California Drought Questions

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1. From what source do Californian’s get their water?
2. What other states get their water from this source?
3. What are two measures that are being taken to conserve water in California?
4. List three negative effects that result from the severe drought in California.
5. What do scientists claim would return the water levels in California back to normal?
6. What do experts say REALLY have caused the water shortage in the west? Is it that there is not enough water, something else, or a combination of factors?
7. Do officials blame climate change for the water shortage?
8. What do officials mean when they claim that the water usage has been mismanaged?
9. Who has the most right to use the water according to the laws in the west?
10. What is the greatest user of water in the west?
11. List three reasons why farmers are using more water than what they might usually need.
12. Name another major user of water in the west.
13. What is California doing to address its water problems? List five ways.
14. Will the cutbacks alleviate the larger Colorado River problem? Explain.
15. How does the drought and water usage issues in California effect those who do not live in the west?
16. Are there any ways that we in the Northeast could help the situation in California?
17. Is it possible that a situation similar to this could happen here in the Northeast? Under what circumstances?