

## NEWS RELEASE

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## RE: **STAGE II (MODERATE) - DROUGHT WEEKLY UPDATE**

*STAGE II requires a 25% reduction in consumption.*

### CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

**WATER LEVEL**

**857.38**

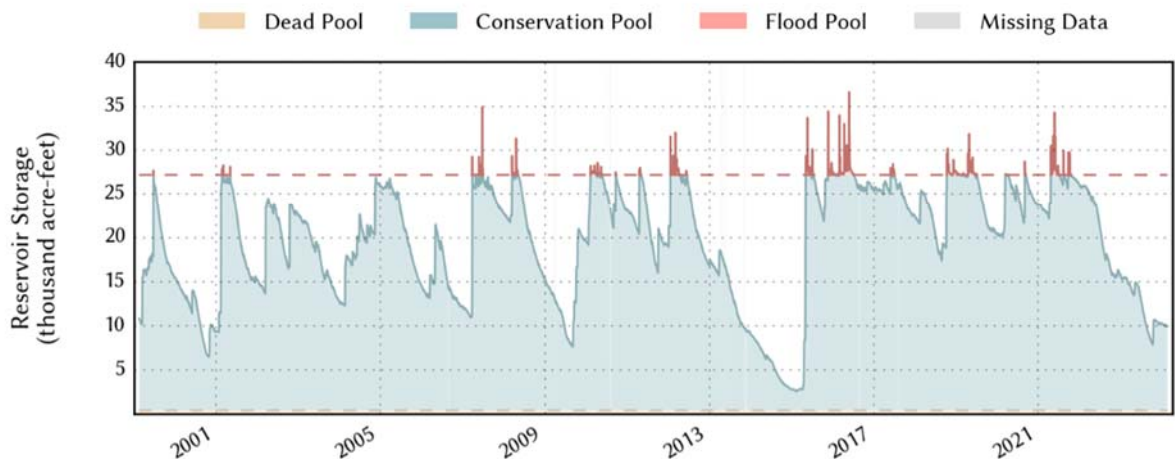
**Feet MSL**

Friday, March 1, 2024

at 8:15:00 AM

Level is **9.62 feet below** the  
conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 35.4% full as of 2024-03-01



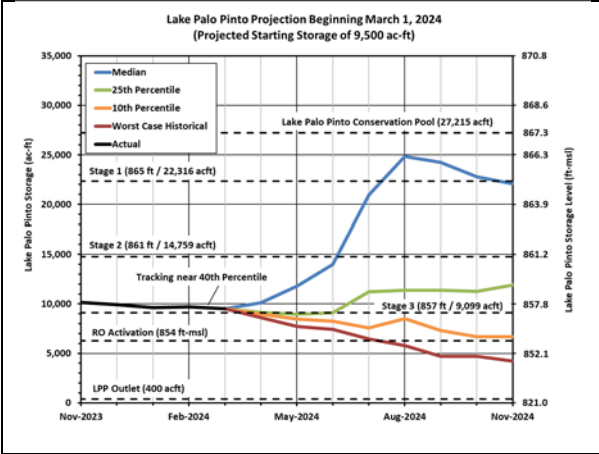
**CONSUMPTION DEMAND:** Consumption demand decreased (-25%) when compared to last week. One major leak was recorded (250k loss) at Ft. Wolters after a fire hydrant's seat ring seal failed and had to be replaced. No other significant losses or service interruptions were reported this period. HWTP production for this week averaged 2.65 MGD.

**WEATHER FORECAST:** The weekend looks to be sunny, with highs in the low 80's. Next week has increasing chances for scattered showers in the watershed, with next Thursday the most likely day to receive widespread coverage and a chance for thunderstorms in the area. February 2024 closed out with 0.95 inches of rain for the month compared with an average rainfall of 1.51 inches or ½ inch below normal.

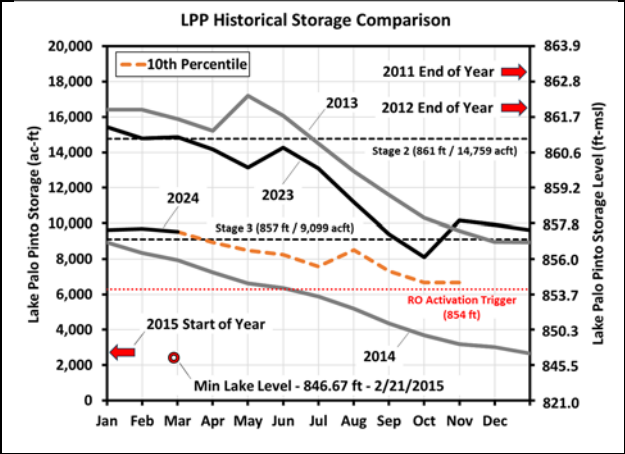
**SITUATION REPORT:** The lake level fell (0.06 feet MSL) to close out this week's period. This level was improved after .22 inches of rain was recorded in the watershed yesterday. The release valve at Lake Palo Pinto remains open (7cfs) while levels at the Diversion Pool (-14") and Pre-Sed (-14.25") are being monitored and maintained. One blending pump (1.2MGD) @ Brazos is running.

Reminder: Stage II restrictions require a 25% reduction in consumption.

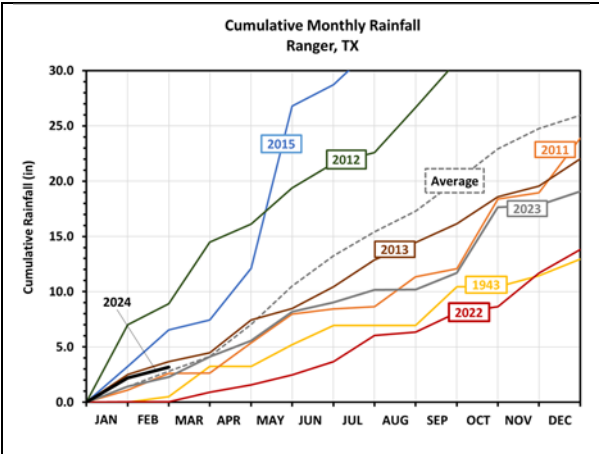
**Lake Palo Pinto Projections**



**Current lake level for 2024 vs. 2014 level**



**Cumulative Rainfall (watershed)**



**7-day Precipitation Forecast (Texas)**

