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Greetings to all.

I am a 68yo native of California.

I am a UC graduate.

I am aware of the cyclic nature of droughts, as well as the new norm of low rainfall throughout our State.

It appears to me, that due to (more often than not) less rainfall, our existing reservoirs will not fill to capacity, nor will ground water reserves be replenished.

There is no need for additional reservoirs while existing reservoirs are below capacity. What is called for is greater attention to HOW we manage the water resources we have today. For example, why grow alfalfa in the desert? How about a plant that required far less irrigation, and no overhead watering?? The time has come to abandon such contradictory practices.

This State needs to radically overhaul it's approach to water management of existing reservoirs. More reservoirs are not needed for rainfall that does not exist.

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