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MEMORANDUM

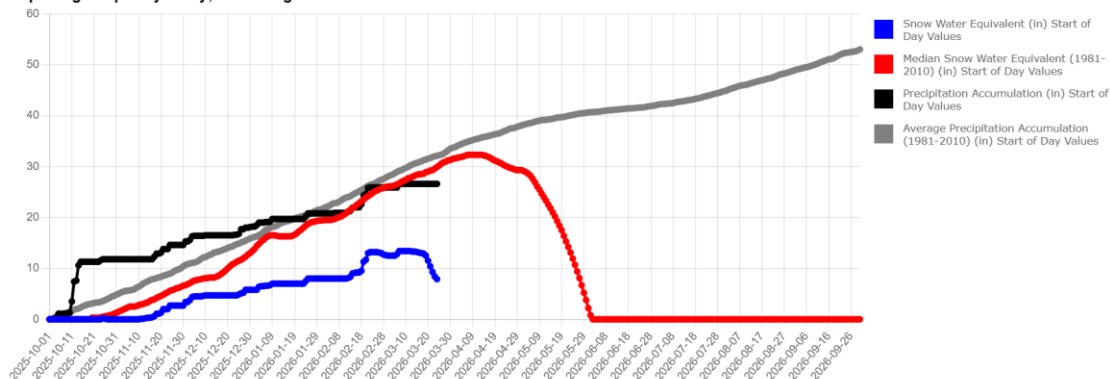
TO: Cyndi Foster
FROM: Justin O. Ramsey, PE
CC: Andrew Connor, Justin Stone, Renee Lewis
DATE: March 24, 2026
RE: Drought Update

Per the current (2020) Drought Management Plan, the District can go into various drought stages in two distinct timelines, early drought stage and Late drought stage.

Early stages are prior to May. An early drought stage is triggered when the snow water equivalency (SWE), as measured at the NRCS San Juan SnoTel station located on Wolf Creek Pass, reaches zero or when Fourmile Creek goes into Administration. Once in Administration, the District typically can no longer use this as a water source for the summer months.

This year's peak SWE was 42% of the median and the peak day arrived 40 days earlier in the year than the median peak day. -At the current rate of snowpack reduction, we will hit zero SWE on or about April 9, 2026.- That will trigger our Stage 1 Drought. -Although there are currently no billing increases for Stage 1, the District requests everyone be very diligent and deliberate in your water use.

Upper San Juan (840) Colorado SNOTEL Site - 10140 ft
 Reporting Frequency: Daily; Date Range: 2025-10-01 to 2026-09-30



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Late drought stages are based on three items: 1) Hatcher Reservoir Level; 2) San Juan River Flows and 3) the Colorado Drought Monitor Stage.

The three monitoring efforts listed above are entered into a scoring spreadsheet that serves to catalog the dynamic activity of current water supply and the anticipated water availability. All three items are not equally weighted in the scoring spreadsheet, the Hatcher Reservoir level has the highest weight, and the Colorado Drought Stage demands the least weight. Both the Hatcher Reservoir Level and San Juan River flows are date dependent based on median volumes or flows for the time of the year.

The District greatly appreciates everyone's attention and cooperation in this matter. 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/>.