

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

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 7, Water Supply Conditions

Monday, December 9, 2024

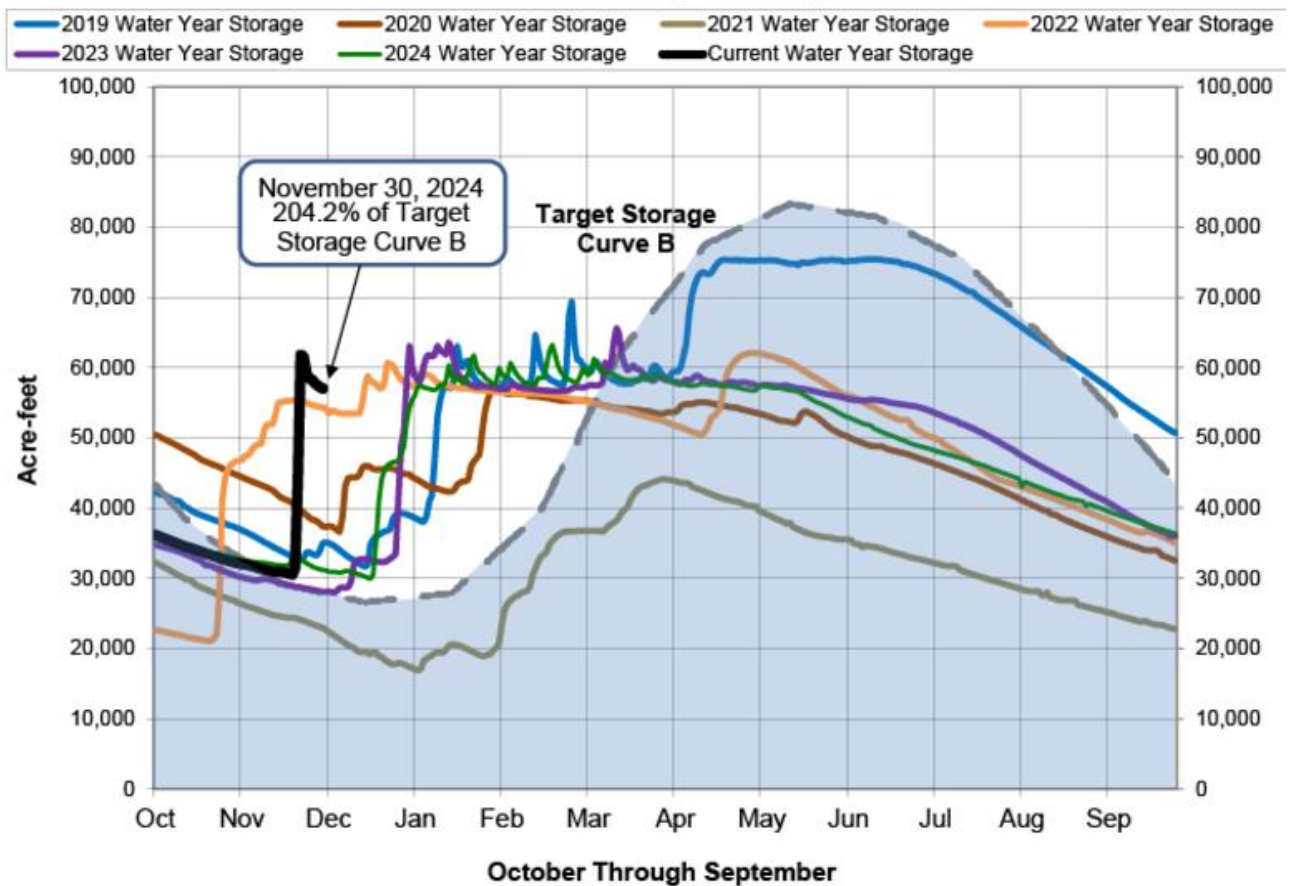
The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Advocacy** in support of equitable water resource stewardship; and **Use** of water in effective and beneficial ways as a public resource, all in alignment with the District’s 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. As of October 1, 2024, the **Potter Valley Project 2024 Flow Variance ended when** Lake Pillsbury storage exceeded 36,000 acre feet threshold following (per the exit clause in the variance). Minimum instream flows in the East Branch Russian River increased from 5 cfs to 35 cfs.

More information: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/updates>

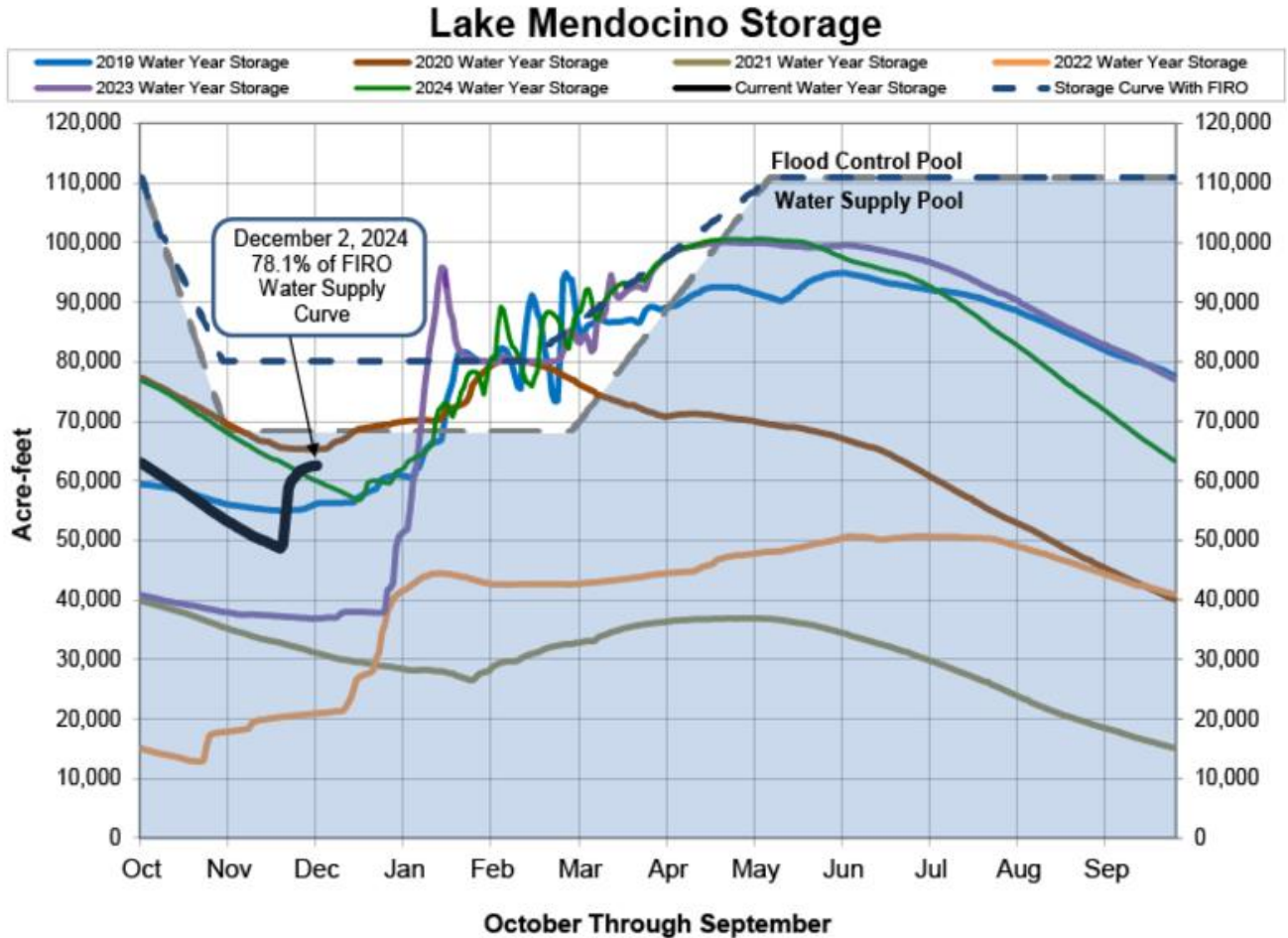
Lake Pillsbury Storage



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Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Lake Mendocino storage level was 62,544 acre feet (af) on December 2, 2024 up from 52,422 on November 4, 2024. Sonoma Water Agency’s Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) was approved on October 31, 2024 (for more information see <https://www.rffc.net/updates-on-russian-river-and-lake-mendocino> or Sonoma Water’s TUCP webpage: www.sonomawater.org/tucp.)



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