



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: STAGE II - DROUGHT CONTINGENCY WEEKLY UPDATE

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

WATER LEVEL

860.36

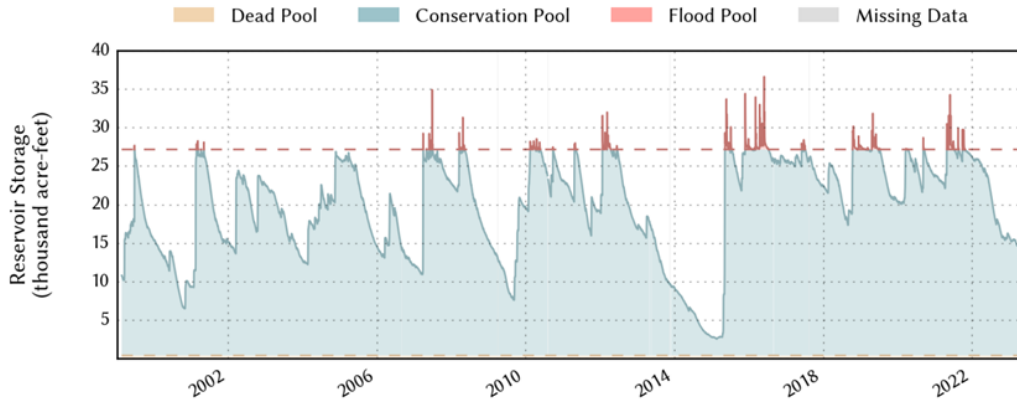
Feet MSL

Friday, April 14, 2023

at 5:15:00 AM

Level is **6.64 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 51.5% full as of 2023-04-14



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

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Water use **increased 4 %** when compared to last week. A portion of this increase was attributable to major water leaks (Mineral Wells: SW 1st ST, Mineral Wells: E. US 180, and Millsap WSC: UNK location). The system also performed the TCEQ required monthly water quality testing. **STAGE II Goal is a 25% reduction in demand.**

WEATHER FORECAST: The 7-day outlook for the Lake Palo Pinto watershed area indicates a chance (about 35%) of isolated thunderstorms next Tuesday (04/18). No other rainfall is expected in the watershed area in the coming week.

SITUATION REPORT: With the level of Lake Palo Pinto continuing to fall (down 2.04 inches since last week), **STAGE II Drought Conditions/Restrictions remain in effect.** Commercial and Industrial exemptions are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis relative to a written plan and “business necessity”. Many customers are utilizing effluent reuse water from Pollard WWTP for their outdoor watering needs. Enforcement of outdoor watering violations has begun. Reminder: It will be necessary to implement STAGE III Restrictions if Lake Palo Pinto level drops below 857 Feet MSL.