

STATE OF MEXICO



State of Mexico Gov. Peña Nieto called on municipalities to fix water leaks.

Water leaks severe; repairs may become mandatory

TOLUCA - State of Mexico Governor Enrique Peña Nieto, announced that he is seeking to establish some mechanism in the state budget that would require

municipalities to take care of water leakages in their water distribution networks.

The governor said that leaks are the main reason water is being lost, and that municipal governments are the ones responsible for maintaining the water pipelines that supply the communities.

He said, "We could stipulate in the budget itself that municipal governments commit to maintaining water pipes and fixing leaks, seeing as the

main loss of our water supply is from the distribution pipes that go to houses. The municipal authorities are responsible for those pipes."

The Greater Mexico City Area, which includes the State of Mexico, has responded recently to shrinking water reserves due to a drought by announcing cuts to supplies.

Peña Nieto also mentioned that his administration is planning to plant 90 million trees in 23 forests within the state, with the hopes of producing more rain.

The governor urged residents to be more conscientious in their efforts to conserve water, to make every effort to use the precious resource efficiently and use the least amount possible in their daily activities.

Without quoting exact figures, Peña Nieto indicated that levels of wa-

ter reservoirs in the state are below accumulated water levels of previous years. He said because of low water supply, restrictive water measures could continue for some time.

"We have water levels below what we have historically had," Peña Nieto declared. "As a consequence, we have been coordinating with the federal government and the government of the Federal District, to ration even more of the water that the metropolitan zone supplies."

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