

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control
& Water Conservation Improvement District*

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 10: Water Supply Conditions

Monday, August 5, 2024

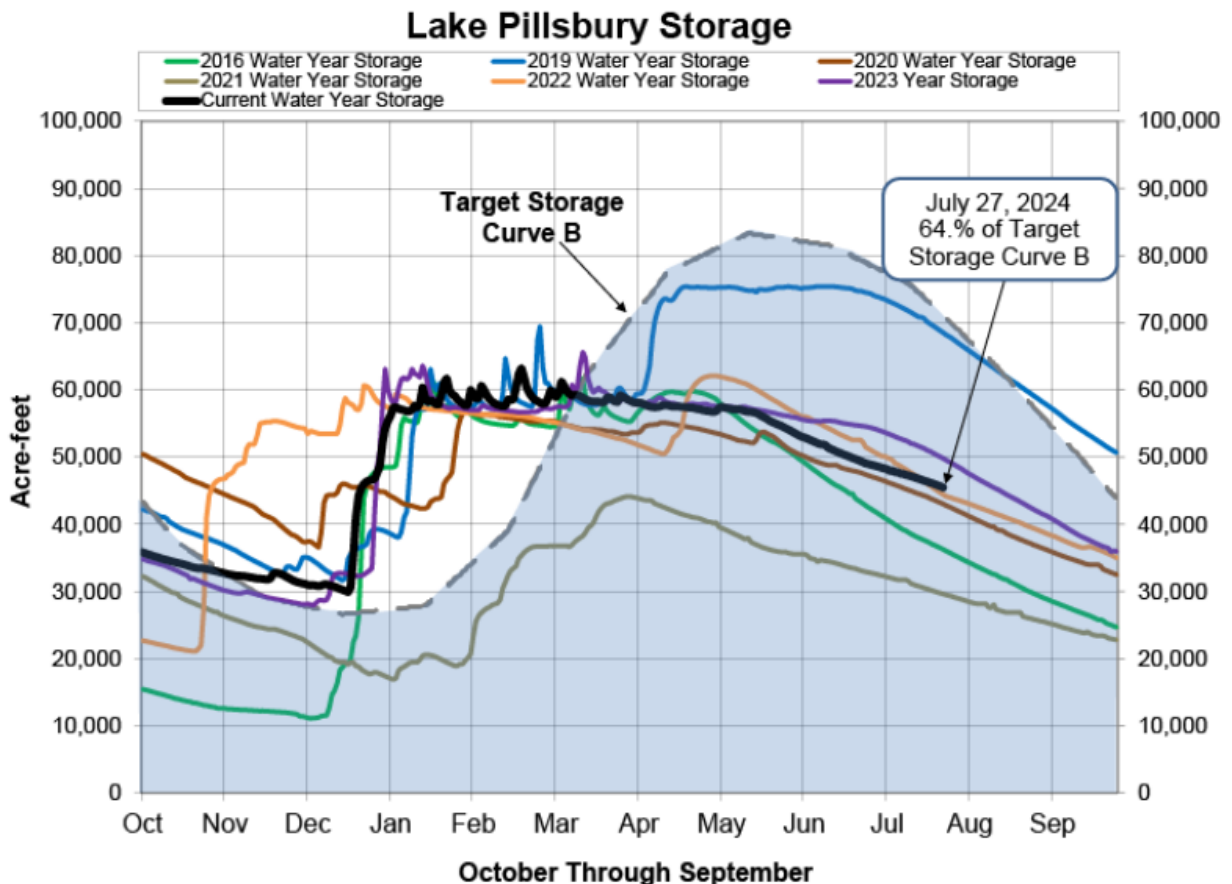
The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Advocacy** in support of equitable water resource stewardship; and **Use** of water in effective and beneficial ways as a public resource, all in alignment with the District’s Mission to steward water resources for the benefit of people and the environment.

Operations of the Trans-Basin Diversion Through PG&E Owned “Potter Valley Project”

The Federal Energy Resources Commission (FERC) approved the 2024 flow variance submitted by PG&E in late June. PG&E has reconvened the Drought Working Group.

On July 4th, a request from the Round Valley Indian Tribes and the resource agencies was implemented, dropping the East Fork RR minimum flow requirement from 25 cfs to 5 cfs. However, due to the Potter Valley Irrigation District water supply contract with PG&E, there is currently closer to 40 cfs in the East Fork. The variance will end with Lake Pillsbury storage exceeds 36,000 acre feet after October 1 or is superseded by another variance/license change (which is being developed by PG&E.)

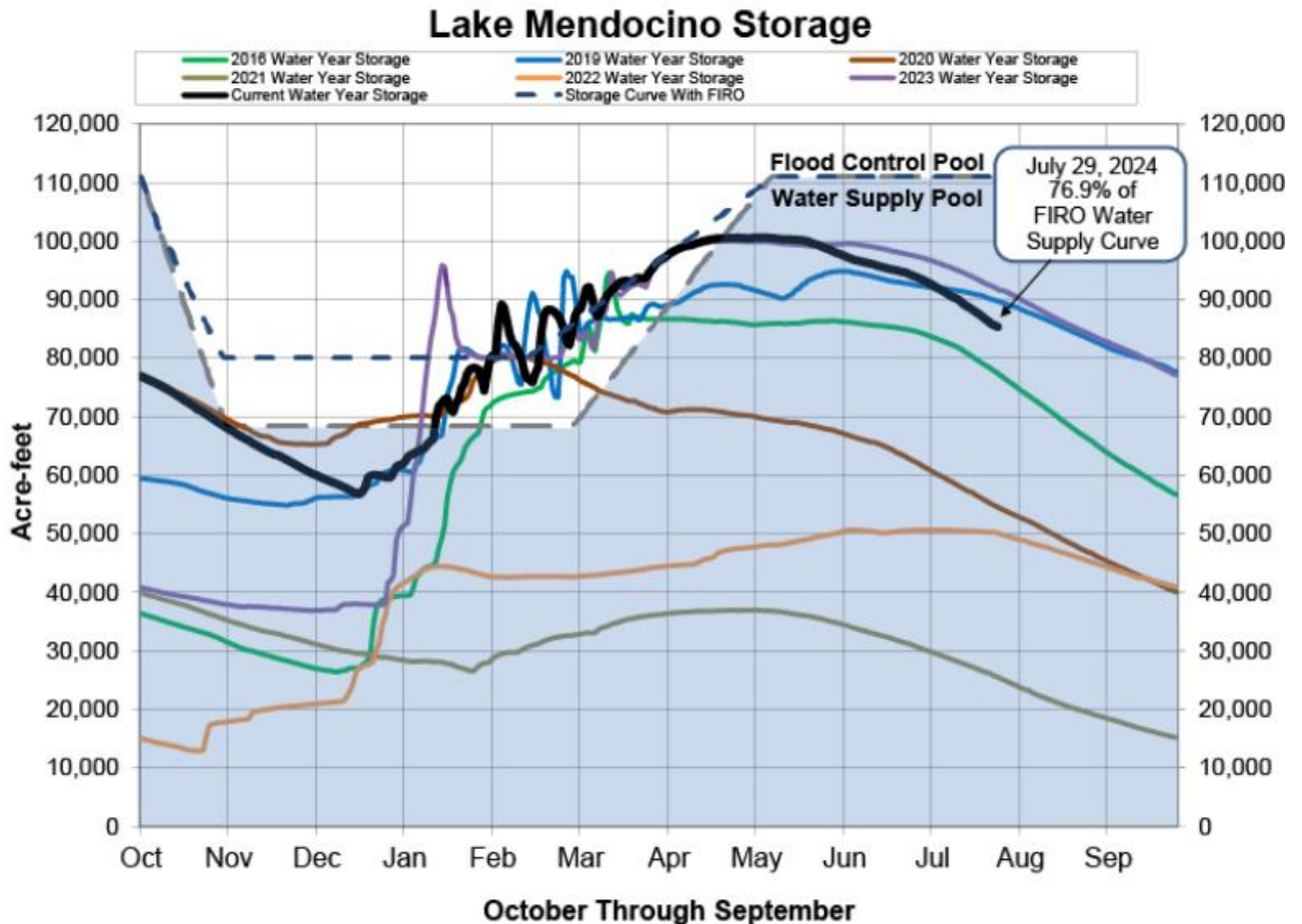
More information can be found on the District’s website: <https://www.rRFC.net/updates>



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Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Lake Mendocino storage level was 85,359 acre feet (af) on July 29, 2024, down from 95,006 af on June 24, 2024. The State Water Resources Control board approved the Sonoma Water Agency petition for temporary urgency changes on the Russian River. For more information, visit Sonoma Water’s TUCP webpage: www.sonomawater.org/tucp.



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