Opinion: California's water should be captured

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The Sacramento River, by far the state's most important waterway, has been running high, fast and dirty in recent days.

Upstream reservoirs on the Sacramento and its two major tributaries, the American and Feather rivers, have been increasing releases to make room for water from melting snow later in the spring.

California's drought may not be officially over, but what's been happening during the winter, thanks to the El Niño ocean phenomena, is a far cry from years of severe water shortages that Californians have been enduring.

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