

Californians Can't Drink Their Water ?! It's time for our Legislators to Support the Human Right to Water Package!



What's the problem?

We should be able to take for granted that the water that comes out of our taps is safe to drink. But too many Californians can't.

In many communities, especially those in the Central Valley and Central Coast, the water supply is contaminated with chemicals from industry, agriculture, leaky septic systems, or natural sources. Families unable to afford treatment are left entirely without safe water. Buying bottled water is not an acceptable alternative to safe, affordable tap water.

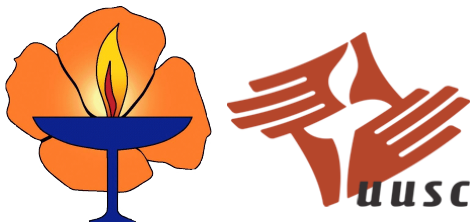
What's the solution?

The first step is to acknowledge that access to safe, affordable drinking water is a human right – and then work to make that right a reality. Our legislators have the opportunity to speak out now by supporting a package of bills that would make water a human right for all Californians. The package includes six bills:

- ★ AB 685 (Eng) – Establishes the human right to water in California.
- ★ AB 938 (V.M. Perez) – Requires that public health notifications about water be made available in the languages the community speaks.
- ★ AB 983 (Perea) – Promotes small community water system consolidation to provide sustainable, affordable solutions where possible.
- ★ AB 1187 (Fong) – Requires that the State Water Plan include a plan to provide everyone in California with safe drinking water.
- ★ AB 1221 (Alejo) – Ensures access to funding to clean up contamination for disadvantaged communities.
- ★ SB 244 (Wolk) Requires local municipalities to include a plan to provide services to island or fringe communities when they update their general plans.

How can you get involved?

Your support is critical to passing these bills. Send a letter or make a phone call to your Assemblymember asking him or her to support them. Gather letters from individuals, groups or businesses in your community too. Meet with your Assemblymember or their staff. Write a piece for your local paper in support of the bills. Attend hearings on the bills in Sacramento and speak on behalf of your community.



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