

Opinion: Despite water bonds Oroville still happens

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After six years of drought and a few months of flooding, California's decades-long political commitment to ideology of being either for the environment or against progress has endangered the state's water supply system and is threatening public safety, environmental health and economic stability.

Rather than upgrade California's water collection and delivery systems, for 50 years state bureaucrats, political appointees and many elected officials focused their priorities on an onslaught of environmental standards, regulations, projects and programs committed to their rose-colored-glasses vision of California.

They created a false choice for all elected officials, every "wanna-be" officeholder, career bureaucrat, water manager, scientist and engineer, advocacy group, community leader, and even California voters: either you are for the environment or you are against California.

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