Billion-Dollar "Water Strategy" for Germany

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The Ministry's goal for 2050 is: Clean water is sufficiently available in Germany, everywhere and at all times. Furthermore, the water balance is to be equipped to withstand climate extremes. Landscapes and soils are to function as natural water storage. Shorelines of lakes and rivers as well as floodplains, old channels and depressions are to be designed close to nature and serve again as natural retention areas and buffers for flooding and storage for periods with low precipitation. Moors are to be renaturalized and sufficient groundwater recharge is also to be ensured by 2050.

Among other things, the state wants overall less water to be consumed, and for this, water usage is to be specifically monitored, for example. To create incentives for this, the BMU is examining the introduction of federally uniform "water extraction fees" as well as the potential for "smart" water tariffs. This way, water is to be cheaper for users at times of day when demand is low. For example, someone who waters their garden late in the evening or programs their washing machine to run at night is to pay less for their water.

The idea of "water-sensitive cities" reads positively. These are to be green and are to have many unsealed surfaces to enable the storage and use of rainwater. They are to create habitats for animals and plants and provide cooling.

However, the plan also includes establishing rules for dealing with "usage conflicts" during prolonged drought. For the first time, there is even talk of establishing a water usage hierarchy. Since this apparently also concerns stricter state controls of one of the most important foundations of life for all living things, we will keep a close eye on the development of this project and continue to report on it on this channel!

The world may be acting a bit crazy right now, but we don't expect a major drinking water problem due to "water shortage" in Germany. This could more likely be caused by a power outage. Anyone who wants to secure their personal access to the purest, cleanest drinking water under all circumstances can do so with a mobile truu water filtration system. It can be operated not only with 220V but also with a 12V car battery and in an emergency easily pumps and refines water from a nearby body of water in nature.

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