

Carly Fiorina Blames Politics for California's 'Man Made' Drought

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California Governor Jerry Brown has ordered mandatory water use in response to the drought that he says has "reached near crisis-proportions," according to [The New York Times](#).

[Politico](#) reports that during an interview for The Blaze Radio, potential presidential candidate and former Hewlett-Packard CEO, Carly Fiorina, suggested that this drought is not only a natural occurrence:

"That's the tragedy of California, because of liberal environmentalists' insistence — despite the fact that California has suffered from droughts for millennia, liberal environmentalists have prevented the building of a single new reservoir or a single new water conveyance system over decades during a period in which California's population has doubled.

There is a man-made lack of water in California — and Washington manages the water for the farmers."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) reported last December that House Republicans passed a bill that would allow for the transport of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta:

"The 230-182 vote was largely a symbolic gesture in the years-long effort by House Republicans to weaken endangered species protections that have restricted water deliveries from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to San Joaquin Valley agribusiness and urban Southern California."

The [LA Times](#) also alleges the issue is more complicated than the Republicans make it appear:

"As Democrats tried to explain the nuances of water rights, wildlife habitats and the salmon industry, Republicans offered a simpler narrative. Farms are parched, farmworkers are unemployed and the water that could fix things, they argue, is flowing to the ocean."

Twitter response to Fiorina's comments have been mixed.

Some praised Fiorina for "calling it like it is":

While others sniped Fiorina: