



LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER PREVAILS IN HISTORIC WASTEWATER RECYCLING SUIT

Judge orders state's leading water agency to analyze the reasonableness of 4 sewage treatment plants dumping billions of gallons of usable water into the sea.

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ABOUT LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER

Founded in 1993, Los Angeles Waterkeeper's mission is to safeguard LA's inland and coastal waters by enforcing laws and empowering communities. As one of more than 350 members of the international Waterkeeper Alliance led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and a founding member of the CA Coastkeeper Alliance, Los Angeles Waterkeeper is committed to the enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act and the protection of local waterways. For more than 25 years, its advocacy programs have helped ensure the strongest water quality standards are in place to protect waterways throughout the Los Angeles region and have helped dramatically reduce sewage spills, urban runoff pollution, and industrial contamination of LA waterways. For more information, please visit www.lawaterkeeper.org.

- "This is a landmark win for more sustainable water management throughout California. The days are numbered for the environmentally disastrous and economically costly practice of pumping water great distances over mountain ranges, using it once, and then basically throwing it away." - Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper's Executive Director
- "I'm obviously thrilled with this win, which could fundamentally change the way California manages so-called wastewater from public treatment plants. As a result of the court's ruling, we have a responsibility to greatly expand recycling and reuse of highly purified municipal effluent throughout California." - Arthur Pugsley, LA Waterkeeper's Senior Attorney who litigated the case

ABOUT SYCAMORE LAW

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- "It's time for the State Board to take Integrated Water Management much more seriously as a means to improve water supply resiliency and sustainability. Today's result is a big step in the right direction" - Daniel Cooper, counsel to LA Waterkeeper

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- "This victory will also help California reduce its carbon footprint, since it takes enormous amounts of energy to pump water up and over mountainous terrain and into the LA area." - Michelle Black, co-counsel to LA Waterkeeper