

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

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 11: Water Supply Conditions

Monday, June 2, 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”

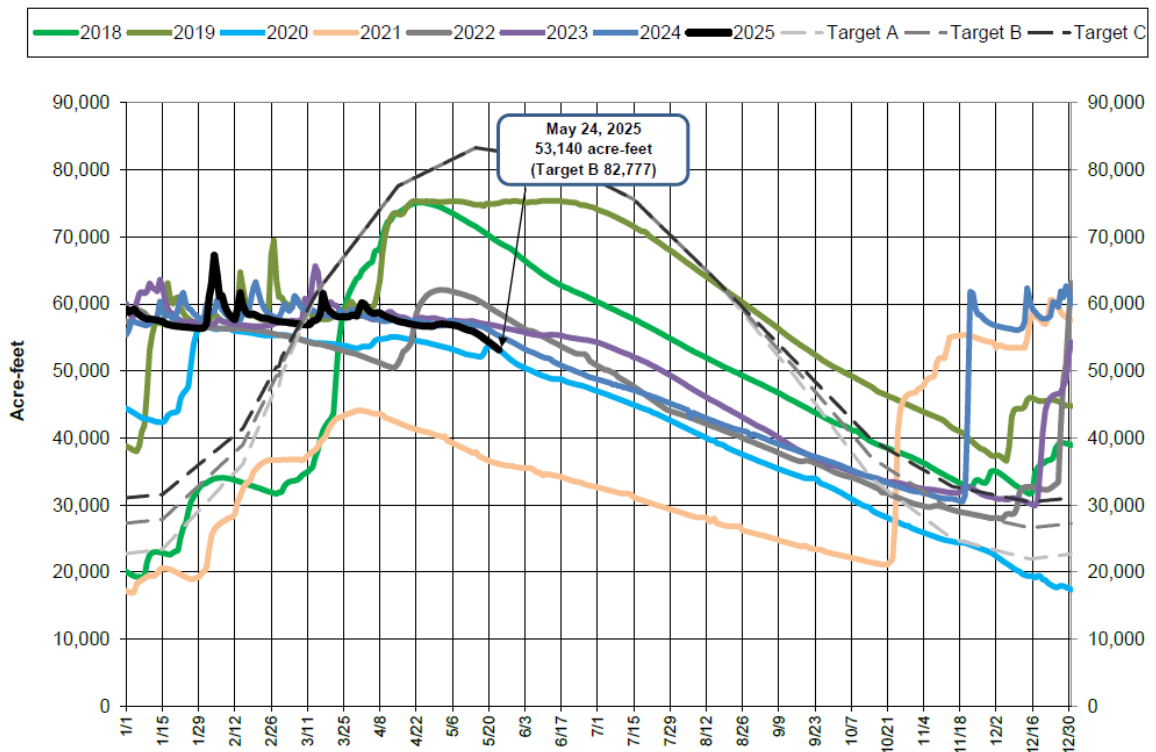
There are currently no Federal Energy Resources Commission (FERC) approved flow variances in place, though one has been filed and FERC received numerous comments, motions to intervene, and protests. See <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/pg-e-2025-potter-valley-project-operations> for more information. Minimum instream flow in the East Branch Russian River is 35 cfs.

Lake Pillsbury

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Current Storage (acre-feet)	53,140
Target Storage Curve (acre-feet)	82,777
7-day change (acre-feet)	-2,057

Lake Pillsbury Storage and Target Storage Scenarios



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Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Storage level was 101,075 acre feet (af) as of, May 26, 2025, down from 102,436, af as of April 28, 2025.

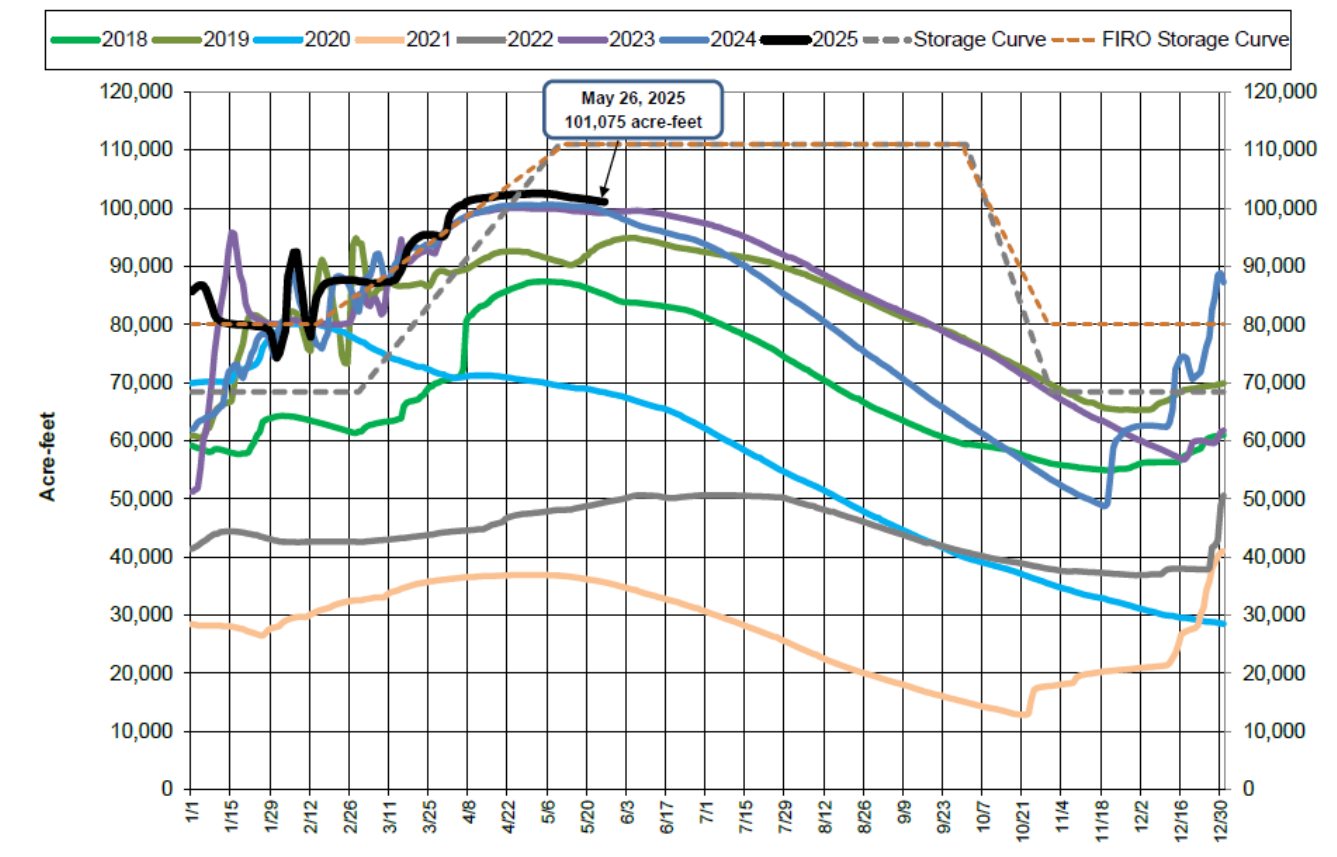
Lake Mendocino

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Current Storage (acre-feet)	101,075
FIRO Storage Curve (acre-feet)	111,000
% of FIRO Storage Curve	91.06%
7-day change (acre-feet)	-483

Sonoma Water Agency’s Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) that was approved on October 31, 2024 expired on April 30, 2025. Sonoma Water submitted a new TUCP on April 10th to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) who opened a 30 day comment period on April 21, 2025. The District submitted a support letter. Approval of the TUCP is anticipated for approximately June 1, 2025 implementation. (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.)

Lake Mendocino Storage



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