



**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**

**860.83**

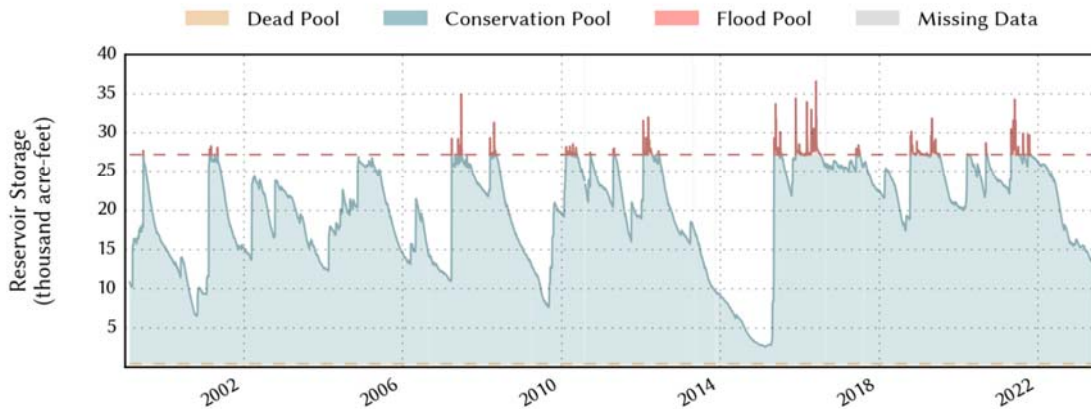
**Feet MSL**

Friday, May 26, 2023

at 6:15:00 AM

Level is **6.17 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 54.3% full as of 2023-05-26



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

**CONSUMPTION DEMAND:** Water use appeared unchanged compared to last week. Several monthly TCEQ required water flushing and testing activities were performed this period. No significant line breaks were reported.

**WEATHER FORECAST:** The 7-day outlook for the Lake Palo Pinto watershed shows a slight chance of rain for the holiday weekend (20% coverage) and an increased probability (40% to 50% coverage) forecast on Memorial Day. Ground saturation in the area should help improve runoff. Temperatures will be slightly lower than seasonal, with highs in the 80s.

**SITUATION REPORT:** Last week's rainfall (2.03 inches) on the watershed improved the lake level this period (up 0.02 feet) but was offset by consumption. Rain expected this weekend should provide additional relief as the level remained steady this period. As a reminder, the lake level of Lake Palo Pinto will need to remain above 861 feet MSL for ten (10) consecutive days to return to Stage I under the Drought Contingency Plan. The long-range outlook shows the lake level trending to remain in Stage II levels (> 861' MSL to < 857' MSL) through August.

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

