

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

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 10: Water Supply Conditions

Monday, August 4, 2025

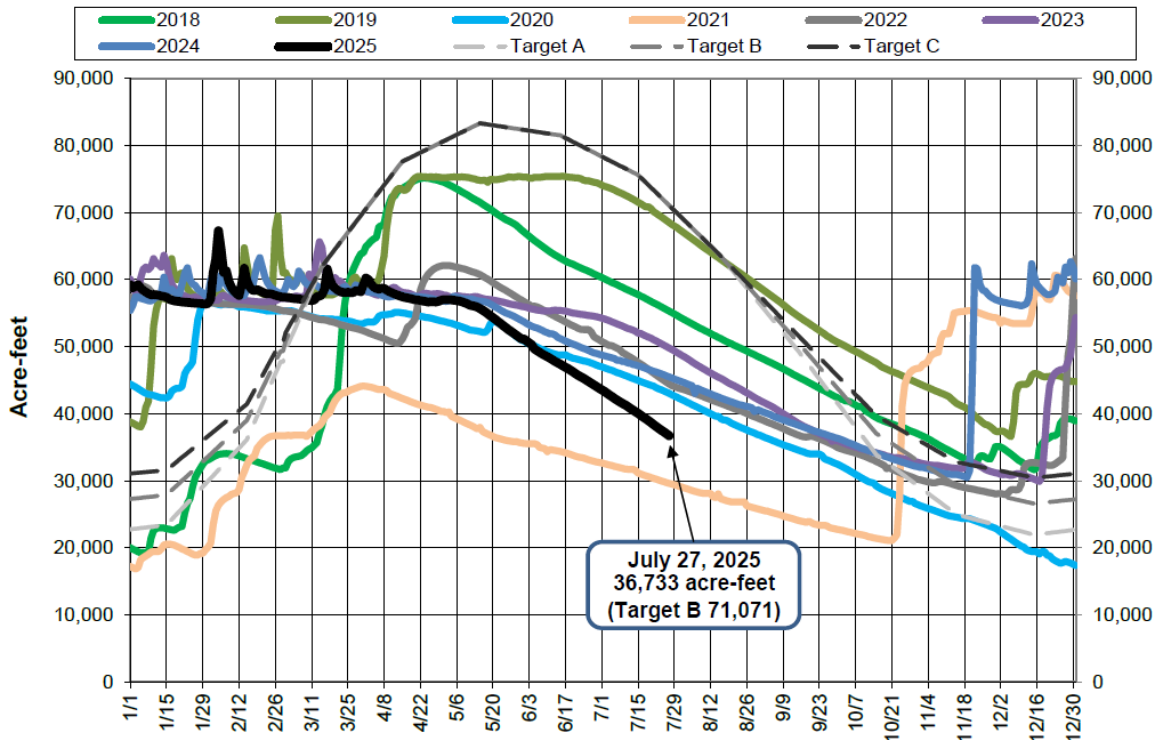
The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Advocacy** in support of equitable water resource stewardship; and **Use** of water in effective and beneficial ways as a public resource, all in alignment with the District’s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

There are currently no Federal Energy Resources Commission (FERC) approved flow variances in place, though one has been filed and FERC received numerous comments, motions to intervene, and protests. See <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/pg-e-2025-potter-valley-project-operations> for more information. Minimum instream flow in the East Branch Russian River is currently 75 cubic feet per second.

Lake Pillsbury		7/27
Current Storage (acre-feet)		36,733
Target Storage Curve (acre-feet)		71,071
7-day change (acre-feet)		-1,945

Lake Pillsbury Storage and Target Storage Scenarios



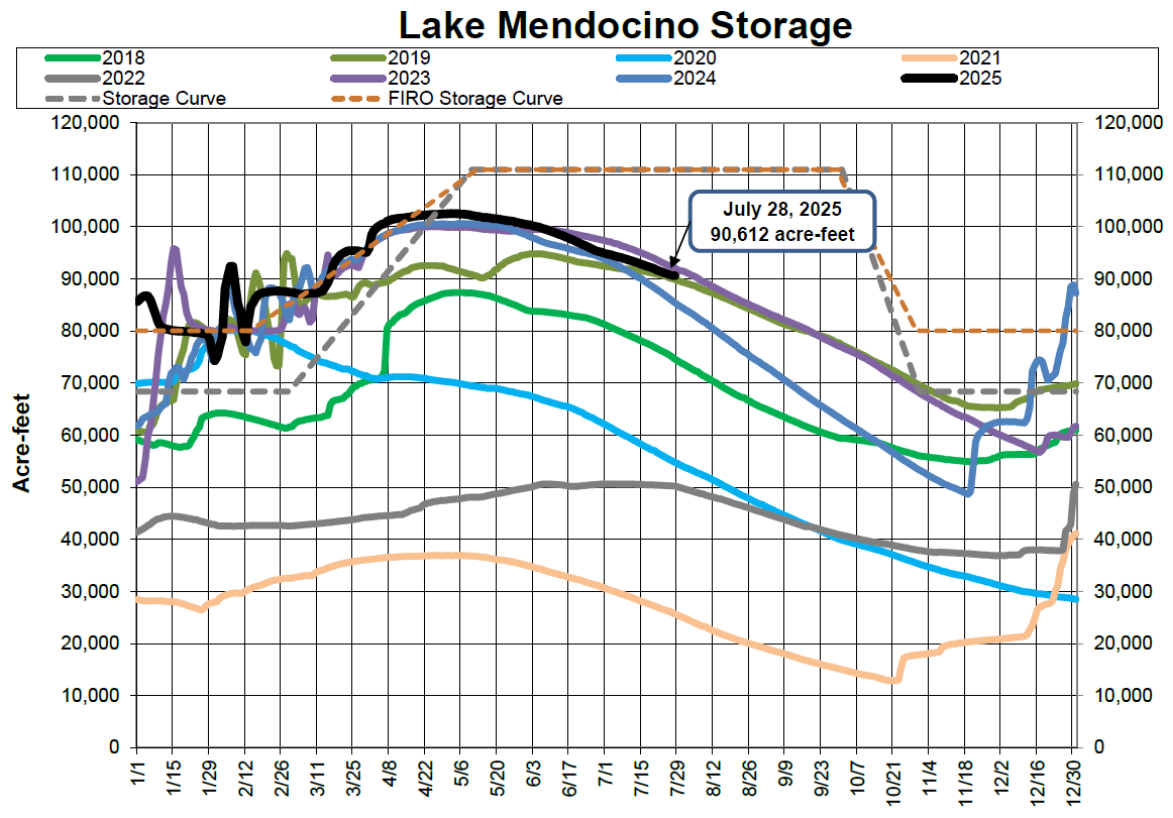
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Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Storage level was 90,612 acre feet (af) as of July 28, 2025, down from 95,077 af on June 30, 2025.

Lake Mendocino		7/28
Current Storage (acre-feet)		90,612
FIRO Storage Curve (acre-feet)		111,000
% of FIRO Storage Curve		81.63%
7-day change (acre-feet)		-1,091

Sonoma Water Agency’s Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) filed on April 10th to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) was approved. (For more information see <https://www.rrfc.net/updates-on-russian-river-and-lake-mendocino> or Sonoma Water’s TUCP webpage: www.sonomawater.org/tucp.)



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