



NEWS RELEASE

September 15, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: STAGE III (SEVERE) - DROUGHT WEEKLY UPDATE

STAGE III requires a 30% reduction in consumption.

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

WATER LEVEL

856.73

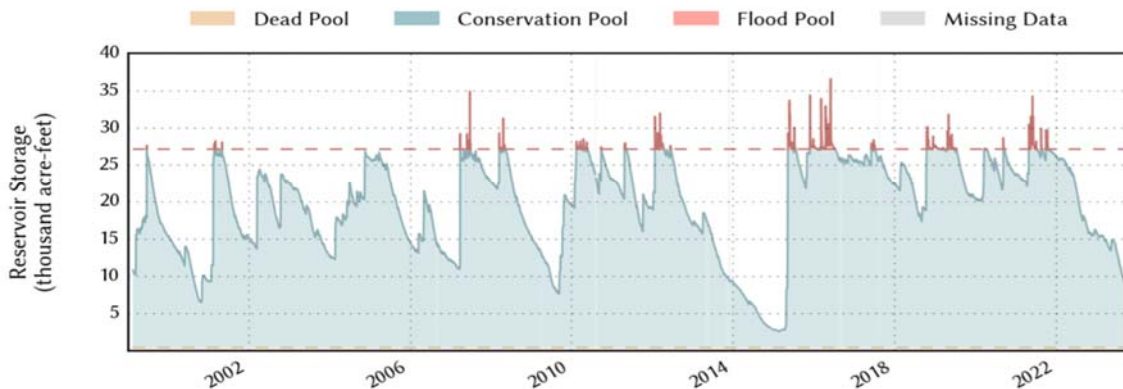
Feet MSL

Friday, September 15, 2023

at 9:15:00 AM

Level is **10.27 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 32.5% full as of 2023-09-15



Watershed area for Lake Palo Pinto is now in a **SEVERE DROUGHT**

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Consumption decreased 6.5% when compared to last week. No major water line breaks, leaks or disruptions were reported during this period. Hilltop WTP production into the entire distribution system averaged 3.74MGD for the week.

WEATHER FORECAST: The showers and thunderstorms provided some much needed relief in the watershed, recording 2.17 inches in that area for the week. Additional rainfall is forecast in the watershed starting late Saturday into Sunday, with increased chances for rain (60% to 70%) expected next Wednesday and Thursday. No tropical activity of note is present in the Gulf currently.

SITUATION REPORT: Brazos blending continued at the target mixture to 25% (1.2MGD) in the Brazos Diversion Pool. The release rate from Lake Palo Pinto was returned to 10cfs. The rains this week helped slow the lake level fall rate 0.03 feet per day (0.23 feet/week).

Lake Palo Pinto's water level remains below the DCP Stage III trigger level of 857' MSL and public notifications pursuant to the DCP are pending while staff monitors beneficial rains have fallen and are forecast in the near term. Additional runoff into Lake Palo Pinto is expected throughout the weekend.

Reminder: Stage III restrictions require all customers reduce consumption 30%.