

Resolution F15-A: Elimination of Bottled Water in the Academic Senate

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- WHEREAS California is experiencing the worst drought in a century,
- WHEREAS the severity of this crisis compels all Californians to use our diminishing water resources in a wise and responsible manner,
- WHEREAS bottled water is obtained from some of the most drought-stricken areas of California,
- WHEREAS the consumption of bottled water is controversial for many economic and environmental reasons,
- WHEREAS the production and disposal of the plastic used by the bottled water industry has a negative impact on the environment,
- WHEREAS bottled water is considerably more costly than other sources of potable water,
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate supports the responsible use of our water resources by ceasing the purchase of bottled water for Academic Senate meetings,
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate will consider other ways of providing water to senators including filtering tap water, buying purified water in bulk and encouraging senators to use reusable water bottles,
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate will report this resolution to the Board of Trustees with the suggestion that the problems associated with the consumption of bottled water on campus be discussed.