

# California Drought Update

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#### Note to Readers

I am traveling this week, so the report is brief. The most important element is immediately below. It is an excellent 55 minute video on the origins and sponsors of the environmentalist organizations, with about half of the show ripping to pieces the global warming/CO2 hoax.

#### New Paradigm Show - August 26, 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWOjP-E6eOE>

This week's New Paradigm show gives an overview of a soon-to-be-released EIR special report, "The Global Warming Fraud is Population Reduction", detailing the history of the environmentalist movement and dossiers on the movement's founders, including Prince Philip and Hans Schellnhuber. Benjamin Deniston also discusses his contributions to the report, including how the climate data over the last 20 years has been falsified to show "warming."

#### Back and Forth on releasing 88,000 acre-feet from Trinity

On August 20, The Bureau of Reclamation announced that it will release additional water from Trinity Reservoir for the lower Klamath River to help protect returning adult fall run Chinook salmon from a disease outbreak and mortality.

The next day, the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority and Westlands Water District released a statement announcing a lawsuit to stop the Trinity River releases to the Klamath River. Here are a few excerpts from that statement:

*The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) along with Westlands Water District has filed a lawsuit in federal court to stop the Bureau of Reclamation from releasing Central Valley Project (CVP) water from the Trinity Division to the Klamath River.*

*Yesterday Reclamation announced the release of up to 88,000 acre-feet of CVP water from Trinity Reservoir in the hope of aiding returning non-listed Chinook salmon with the optimism of diminishing the effect of a naturally-occurring disease endemic known as "Ich" (pronounced "ick") to the Klamath River system to which the Trinity River is connected. This action, which is outside of Reclamation's authorized place of use, is a repeat of a similar action taken last year with the intention to help avoid an outbreak which has only been documented to have occurred once in 2002. Since 2000, a significant supply of water has been set aside each year from the Trinity Reservoir for fishery protection purposes. Specifically, over the past four years, this has equated to more than 200,000*

*acre-feet of water lost which was literally flushed down the Lower Klamath River.*

*The CVP and State Water Project (SWP) provide water for more than 25 million Californians who depend upon a reliable water supply. In the 50 year history of the Projects, water deliveries have never been lower—the CVP is experiencing its second year of a zero water allocation and the SWP sits at a mere 20 percent water allocation.*

*The water planned for release is enough to farm 31,000 acres of food, or to serve the domestic needs of more than 175,000 families for an entire year. The devastating effects of the drought will be felt for decades to come especially if arbitrary decisions like these continue.*

Then on August 26, according to [Maven](#), “The Eastern District Court has issued its decision denying the request for a Temporary Restraining Order against the Bureau of Reclamation, thereby allowing the water to flow from Trinity Reservoir to the Lower Klamath River for the aid of salmon.”

## **So, Jerry and his Brownshirts really care about the poor?**

The following excerpts from a report, “Farmworkers See Jobs, Earnings Shriveled In California Drought,” by Lesley McClurg on Capital Public Radio on August 27, should be shoved in the face of the environmentalists who have helped Jerry and his brownshirts create this water crisis:

*“More than 21,000 people are out of work this year from California's drought, according to a [study](#) from the University of California, Davis. The majority are in agriculture. Those farmworkers lucky enough to have a job are often working harder for less money.*

*“Berry pickers say they're earning less money this year. Because of the drought, there's less fruit to pick, and the fruit that is there is smaller, which means it takes longer to fill a box. Pickers are paid by the box.*

*“‘We could be making 50 boxes in a day,’ she says. ‘Right now we are only making 25 to 30 boxes per day.’*

*“It's a hydration issue: Cells in the fruit won't enlarge if they don't have enough water.*

*“Around 576,000 acres are not being planted this year — that's costing California's agriculture industry about \$1.8 billion, according to the UC Davis study.*

*“Workers at the bottom have been hit hardest. To see the effect, McCann says, just visit a food pantry or other group offering food-aid service.”*