

Opinion: Debating California's water needs

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Despite a wet winter, California's historic drought continues to spark fierce – even bitter – debate over how the state's water needs should be met in the future.



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The core issue is whether we should primarily rely on conservation of what may be a permanently diminished water supply, or make more energetic efforts to increase the supply with new dams and reservoirs, desalination plants, etc.

The two are not, of course, mutually exclusive, and both are certain to play some role, in the future, so it's really about their relative emphasis.

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