



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 consumption.

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

WATER LEVEL

860.06

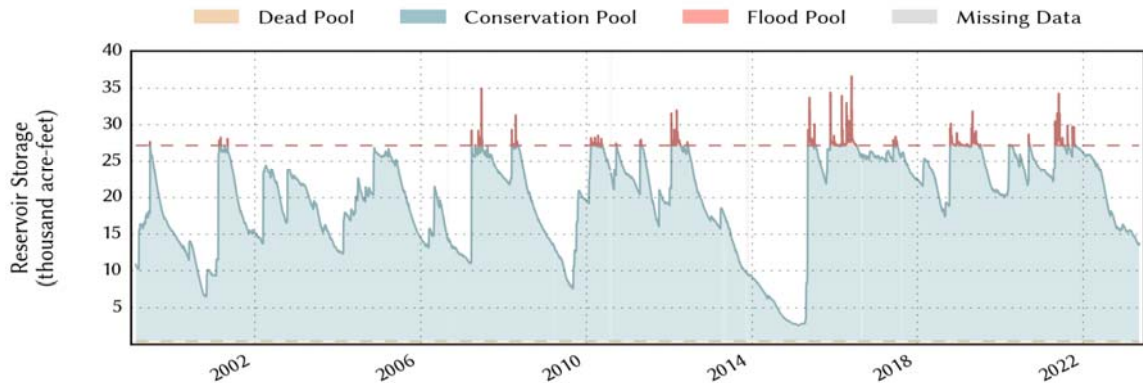
Feet MSL

Friday, May 12, 2023

at 5:15:00 AM

Level is **6.94 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 49.5% full as of 2023-05-12



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

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Water use decreased 2% when compared to last week. A major line break occurred in the Central Business District causing service interruption to many downtown businesses on Wednesday (05/10).

WEATHER FORECAST: The 7-day outlook for the Lake Palo Pinto watershed shows a good chance for beneficial rainfall over the period (60% to 80% coverage). Temperatures will remain seasonal while some thunderstorms including a threat of hail may be possible.

SITUATION REPORT: Thursday's rain (0.92 inches) on the watershed improved the lake level (up 0.12 feet). Additional rain is expected in the coming 7-day period, with additional runoff and inflow from outlying feeder creeks expected to add to that total (approximately 0.06 feet). Monthly consumption reports for all retail service and wholesale customers showed an overall decrease of 5% since Stage II water restrictions were implemented on April 1st. As a reminder, Stage II DCP Water Conservation target for this stage is a reduction of 25% in consumption.

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