



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: STAGE II - DROUGHT CONTINGENCY WEEKLY UPDATE

The STAGE II Goal is a 25% reduction in demand.

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

WATER LEVEL

860.12

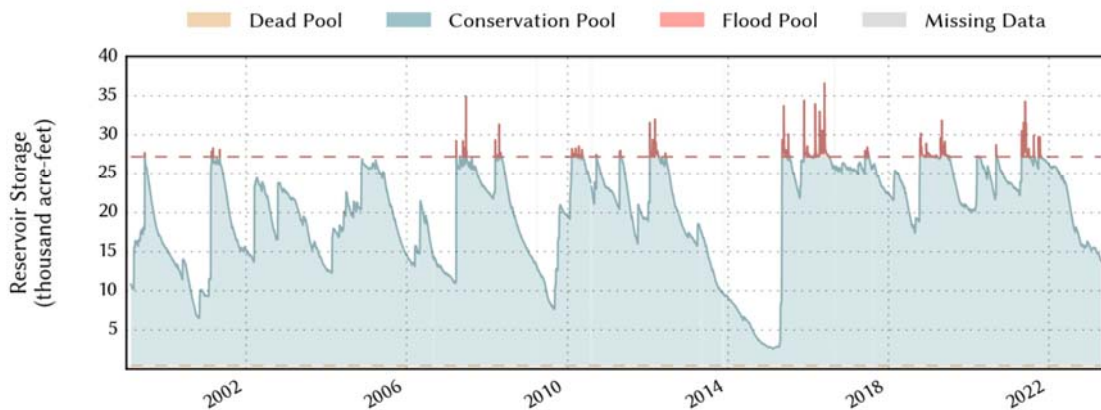
Feet MSL

Friday, April 28, 2023

at 7:15:00 AM

Level is **6.88 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 50.0% full as of 2023-04-28



Watershed area for Lake Palo Pinto remains in a **MODERATE DROUGHT**

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Water use was unchanged when compared to last week. No major breaks were reported.

WEATHER FORECAST: The 7-day outlook for the Lake Palo Pinto watershed area shows a slight chance of rain today (30% coverage) and into Saturday as an approaching cold front moves into the area. Clearing follows with temperatures expected in the mid-80s. Next chance of measurable rainfall is expected Thursday afternoon (05/04) for 20% of the area.

SITUATION REPORT: With approximately 1.5 inches of rain falling in the Lake Palo Pinto watershed last week, the lake level rose an inch. Flow from the feeder creeks continues into the impound as of this report. However, the lake remains down 9 1/2 inches since Stage II Drought Restrictions were initiated on April 1st. An expanded drought presentation is scheduled for the May 16, 2023, Mineral Wells City Council meeting and will include projection models for the weeks and months ahead.

STAGE III Restrictions will begin if the Lake Palo Pinto level drops **below 857 feet MSL**