

NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER PLANNING

Water Words Dictionary

“Except for floods and drought, we ignore water. For over a generation most North Americans have seldom had to think about it. It comes to our taps when called. It drains away to somewhere else. . . . Like good health, we ignore water when we have it. But like health, when water is threatened, it's the only thing that matters. Fresh water is the blood of our land, the nourishment of our forests and crops, the blue and shining beauty at the heart of our landscape. . . . Where there is no water, there is no life. A healthy human being can live for a month without food, but will die in less than a week without fresh water. We live by the grace of water.”

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“The finest words in the world are only vain sounds, if you cannot comprehend them.”

—Anatole France

“A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used.”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

“The safest words are always those which bring us most directly to facts.”

—Charles H. Parkhurst

“Acquire new knowledge whilst thinking over the old, and you may become a teacher of others.”

—Confucius