

CONSERVING WATER

Water Conservation

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Stay aware of what you're doing
Because trouble just might be brewing

Drought is coming and getting worse every day
Since we use a lot of water and heat from the sun's rays

This heat is getting higher and brighter
As we are getting thirsty and need a fire-fighter

But, not to fright, there are many ways to stop it
These little acts are nothing compared to this but, don't get worried...only for a bit

When you wash the car, do it on the grass
That'll have the water use a pass

That was one way but there are more
Now, this is the end of my little poem of lore!

Water Conservation Cinquain

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Water
Fresh, Cold
Washing, Watering,
Drinking
Special, Colorless,
Tasteless, Transparent
Aqua

Save the Earth

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We must save Earth!
For our beloved planet is not an everlasting water fountain

You may reduce your use of trash and use of water

And please, use safe soaps when washing cars

Everything we use goes down the storm drain and could harm what lives in there

Together, we can make a difference
Reuse, Reduce and Recycle and the World will be a better place!

Save The Salmon!!!

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Do you like salmon
Then let's stop the famine!

First we need to not waste water
So salmon make the journey through a river

Good job! You helped the Salmon!

Water Conservation Haiku

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We need fresh water
Let's not waste our fresh water
Let's stop the drought

Salmon Haiku

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Hiding beneath rocks
Oh oh, where would they go next
To where they were born

In a dry state like California, conserving water is important

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California is a very dry state and it doesn't get much rain. Water is a limited resource that people use every single day whether it's cleaning dishes, drinking it, or even taking showers.

California experiences a lot of droughts and last year it got up to drought level D4. People in California have to be careful about their water use and how it may affect a drought. 5.4% of California is in a drought 4 level. It may not sound

like much but if California keeps getting drier and drier then that 5.4% is going to get much larger which is bad for the people.

California already has drought level 1 as a normal because California is almost always at that level. The only place in California that is only in a D0 level is San Diego and the driest place is the only place with a D4 level the worst level and that is near Death Valley. Weather.com says that Death Valley averages at about 2.36 inches of rain a year.

However, there are a lot of

things that people can do to help. According to SaveOurWater.com we can shorten our water usage by turning off the faucet when we brush our teeth. Doing a load of laundry and taking a shower will usually use around 196 gallons of water and that's more water than a lot of people drink in months. Another way to help is by not washing your car at home but at a car wash where they use much less water than people may find themselves using. If you ever have water that you're not going to drink then you should

use it for plants.

Something to remember is that a lot of water drains lead to oceans or lakes. So people shouldn't litter inside of them because by doing that you might end up killing a sea animal or making the water that the drain leads to become dirty.

People of California should be aware that water is very limited and important here, so don't waste it. California is one of the driest states, if we waste too much water then we might experience long periods of time where we don't have water running through faucets.

Sandhill crane spreads its wings



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Some tips for conserving our water

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Water conservation is important because it keeps our water clean while protecting the environment. Conserving water also means being responsible about using our water supply. If we don't conserve water, taxes will rise, there will be less food supply, and there will be health and political problems. This is why we should conserve water and help the environment. Think about five ways people can conserve water.

People can help conserve water by reducing one's shower time by two minutes. When people are waiting for their water to warm up, whether it's in the bath or in the shower, they can put that extra water in a bucket and use it to water their plants. It is better to go to a car wash instead of washing one's car at home, because going to a car wash uses about 32 gallons of water per car, but washing one's car at home can use up to 140 gallons of water! Washing your car at home can also wash all of the bad oils from your car into the drain that goes to the ocean and that is very bad for the fish or any other animals that live in the ocean.

People can also fill their bathtub halfway or less, doing this can save 12 gallons of water per bath. People can take 5 minute showers. Taking 5 minute showers can save 12.5 gallons of water per shower.

There are also tools that people can use to save water: One of the tools people can use is an aerator. An aerator is something that people can use on their sink. It saves up to 1.2 gallons of water per person every day. People can also install a high-efficiency toilet. These can save 19 gallons of water per person everyday. Another thing people can do is fix any leaks. This can save 110 gallons of water every month! A leak the size as the tip of a ball-point pen can waist up to 6,300 gallons of water per month!

In conclusion it is very important to conserve water, and there are many ways that people can help. If everyone works together to conserve water, we can all help the environment.

Effects of cigarette butts on the local watershed

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- The toxic chemicals affect everything, including water in the watersheds.

- About 766,571 metric tons of cigarette butts are in the environment a year.

- Cigarette butts get in a body of water through the stormwater system.

- Volunteers who clean up our beaches each spring and summer say that they have found cigarettes butts more than anything.

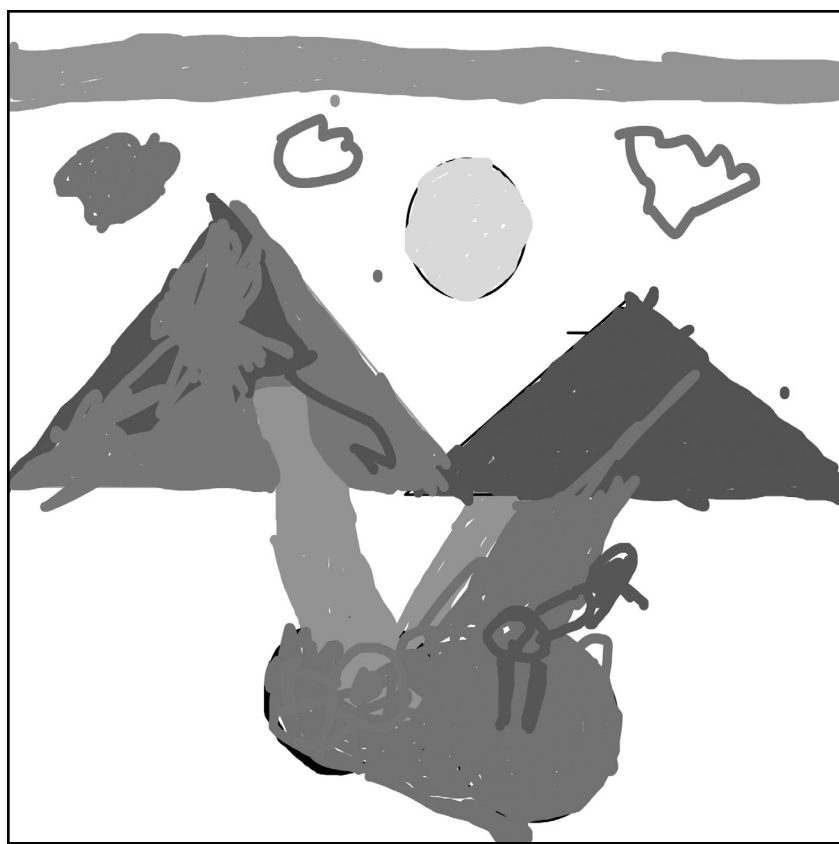
- Cigarette butts are hurting our watershed and contaminating our rivers and groundwater.

- In Lake Tahoe, when the snow melts, garbage like cigarette butts are going into the lake.

- Chemicals from the cigarettes create pollution that goes into lakes.

- The pollution then becomes acutely toxic to fish and microorganisms.

Natural beauty

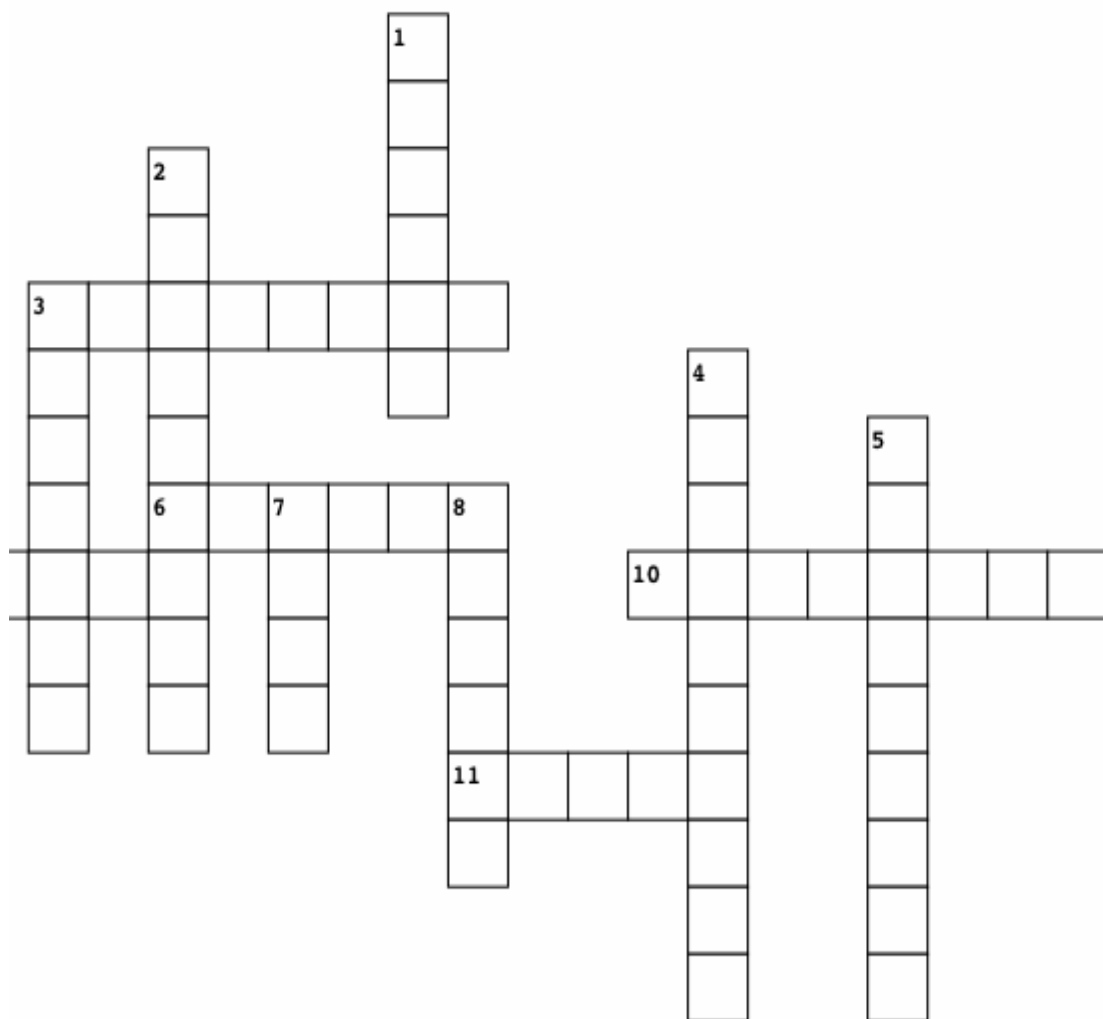


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You can find forests and mountains in the Mokelumne River Watershed.

A WATERSHED CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Across

- A place where the hatching of fish is artificially controlled for commercial purposes.
- A type of fish found in the Pacific Ocean and North Atlantic.
- A limbless cold-blooded vertebrate animal with gills and fins and living wholly in water.
- Was thrice named "best tree city" in the Western United States by Sunset Magazine.
- There is a college named the same in Stockton.

Down

- Large natural streams of water flowing in channels to the sea.
- An area of land that separates waters flowing to different rivers, basins, or seas.
- When you trap something you are?
- Fast shallow stretches of water in a river.
- A 95-mile river that flows from the Sierra to the Delta.
- Is know for having pleasant weather, and for being one of the fastest-growing wine regions in the country.
- The richest known U.S. silver deposit and the largest gold-producing state in the nation.

Across: 3. hatchery; 6. salmon; 9. whitewater; 5. Mokelumne; 7. Lodi; 8. Nevada.
Down: 1. Delta; 2. watershed; 3. hunting; 4. fish; 10. Stockton; 11. Delta.