

AGUASCALIENTES

State promotes water savviness



Aguascalientes is constructing a model for responsible short- and long-term water management that will focus on over-use and pollution, said the General Director of the Water Institute (INAGUA), Javier Campos

Hermosillo. This policy will help educate people on proper water usage and heavily rely on civil participation, he said.

At a meeting with Wouter Kan, Minister of Advice of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands, Campos kept to strategic objectives: to sanitize the San Pedro River, to modernize inefficient irrigation systems, to collect and utilize surface water efficiently, to prevent and minimize impacts generated by geological faults and to guarantee the future of quality water.

Kan also expressed interest in the irrigation modernization project meant to conserve water.

Aguascalientes is a national leader in water services; 98 percent of its water reserve is disinfected, 97 percent of the population has functioning drains and sewers and 96 percent of the rainwater it collects is sanitized, officials said. The state runs 34 water treatment plants, 11 in the capital and 23 more dispersed throughout other municipalities, reaching the capacity of disinfecting 4,180 liters of water a second.

Meanwhile, Greater Mexico City is now reducing water supply to millions of residents after reservoirs below capacity.

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