**Don't You Waste a Drop! We Must All Conserve water**

**These are Unprecedented Times. Only Air is a greater necessity for human life than water**

We have never had such ominous times as today. Climate change is evident all over the globe, and thus, all us humans must change or face very dire consequences. These days there are mighty storms with floods that have wreaked unprecedented damage to some parts of the world, while other parts of the world face enormous fires destroying our forests and the homes of many people.

Especially, for those of us living in areas burnt to a crisp, the dry air and shortage of rain, has put people living in these areas in drought conditions. Maybe the rains will appear and we may avoid long term drought. Weather forecasters are warning that we may be in for long term? Drought. Of course, we have had droughts before, but we are starting a trend, due to climate change, that might last for years. How many years? No one knows.

Drought has killed more people in weather related disasters than any other threat. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 47% of the contiguous U.S. is having moderate to exceptional drought. This includes Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Thus, it is critical that everyone save every drop of potable water. Be sure to stockpile a few weeks of water, assuming that you may not have water for an extended time frame. We all need water to survive, only air is more critical. To date few people have conserved water, so we must all be prepared. No human can survive more than three (3) days without water.

And this is in fact a global threat. China, Taiwan, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and most countries in Africa are all having drought conditions. Throughout Europe and UK, drought is causing huge economic damage

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**Droughts have killed the most people in the world's worst natural disasters over the last 50 years**

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Empty boat docks sit on dry land at the Browns Ravine Cove area of drought-stricken Folsom Lake, currently at 37% of its normal capacity, in Folsom, Calif., Saturday, May 22, 2021.

**Droughts killed the most people of the world's most deadly weather-related disasters, the UN said.**

A new report released Tuesday highlights an increase in weather-related disasters but fewer deaths.

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**Droughts are the leading cause of death from the world's worst disasters in the last 50 years, according to a report the World Meteorological Organization released on Tuesday.**

**The UN agency's report, which considered more than 11,000 weather disasters over the past half-century, highlighted four specific droughts that occurred in eastern Africa in the 1970s and 1980s as the leading killers. In all, droughts killed 650,000 people. The next biggest cause of death from disasters was storms, with more than 575,000 deaths.**

Disasters related to weather, climate, or water hazards happen five times more often now than they did in the 1970s, but the deaths they cause have decreased significantly, the report said.

The 1970s and 1980s saw an average of 170 deaths per day, which fell to 90 in the 1990s. In the 2010s, there were 40 deaths per day related to weather disasters.

More than 90% of the deaths occurred in developing counties, the report said.

Meanwhile, economic damage stemming from these disasters has increased seven-fold over the last 50 years, according to the report. The six costliest disasters were all the result of hurricanes in the US, racking up more than $517 billion in economic losses combined.

**"The number of weather, climate and water extremes are increasing and will become more frequent and severe in many parts of the world as a result of climate change," WMO Secretary-General Prof. Petteri Taalas said in a statement**. "That means more heat waves, drought and forest fires such as those we have observed recently in Europe and North America. **We have more water vapor in the atmosphere, which is exacerbating extreme rainfall and deadly flooding**. The **warming of the oceans has affected the frequency and area of existence of the most intense tropical storms."**

He said the global community has become better at saving lives due to improved multi-hazard early warning systems, despite only half of the 193-member countries of the WMO actually having these systems.