners, city councils and developers are approving and building massive housing and resort projects which demand huge amounts of water which are not sustainable! These people charge forward as though there is no limit to the water available. They behave as though there is no drought! The Lake Powell Pipeline has always been and is a ludicrous idea. There has never been enough water to make it feasible.

The Bureau of Reclamation needs to put a stop to this reckless behavior. Since State, County and City managers do not have the sense to plan for intensive water conservation, the Federal Government needs to step in. At the current rate, the West is on a collision course with disaster!

- Gary Allred