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Letters to the editor

Water usage

There was a good piece on the subject of water usage in the San Francisco Chronicle recently but I do believe the statistics should include the acreage -- for example, our house in Orinda is on a small lot (0.31 acres) but we do have a pool that needs topping up every month or so -- our latest statement from EBMUD indicates that in the last two months (very hot and dry so probably as high a number as we'll have this year) we used 294 gallons per day. The EBMUD allowance is 1646 per day and some of the Happy Valley people cited by the Chronicle are using far more than that.

I would also suggest that water usage by City and State entities be included. I recall that one study a while ago (during the last major drought) showed that the largest consumers of water were government entities, especially in Sacramento. How much water do the Cities of Lafayette, Moraga, or Orinda consume, for example? It seems that little people like us are doing our best and being incredibly conscientious while the CEOs and super-rich?plus the Cities are quite without conscience as they consume "our" water...

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