

INFORMATION ON THE LACK OF WATERING OF GREEN AREAS

There are many comments circulating on social networks that are unfounded, untrue and some of them malicious.

It is true that last week the irrigation community of Piedras-Guadiana, which manages the irrigation water in the area, cut off the water supply to the urbanisation of Costa Esuri. The EUC Governing Board has no competence, it is the Town Hall who has the concession, and the EUC Governing Board has asked the Town Hall to solve the problem.

Why have they cut off our water supply? Because the Government of the Junta de Andalucía, after the severe drought of the period 2022-2023, approved the Decree-Law 2/2024 taking measures to alleviate the effects produced by the exceptional situation of drought. The hydrological demarcation of the Tinto-Odiel and Piedras at the beginning of 2024 was at 31.32% of its capacity. The Regional Ministry of Agriculture established restrictions of 50% from 01-01-2024 and 25% from 10-05-2024.

At the end of August, the Town Council informed us that the water supply would be cut off due to over-consumption up to 30 June, and the Governing Council ordered ComfortServi to reduce irrigation; and on 16 September we were informed that the irrigation association was cutting off the supply. The Town Council took steps to prevent this, but they have not succeeded. Last year (2023) the same thing happened at the beginning of October, do you remember, did the Governing Council of that time inform us of this event?

The reason for the water cut is that the weather has been very poor in terms of rainfall, the drought is extreme and water is a very scarce commodity that depends on elements that man has no control over. In some provinces, the filling of swimming pools and the watering of green areas have been banned. We are not the only ones who have been affected, farmers are also suffering, as all of the crops that feed us depend on water.

It is a fact that in recent years rainfall has decreased a lot, we cannot predict the future and therefore we have to adapt to the circumstances; momentarily the grassy areas may dry out, they need a lot of water and the soil is not ideal; but they will recover when irrigation is available and nature is more favourable. Grass is nice, but it needs a lot of water and a lot of maintenance which also costs money. The Governing Board does not have a magic wand to change the weather or fill the reservoirs with water.

The EUC Governing Board