

## **Wet spring disproves climate change theories**

A small article in the USA Today section of the May 9 Sun-News said April, 2017, was the second wettest April on record for the USA. The weekly Drought Monitor, a map of the USA showing drought areas, had the lowest drought in that product's 17-year history.

Does anyone remember cries that our use of fossil fuels causes more drought? Does anyone remember the August 16, 2012 Sun-News column by Schmugge, Neidig and Boslaugh about the connection between heat waves, drought and global warming? That column related our use of fossil fuels and human-caused increases in greenhouse gases to droughts.

Does anyone remember February, 2015, when former President Obama visited the central valley of California, where Mr. Obama said, "A changing climate means that weather-related disasters like droughts, wildfires, storms, floods are potentially going to be costlier and they're going to be harsher."

Does anyone remember a year ago when Ian Lovett's New York Times article proclaimed, "California braces for unending drought?"

So how is this "settled science" working out?

For the USA, the "Palmer Drought Severity Index" shows drought intensity decreasing since records began, before 1900.

Second-highest April precipitation on record, lowest amount of drought in the history of the Drought Monitor, and 138 months since a major hurricane struck the USA, longest since such records began before the US Civil War.

The facts are clear; there are no data which show our use of fossil fuels has adversely affected the climate.

We have a local climate study group here: Cruces Atmospheric Sciences Forum, and a web site <http://casf.diskstation.me/wordpress/>

Join us!

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