

Table 4. Historical periods of similar water use in the Owens Valley, California

Time period	Characteristics of water use
Pre-1913	Prior to the first export of water from the Owens Valley. Installation of canals to dewater the valley floor and supply water for farming and ranching.
1913–69	Export of surface water from the Owens Valley by diversion of the Owens River and tributary streams into the Los Angeles Aqueduct. General decrease of farming and ranching in the valley. Brief periods of pumping to augment local surface-water supplies.
1970–84	Export of some additional surface water. Beginning export of ground water with the addition of new wells and second aqueduct. Major fish hatcheries switch supply from surface water to ground water. Decrease in consumptive use of water by remaining ranches.
1985–88	Continued export of surface and ground water. Design of cooperative water-management plan between Inyo County and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Installation and initial operation of enhancement and mitigation wells.