



NEWS 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

859.74

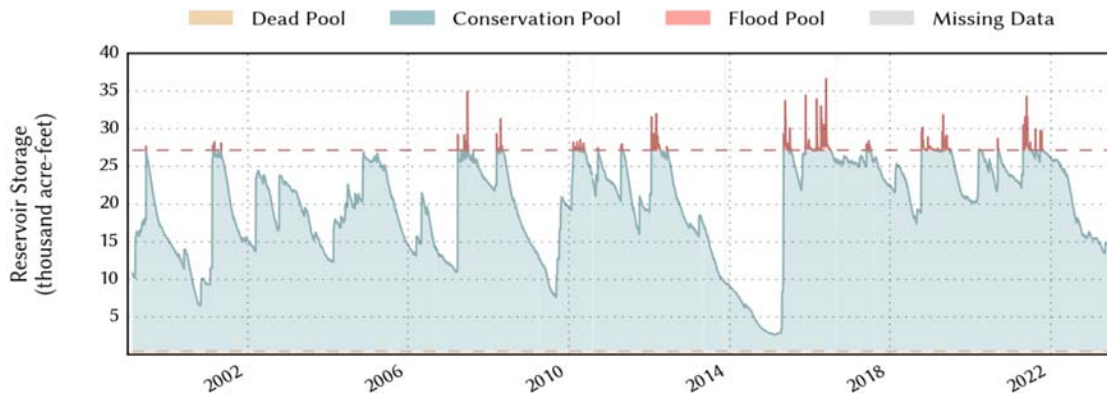
Feet MSL

Friday, July 7, 2023

at 4:15:00 AM

Level is **7.26 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 47.8% full as of 2023-07-07



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

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Water demand decreased 7% this week when compared to last week. Demand factors of note included firefighting activities related to the Storage Fire and a large leak on NW 4th AV with line flushing related to that repair (~ 300k gallons lost). Contractor water line hits (2) were reported this week and repaired (~ 7k gallons lost).

WEATHER FORECAST: The 7-day outlook indicates another ridge of high-pressure will overtake the area early next week, though the upcoming weekend does show the potential for scattered showers and more seasonal temperatures. Chances for any measurable rainfall remain hit-or-miss in the watershed area. A Moderate Drought has returned over the watershed, with Severe Drought conditions looming. The 90-day outlook remains unchanged and calls for unseasonably high temperatures and below average rainfall.

SITUATION REPORT: TCEQ did not approve the take point in our updated Brazos River water blending plan, though previously approved by TCEQ in the 2015 blending plan. City / PPCMW District engineers along legal counsel are working through this issue. Updated lake level projections now indicate the lake level may fall to the Stage III level by early September. Should the level of Lake Palo Pinto fall below 857' MSL, Stage III Drought Contingency and Water Conservation emergency measures will become necessary.