

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA CORRUPTION SCANDAL

The city of Oroville files lawsuit against the state over "20 years of corruption in DWR"

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OROVILLE, Calif. —

A lawsuit filed by the City of Oroville against the Department of Water Resources (DWR) accuses the agency responsible for the Oroville Dam of 20 years of corruption including racism, sexual harassment and a disregard for public safety.

The attorneys that represent the City of Oroville gathered on the steps of Oroville City Hall to highlight the problems they see in the water management agency.

"The city is outraged at the evidence you are going to see at the intimidation, the discrimination of women, of people of color, and of the mismanagement of the entire department," said Carolyn Frank an attorney with the city attorney's office.

In an 800 page complaint attorneys highlighted a culture of cronyism. The attorneys mentioned a noose they believe was used to intimidate an African American employee. They said engineers came forward with complaints but wanted to remain anonymous so they wouldn't lose their pensions. They said one woman feared for her life because she was talking to the lawyers.