

Water transported by aqueducts over long distances is costly, because is it expensive to operate these infrastructures, and mainly because the capital requirement is huge :

Table 2. Estimation of cost of water transported by several different means, 2002.

	Production Cost (\$US/m ³) – according to various estimations	Level of technology control	Advantages	Shortcoming
Transfer Canal (500 km)	0,8 to 3	High		

In Florida, or in the Western part of the United States, water conflicts that emerged because of the large share of available water that agriculture consumes (about 80%) are usually evolving towards water being transferred from the latter to the former, without it being necessary to develop new resources. Water pricing; competition from other regions, mainly Asia; cost incentives that lure American producers to Mexico, are am

Moreover, there also is opposition from within. Governmental archives from the early 1980s attest to the Western United States lobbying for the diversion of Great Lakes water to quench their lack of water. The International Joint Commission, created to prevent and resolve disputes between the United States and Canada under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty, explicitly warned against water diversions from the Great Lakes basin in its *Final Report on Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes* (2000).

Great Lakes States wanted to resist these projects, both for environmental and political reasons : why would the Great Lakes States give to California an added value at a timee ites199v 6ce95yinO6.3rio441 612.36058 nder th071909 n06040 12 3Tm(easons : why6043rs7461

Kemano	Nechako R. (Fraser basin) – Kemano R.	British Columbia	1954	115 m ³ /s
Kemano 2	Bridge R. – Kemano R.	British Columbia	1954	92 m ³ /s
Churchill	Churchill - Nelson	Manitoba	1976	775 m ³ /s
Great Lakes Basin	Long Lake – Lake Superior	Ontario	1939	42 m ³ /s
Great Lakes Basin	R. Okogi (Albany R. basin) – Great Lakes	Ontario	1943	113 m ³ /s
Churchill Falls	Jultan - Churchill			

scenario in which the United States could become interested again in Canadian water : prevent a social crisis that would be triggered by conflicts between agriculture and cities for dwindling water resources. The equation