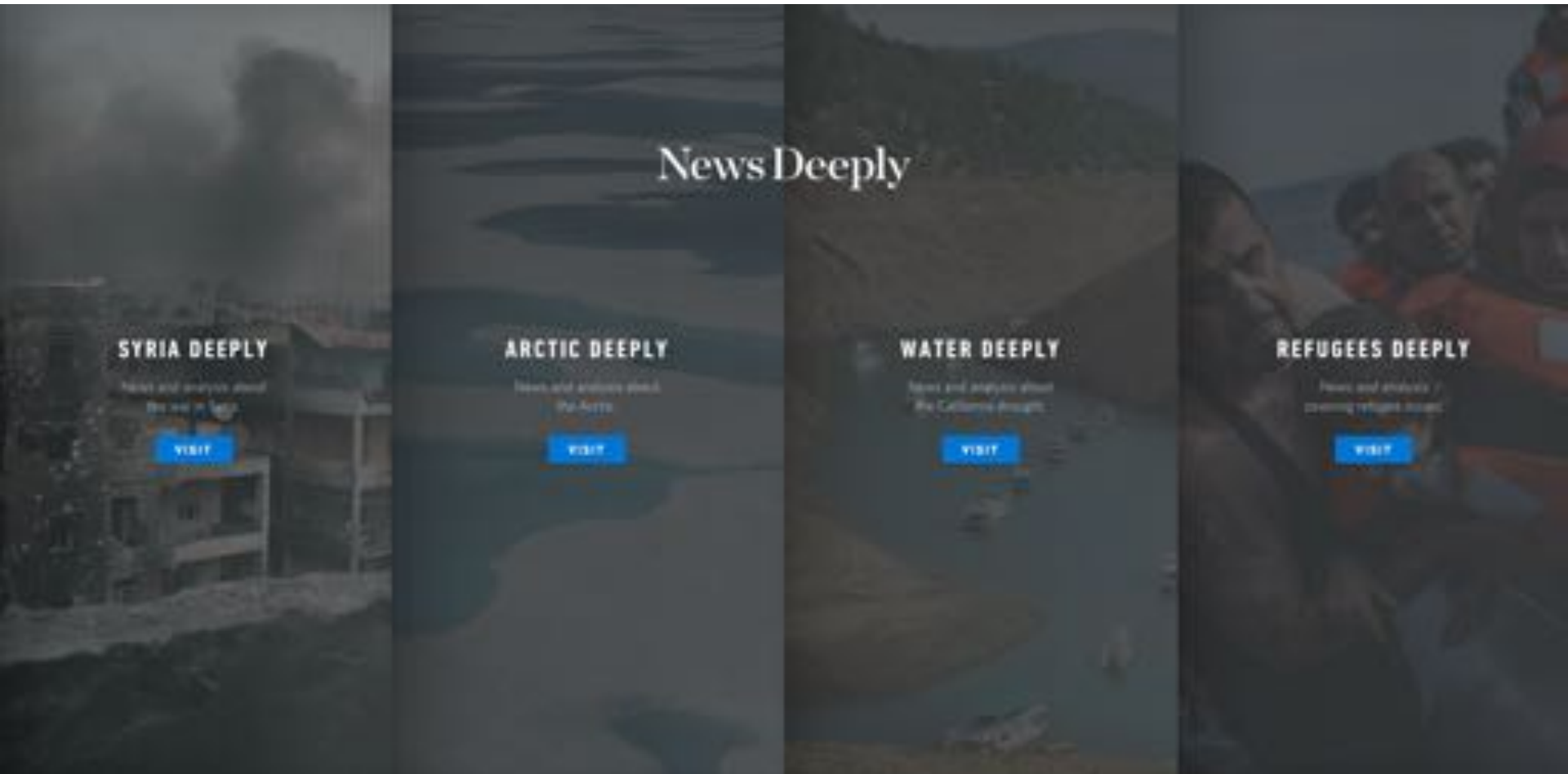# Water in Silicon Valley Reporting Series by Water Deeply

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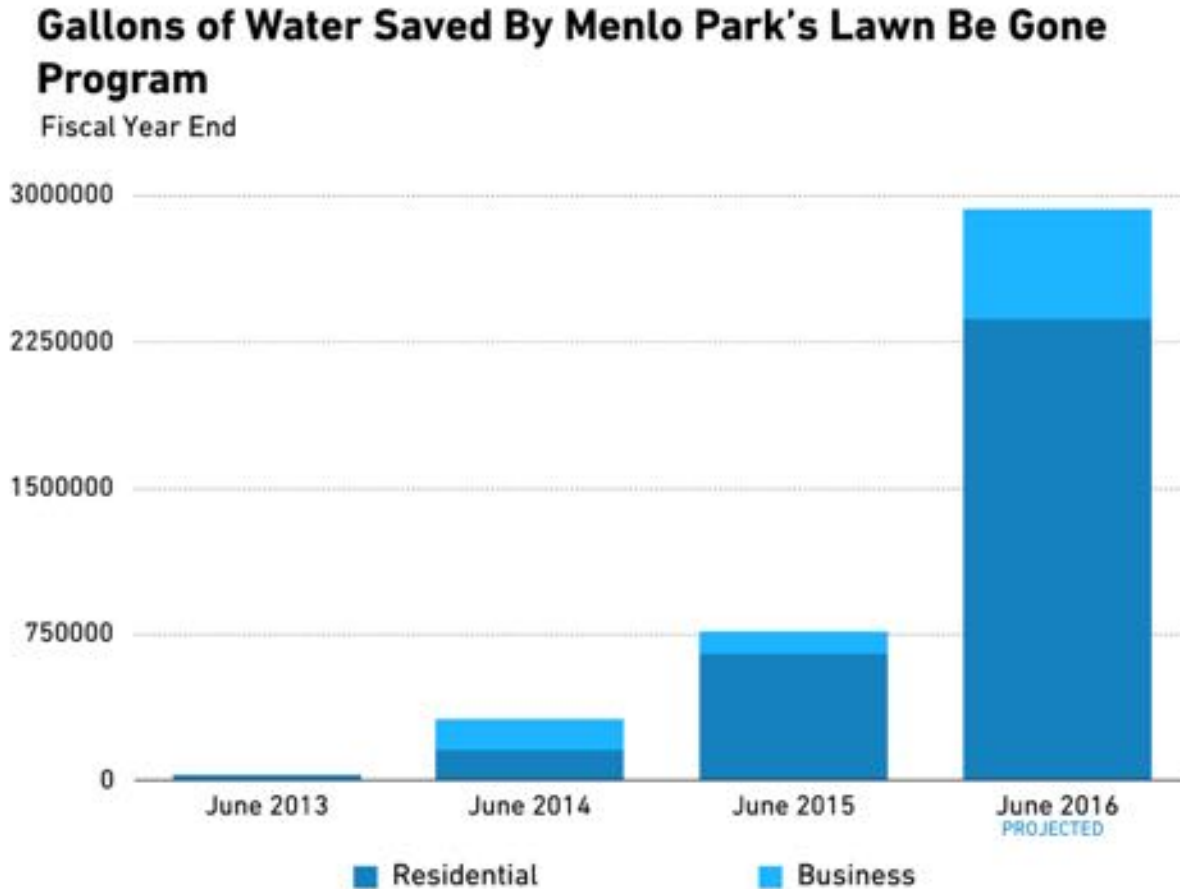tara@newsdeeply.org *www.newsdeeply.com/water

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Conservation works, money helps

Menlo Park 16 % mandate, saved 44 %

Gallons of Water Saved By Menlo Park's Lawn Be Gone Program

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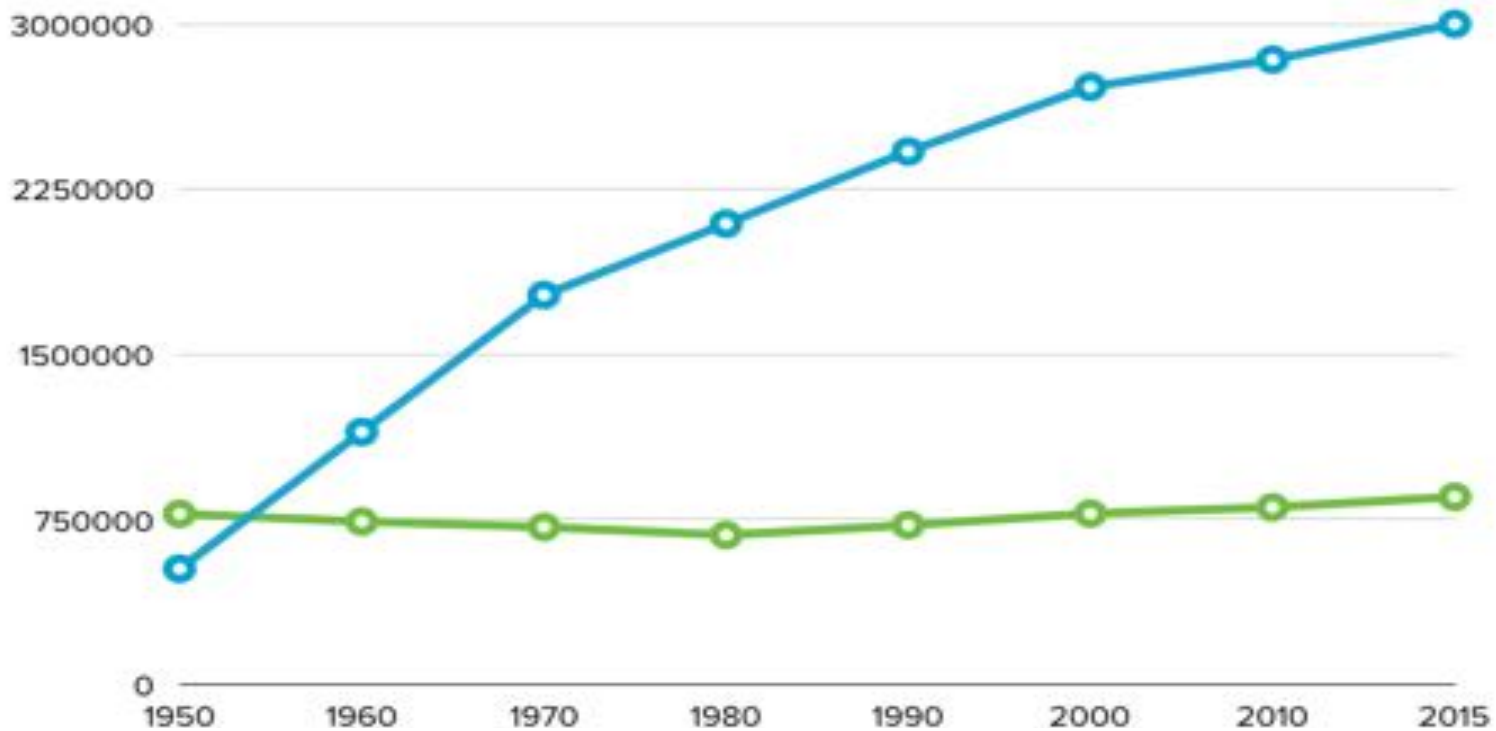■ Residential   ■ Business

Focus on local water sources

"Future generations are going to look at us like we're insane that we used drinking water to flush poop. Who could possibly have thought of something so stupid? But here we are."

– Gil Friend, chief sustainability officer, City of Palo Alto

"A new home built in the 'right' place uses 35% less water than a home built in the 'wrong' place."-- Jeremy Madsen, Greenbelt Alliance

Data from Silicon Valley Institute for Regional Studies and US Census

It's different on the coast

"Farmers created habitat for a species that was pushed out of places that were developed and now it is difficult to maintain these features on the landscape because of the presence of the very thing they helped save – that's a catch 22." – Kellyx Nelson, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District

CA water issues are SV water issues

Embracing our hydrologic realities

"The sad and unfortunate truth is that there really isn't going to be an end to the drought. We live in a dry climate. Even if the drought gets better, we will then have more people living here, more industry, more farming. They'll be wetter and drier years but it's always going do be a drought climate."

 – Alan Hackler, Bay Maples