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WESTLANDS' FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THE WEEKLY REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN WATER SYSTEM

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It's pop quiz time!

Westlands Water District said which of the following?

- A. "Less water at that scale would see 'massive economic losses, massive environmental losses,' and 'changing base economics...'" -Chico Enterprise Record
- B. "We need to be more creative in California to meet all these demands of cities, farms, wildlife, fish." -Chico Enterprise Record
- C. "It's not whether or not, but how much of an impact an action like this would have on us." Bay Area's KQED Science
- D. "This is an all-out assault on the people in these affected communities," <u>Bay Area's KQED</u>
 Science

The correct answer: none of the above. Each of these comments appeared this week from experts located north of the Fresno County line. The reality is that because of the broken system, water won't just be denied to farmers in the Central Valley, but now to those in the northern region as well as urban users in San Francisco.

It's time for honesty in the very worthwhile debate about how YOUR water is being prioritized.

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