

Drought Stage Press Release

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The Hatcher Reservoir continues to drop, although now at a slower rate due to the rains, the Reservoir is currently down 34.5 inches. The San Juan River has risen slightly from last week, with current flows down to 17.1 cubic feet per second. Median flows are 114.5 cubic feet per second.



The District will remain in Drought Stage 2.

- Irrigation permitted only between 9 PM to 9 AM based upon address
- Odd numbered addresses may irrigate on odd numbered calendar days while even numbered addresses may irrigate on even numbered days
- Irrigation is permitted Monday – Friday Only. Weekend watering is prohibited.
- Gardens (edible and ornamental) may be hand watered using a hose or drip irrigation.
- Restaurants shall serve water only upon the request of customers.
- Hotels encouraged to replace towels and bed linens for new guests and at the request of existing guests.

Water rate tier multiplier of 2.0x for residential flows above 4,000 gallons remain in effect.

The District greatly appreciates everyone's continued diligence in conserving water. If you have any questions regarding the current Drought Management Plan, it can be found on the website at <https://www.pawsd.org/water-service/water-conservation/>

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