



5 Point Plan To Protect Our Water Security

MDC CEO Scott Jellison; MDC Chairman William DiBella; Governor Dannel Malloy; Connecticut State Legislators; Members of all MDC-served Town Councils; MDC Commissioners, & DPH Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino:

TO PROTECT OUR MDC-WATER NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, WE OPPOSE THE SALE OF OUR WATER AT A DISCOUNT TO NIAGARA BOTTLING of CALIFORNIA.

We ask you to:

- 1. Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watchdog committee** to ensure that the MDC works openly with its citizen members to make the wisest decisions involving our water resources.
- 2. Rescind the special discounts on water rates and special sewer service charges enacted by the MDC for large volume users (Niagara Bottling).** Discounts for large volume users incentivize overuse, not conservation of a precious and limited public resource. Residents of MDC towns have paid for years for their water infrastructure and should not be the victims of rate discrimination.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Complete the State Water Plan before allowing any further large water sales.** Prohibit any new water capacity agreements of over 250,000 gallons/day until a state water plan is in place. Require a water diversion permit for out-of-watershed transfers by trucks.
- 5. Enact a 1 cent per bottle tax on all bottled water** to fund water infrastructure repair and the increased costs of recycling and pollution associated with bottled water. Billions of new single-use water bottles in CT spell environmental disaster for our landfills and waters.

MDC-served towns include: Bloomfield, Hartford, Windsor, East Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, and Windsor as well as sections of Farmington, Glastonbury, East Granby, and South Windsor.