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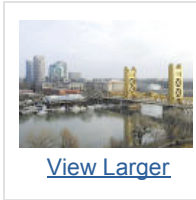
# Sacramento water demands among nation's worst

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Sacramento is one of the so-called thirstiest cities in the nation, with demand for the limited resource outpacing the precious supply, according to a national magazine.



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Sacramento — which has the Sacramento River on the west and the American River on the north — is listed as the eighth-thirstiest city with at least 750,000 residents, worse than the fast-growing desert communities of Las Vegas and Tucson, Ariz., at Nos. 9 and 10, respectively, according to Forbes magazine.

The four-county region has a drought score of 112 — an index that looks at long-term annual rainfall, aquifer levels and the historic balance of supply and demand, according to Bert Sperling, who created the **Sperling Drought Index report** for Forbes.

Sacramento-area's average resident uses 250 gallons of water per day, and the annual rainfall is about 20 inches of rain per season. And much of the water from the two rivers is promised outside the Sacramento region.

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