



SAVE OUR WATER CT

5 Point Plan To Protect Our Water Security

Governor Dannel Malloy; Connecticut State Legislators; DEEP Commissioner Klee; DPH Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino; MDC CEO Scott Jellison; MDC Chairman William DiBella:

TO PROTECT OUR CT WATER NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, WE OPPOSE THE SALE OF WATER TO LARGE CORPORATE WATER BOTTLING COMPANIES.

We ask you to support legislation to:

- 1. Prohibit special discounted water rates for large corporate water bottlers.** Discounts for high volume users incentivize over-use, not conservation of a limited public resource. They support the transport of our CT water to out-of-state watersheds and the production of environmentally harmful plastic bottles.
- 2. Prohibit discounted rates on Clean Water Project Charges.** These charges were established as a result of a consent decree between the MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) and the EPA to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act. They fund infrastructure needed to separate storm and wastewater in order to keep the CT River and L.I. Sound clean. Residents of MDC towns have paid for years for their water infrastructure and should not be the victims of rate discrimination. Out of state corporations profiting off CT water should contribute to its cost.
- 3. Enact a permitting system for large water bottlers in CT.** Close the loophole which currently exists and require a time-limited water diversion permit for out-of-watershed water transfers by truck.
- 4. Prioritize state residents in a drought and prohibit the export of water out of state in any Drought Emergency.** Citizens will be cutting water use while water bottling companies will be shipping it out-of-state. The DPH will step in only when our reservoirs are down to 10% capacity. Revise our state drought plan to protect residents.
- 5. Complete the State Water Plan before allowing any further large water capacity agreements for water bottling companies.** We need to be sure that all of CT has the water it needs for its residents, agriculture, environment, and business. Not all of Connecticut is currently water rich. Keep our water local.

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