

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE 11/14/2022

You can now access Updates on our website: <https://www.rrfc.net/weekly-water-supply-conditions-update>

Water Supply Availability in the Russian River Watershed in 2022

Remember, curtailments are lifted in the Russian River.

Please complete the Water Sharing Program Survey: (follow ALL instructions)

To improve upon implementation for future years, the Russian River Steering Committee asks interested parties to complete a survey describing their experience involving the Program. The survey will be discussed further at the November 7, 2022 meeting with additional details below. This is a survey to inform the Russian River Voluntary Drought Program Steering Committee in the compiling of their Annual Report. We ask that all program enrollees, Tribal interests, interested water right holders, those that opted out of the 2022 Program, non-participants, Russian River Watershed stakeholders, or anyone else interested in providing input to the Program, to please do so via this survey. The decision to provide any personally identifying information is completely optional for those that would like to ensure complete anonymity. All answers will be aggregated to inform the Steering Committee's "2022 Lesson's Learned," as well as the future outlook for this Program. As answers will only be used for the compiling of the Annual Report, please be as honest and as complete as possible. Thank you! **Survey can be accessed**

here: <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/4hq1>

If you have questions or issues completing the survey, please reach out to Devon Boer: director@mendofb.org or Jaime Neary: jaimene@russianriverkeeper.org from the Russian River Voluntary Drought Program Steering Committee.

Deadline to Submit: November 23, 2022

Reservoir Storage & Operations([More info here](#)):

Water supply information below and **attached** provided by Sonoma Water.
No National Weather Service updates.

Lake Mendocino

11/14

Current Storage (acre-feet)	37,434
Target Water Supply Storage Curve (acre-feet)	54,915
% of Target Water Supply Storage Curve	68.17%
7-day change (acre-feet)	-66

Lake Pillsbury

11/13

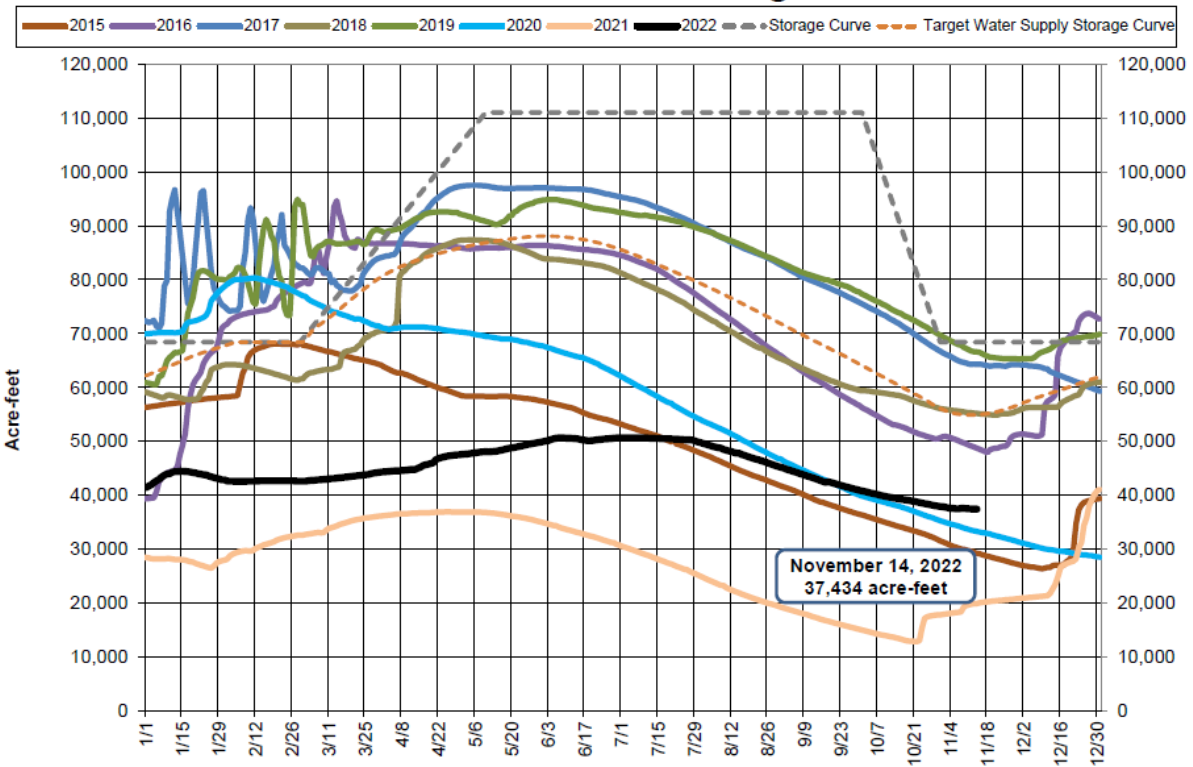
Current Storage (acre-feet)	29,544
Target Storage Curve (acre-feet)	29,740
7-day change (acre-feet)	-161

Lake Sonoma

11/14

Current Storage (acre-feet)	101,289
Target Storage Curve (acre-feet)	245,000
% of Water Supply Pool	41.34%
7-day change (acre-feet)	-1,286

Lake Mendocino Storage



[Mendocino County Drought Newsletter - 11/9/22 \(click the title for the link\)](#)

Get updates on the Ukiah Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, water related funding, water quality issues, potential consolidation of Ukiah Valley water suppliers, and more!

[Ukiah Valley Trail Group November Newsletter \(click the title for the link\)](#)

Major Improvements Coming to Lake Mendocino Trails!

Well Permitting in Mendocino County

The GSA and the County will be hosting a workshop on well permitting on November 15, 2022 at Barra of Mendocino Winery & Event Center from 5 – 6:30 pm. At this workshop, the proposed changes to the permitting process will be shared and **as well as a request for input from attendees on the proposed changes**. See **attached** flyer and agenda.

Elevate & Educate

What do water professionals do with their free time? Why, they visit other watersheds, of course! Over the weekend, I drove over the Oroville Dam in Butte County, checked out the work on the spillway, and enjoyed the Feather River.



An aerial view of the Oroville Dam in Butte County, shown on Oct. 28, 2021. (Andrew Innerarity/California Department of Water Resources)

From: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2022/01/04/lake-oroville-rises-89-feet-power-plant-resumes-operation-after-december-rains/>



FEATHER RIVER From: <https://www.frrpd.com/riverbend-park>

Water Education Foundation: Water Word of the Week:

“To highlight [Geography Awareness Week](#) and the state’s array of waterways, we’re making [California Water Map](#) the Water Word of the Week. For more of the vibrant vocabulary of California water check out [Aquapedia](#), our free online water encyclopedia.”

More from Water Ed Foundation... What’s on Tap This Week: The [California Water Commission](#) meets Wednesday to address the Yolo Bypass restoration, drought, and water supply. On Friday, the Public Policy Institute of California hosts a half-day symposium on [managing water supply](#) in an increasingly volatile climate. Be sure to check out our month-by-month [calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information on events put on by the Foundation and other organizations.



In the press:

- [CA Water Plan eNews 11/9/22](#)
- [Maven's Notebook, November 6-11, 2022](#)
- [Press Democrat - Lake Sonoma at lowest level in history, but there’s still enough to get us through another year, 11/7/22](#)
- [CalMatters - Rural ranchers face \\$4,000 proposed fine for violating state drought order, 11/7/22](#)
- [ABC 7 - NASA mission will measure all of the Earth's water, 11/8/22](#)
- [Science Daily - There's room for improvement in a popular climate-smart agricultural practice, 11/8/22](#)
- [San Francisco Chronicle - California was in exceptional drought a year ago. After recent rains, where are we now?, 11/11/22](#)

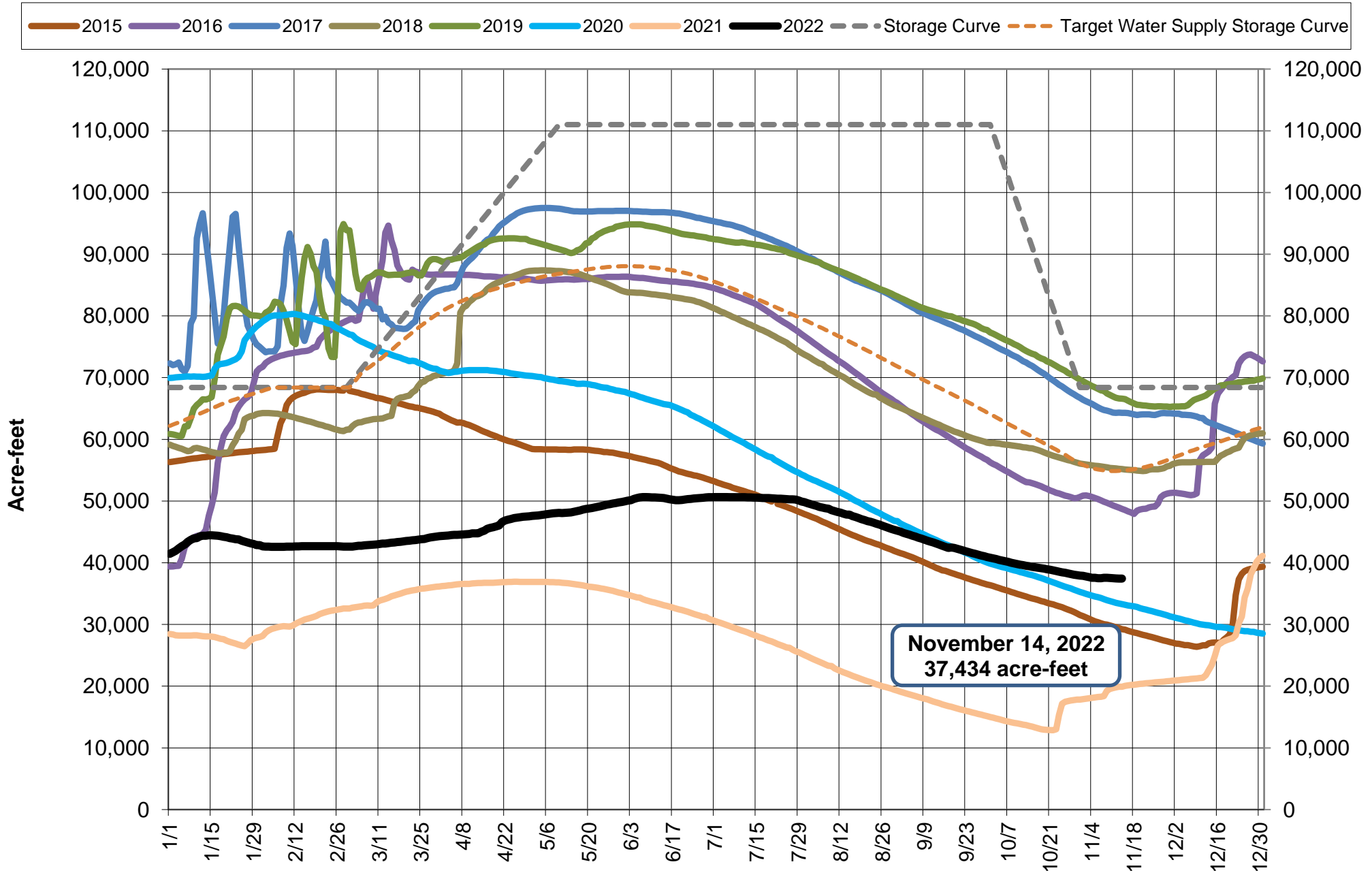
CLIMATE CHANGE:

- [Press Democrat - Sonoma County leaders travel to Egypt to represent North Bay at UN climate conference COP27, 11/10/22](#)
- [Press Democrat](#) and [NY Times](#) : Biden addresses UN Climate Summit in Egypt; message may not be what the world is looking for., 11/10/22
- [Press Democrat - Climate heroes: The North Bay people who are making a difference on the key issue of our time, 11/14/22](#)

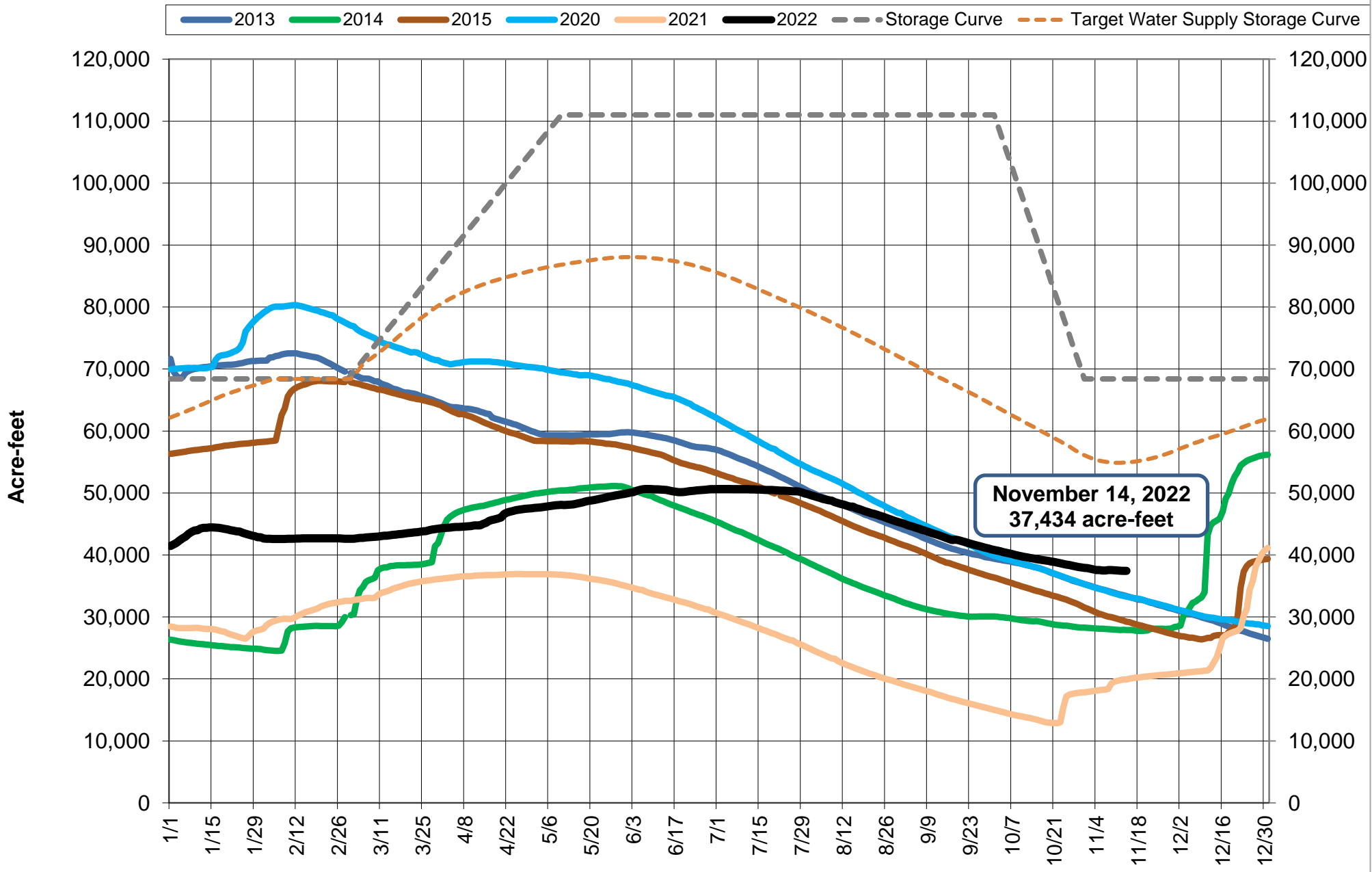
Other resources & information:

- [Mendocino County Water Agency Drought page](#)
- [SWRCB Russian River drought information page](#)
- [SaveOurWater.com](#)
- [SaveWater.ca.gov](#) to report water waste, such as leaks and overwatering.
- [Water Rights Enforcement Complaints Program](#) and/or [Cal EPA Complaint System](#) to report concerns of unauthorized diversions, violations of water rights, diversions impacting fisheries, etc. Reports can be made anonymously.
- Visit Sonoma Water's website for information on [current water supply levels](#) and [Temporary Urgency Change Petitions](#).

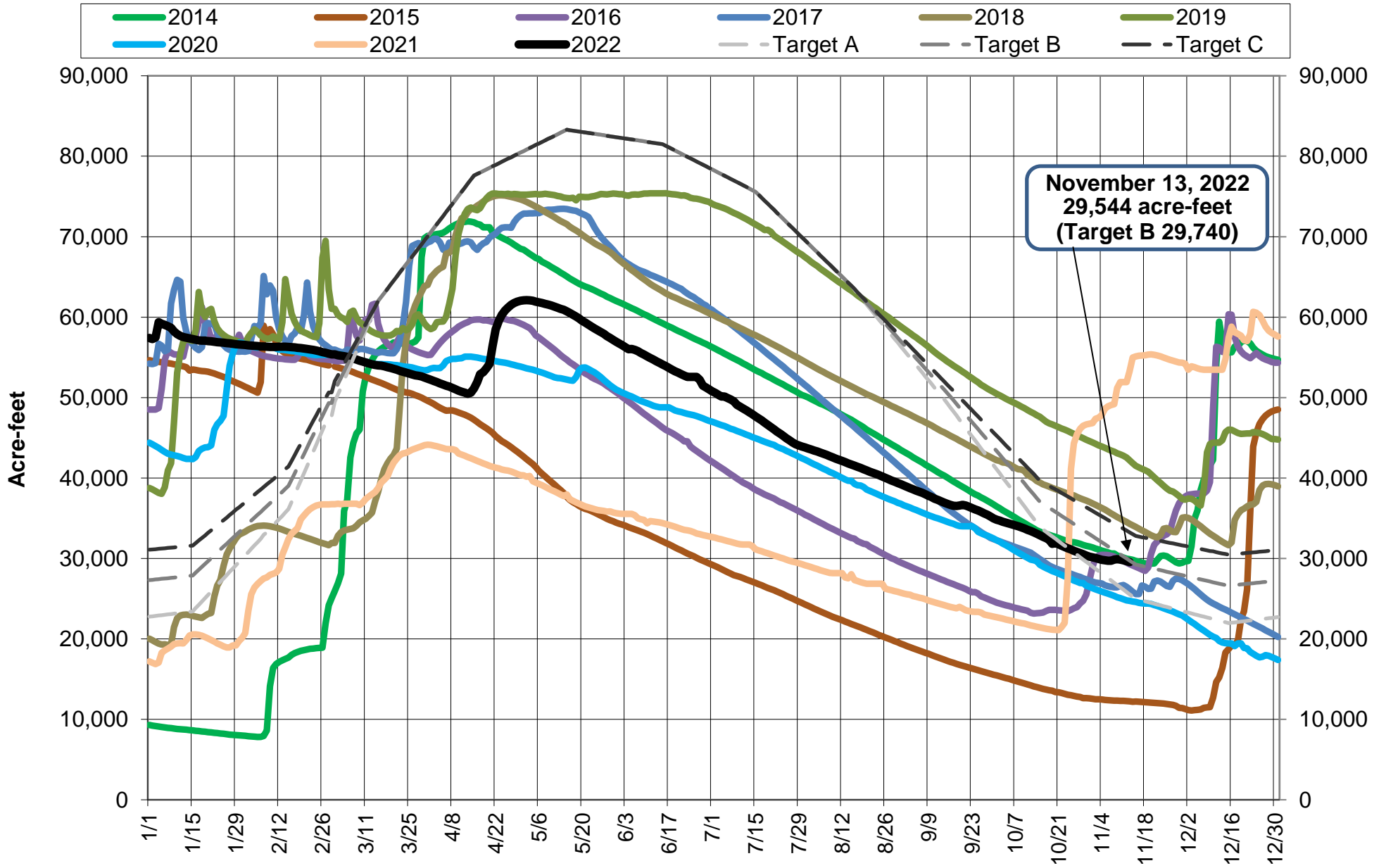
Lake Mendocino Storage



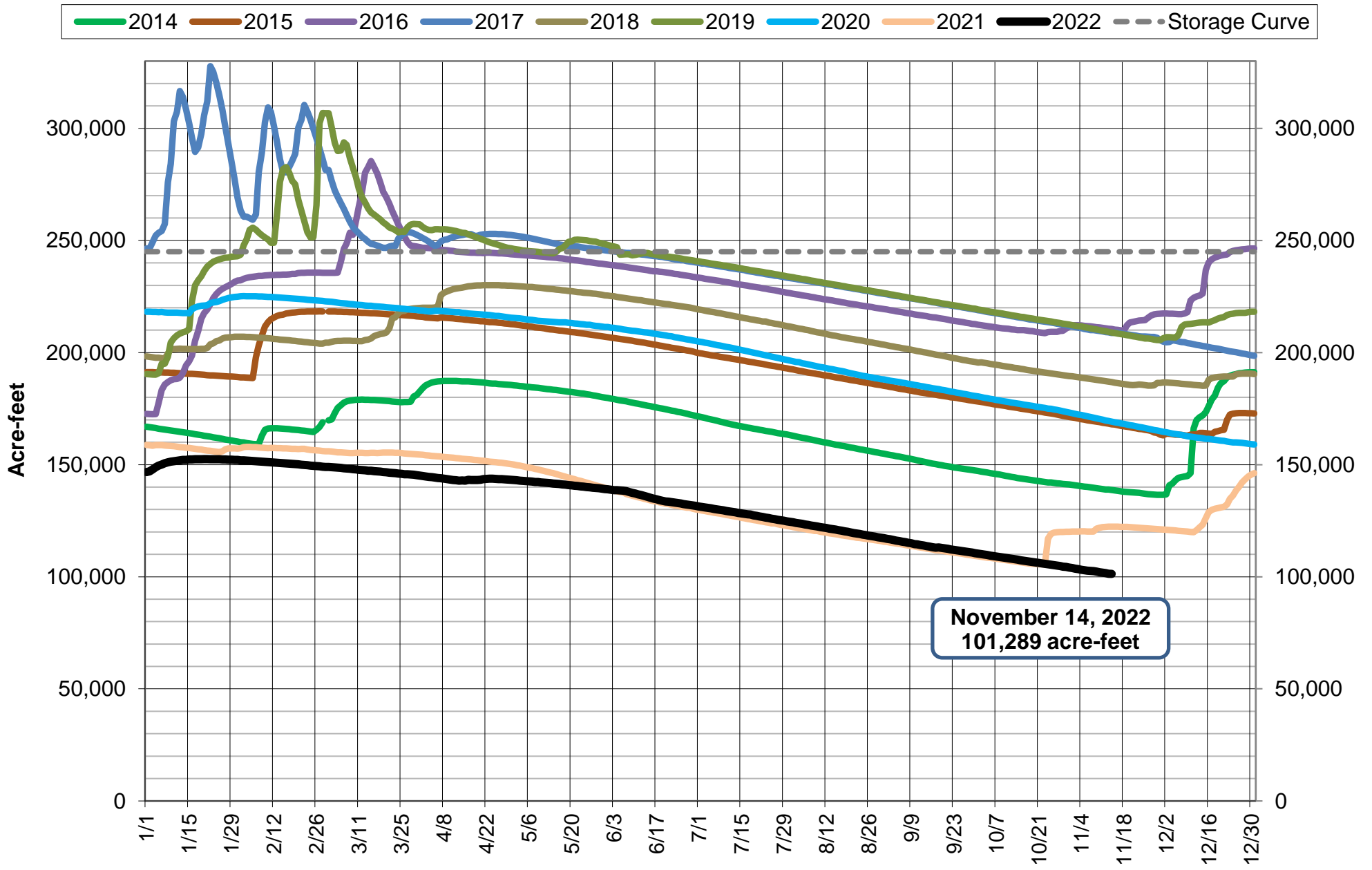
Lake Mendocino Storage - Drought Years



Lake Pillsbury Storage and Target Storage Scenarios



Lake Sonoma Storage



November 14, 2022
101,289 acre-feet



DROUGHT IS HERE **SAVE WATER**

**Save water now by
using a broom
instead of a hose.**



**Ahorre agua ahora,
utilice una escoba en
lugar de una manguera.**

For more water saving tips visit SavingWaterPartnership.org



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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) will hold its November 2022 workshop at:

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM on Tuesday November 15th, 2022

Barra of Mendocino Winery & Event Center

7051 N State St, Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Topic: County Well Permitting Workshop - Part 1

All email comments must be received by 8:00 A.M. the morning of the meeting in order to be published online prior to the meeting.



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Agenda

1. Welcome and Context Setting
 - a. Devon Boer (Mendocino County Farm Bureau) and Erik Cadaret (Ukiah Valley Basin GSA)
2. County Environmental Health: Historical Well Permitting and County Requirements under Executive Order N-7-22
 - a. Marlayna Duley (Mendocino County Environmental Health)
3. GSA Requirements under Executive Order N-7-22
 - a. Erik Cadaret (Ukiah Valley Basin GSA)
4. How the County and GSA are working together
 - a. Marlayna Duley (Mendocino County Environmental Health) and Erik Cadaret (Ukiah Valley Basin GSA)
5. Open Discussion and Invitation to Refine the Application and Process with Public
 - a. Emily Finnegan and Marisa Perez-Reyes (Stantec)
6. Closing Comments
 - a. Devon Boer (Mendocino County Farm Bureau) and Marisa Perez-Reyes (Stantec)
7. Adjournment

The Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency complies with ADA requirements and upon request, will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in appropriate alternative formats (pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.2). Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact the Mendocino County Executive Office by calling (707) 463-4441 at least five days prior to the meeting.

Please reference the Mendocino County website to obtain additional information for the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency: <http://www.mendocinocounty.org/uvbgsa>.

Save the Date!

Tuesday November 15, 2022

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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County Well Permitting Workshop

Part 1: Sharing Information and Receiving Preliminary Input



Are you a well driller, or do you use groundwater for agricultural or industrial purposes?

Join [Mendocino County Environmental Health](#) and the [Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#) (GSA) for a joint workshop on November 15 to learn more about local groundwater planning efforts and share your input on proposed changes to the groundwater well permitting process driven by [Executive Order N-7-22](#). Part 2 of the workshop series will be held in early 2023 to report on how feedback was incorporated.

