

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

STAFF REPORT

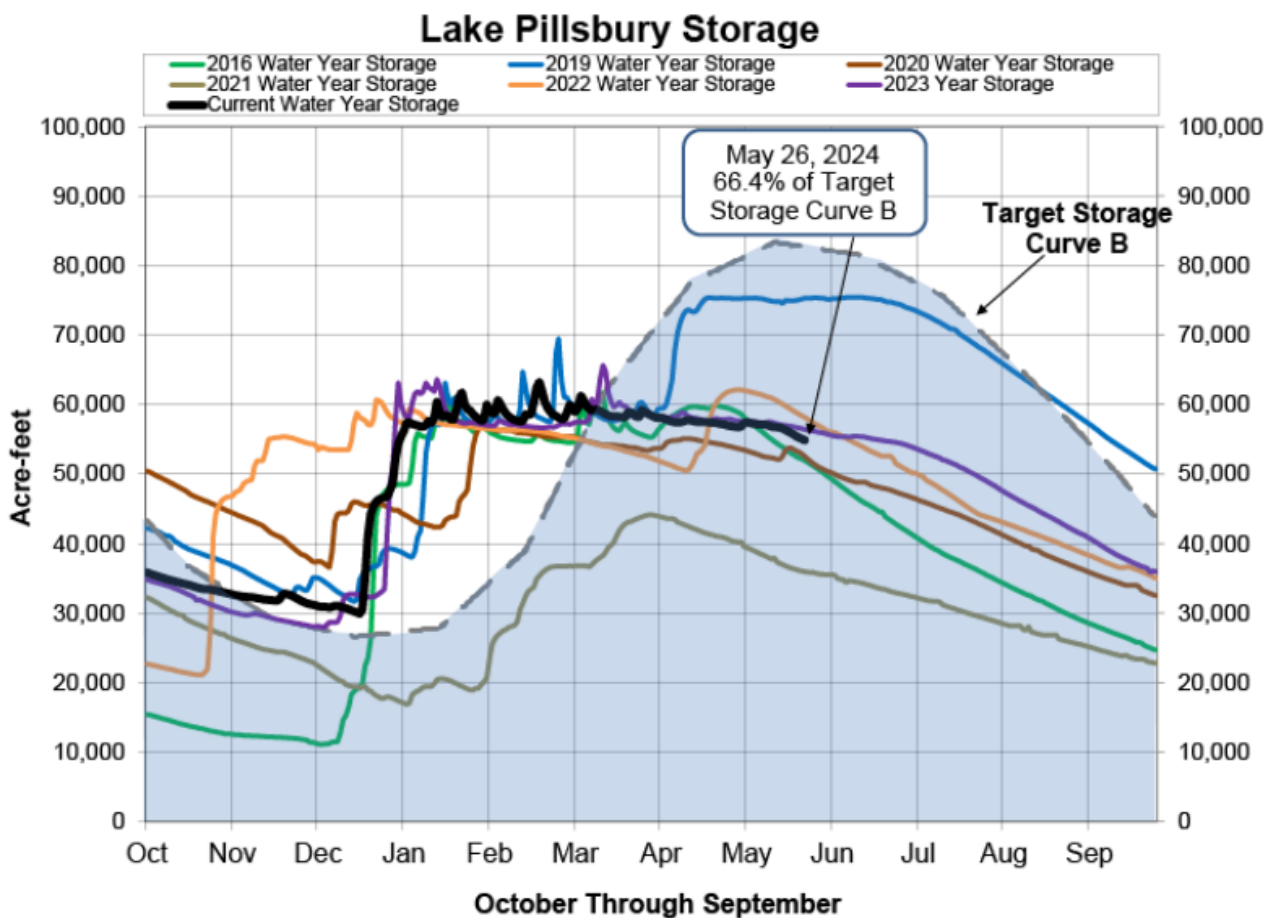
Agenda Item 7: Water Supply Conditions

Monday, June 3, 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”

On February 21, 2024, PG&E submitted the 2024 Flow Variance Request Due to Restricted Storage Capacity to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.) The public comment period has closed and a response from FERC is pending. The matter will elevate to the Commission level for approval rather than staff level due to the number of Motions to Intervene filed. A summary and further highlights from the document can be found on our website: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/updates>

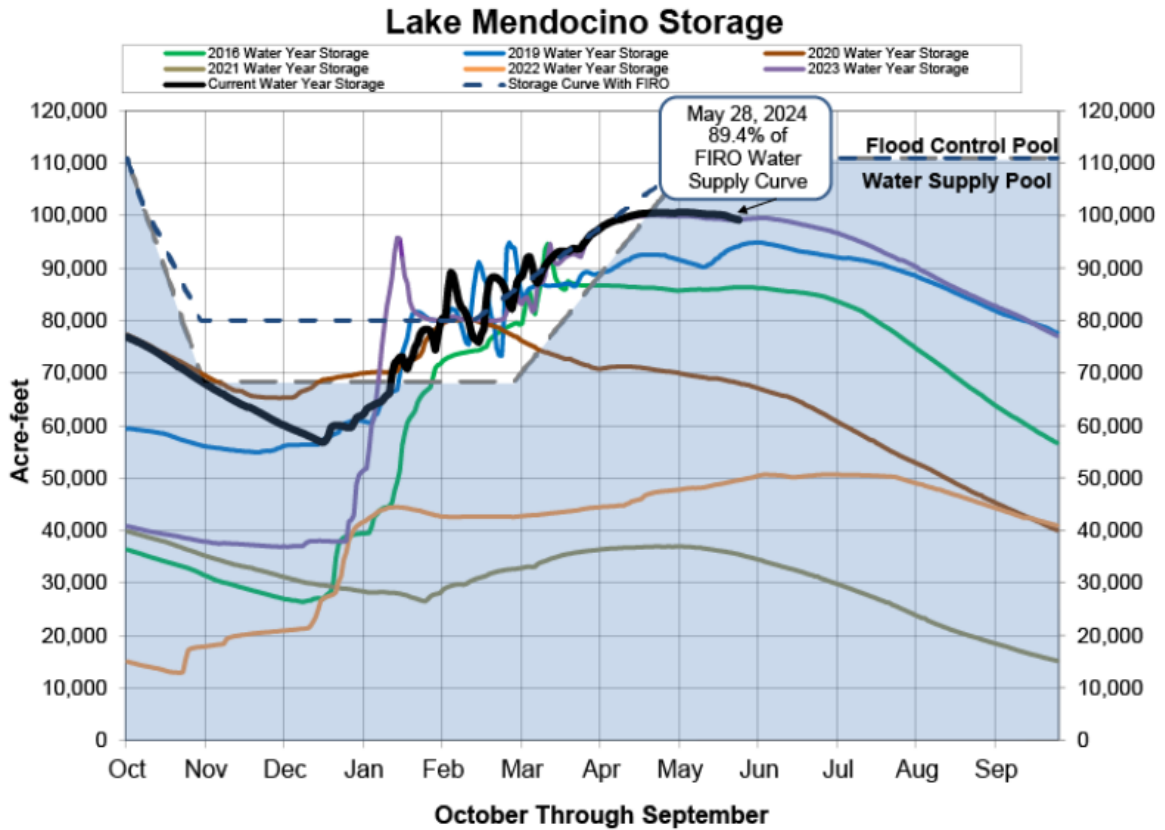


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Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Lake Mendocino storage level was 99,200 acre feet (af) on May 28, 2024, down from 100,646 af on May 6, 2024. Reservoir storage benefited from the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) as shown in the graph below. Sonoma Water Agency has filed petitions for temporary urgency changes for water right Permits on the Russian River. For more information, visit Sonoma Water’s TUCP webpage:

www.sonomawater.org/tucp.



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