Water districts fight over cost of Donner dam upgrades

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With vital water supplies for droughts seemingly secured through a legal victory, the Truckee Meadows primary water provider is trying to recover costs of dam improvements at Donner Lake.

The Truckee Meadows Water Authority wants \$500,000 from the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, half the cost of improvements to the Donner Lake dam ordered by the California Department of Dam Safety, Jeffrey Dunn, a lawyer representing the authority in a lengthy dispute over Donner's water rights, said.

"TCID stiffed us," Dunn said.

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