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Water-Leak Warning Light

Mr. Clark Brown of Oceanside called the California Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office to express his concerns about the drought we are experiencing and to offer a water-saving idea. He offers his idea to the Water Energy Technology program's WaterSaver Idea Exchange in hopes that someone will pick it up and run with it. He does not have the wherewithal to pursue the idea himselfã€"at 94 years of ageâ€"and offers the idea to anyone interested in pursuing it. Perhaps a college student could make it a senior thesis.

Mr. Brown suggests a warning light that comes on when there's a water leak or a faucet is left openâ€"like the warning lights in motor vehicles. The warning light would receive a signal from the water meter. Any time water is flowing in the system the light comes on. If, for example, the light stays on after a faucet is closed, there may be a leak somewhere in the system. Mr. Brown suggests a warning light in the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. They could be made mandatory, he suggested, like a smoke detector.

If you would like to discuss this idea with Mr. Brown, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or publicadviser@energy.ca.gov and we will provide you with his contact information.