Drought & Regional Leadership in the Santa Ana River Watershed

The “No-Regrets” Path: Drought, El Nino, and Resiliency

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What is SAWPA?
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
SAWPA Member Agencies & Stakeholders

- 97 Water-related Agencies
- 4 Counties
- 59 Cities
- State water, environmental, and regulatory agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Special Districts
GODSEND
or
GODZILLA
El Niño
Building a Conservation Budget Based Rate Structure

- Indoor Need
- Outdoor Need
- Adjustments

- People
- Landscape
- Elderly care, horses, etc.
Before
May 2014

After
August 2015
Recycled water at Construction sites saves enough drinking water for 500 families.