

The Los Angeles Aqueduct: A Reexamination of California's First Critical Water Transfer
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Within this essay, I examine the implications of California's first great water transfer, between Inyo County's Owens Valley and Los Angeles's Department of Water and Power. As I reexamine the story of what would become the Los Angeles Aqueduct, I touch on the controversies surrounding the Owens Valley land grabs by Los Angeles, as well as reexamine the implications of the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct. Finally, I conclude with what can be applied to our current water resource problems by analyzing and understanding the earliest water transfer in California's history.