

Brown: Groundwater management not aggressive enough

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Gov. Jerry Brown said in an interview aired Sunday that California is not aggressive enough policing use of the state's groundwater, promising stepped-up oversight in future years.

Brown's remarks on NBC's "Meet the Press" followed the release of a study tying climate change to the worsening effects of California's drought.

Asked he if was "about to police agriculture more," the Democratic governor said, "Well, I think that's good advice, but of course I don't rule by decree. I work through the Legislature. California now has groundwater management for the first time in its entire history, so we are much more aggressive. But as that scientist suggested, we're not aggressive enough. And we will be stepping it up year by year."

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