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MEMORANDUM

TO: Josh Pike
FROM: Justin O. Ramsey, PE
CC: Andrew Connor, Cyndi Foster, Justin Stone, Renee Lewis
DATE: April 20, 2026
RE: Drought Update

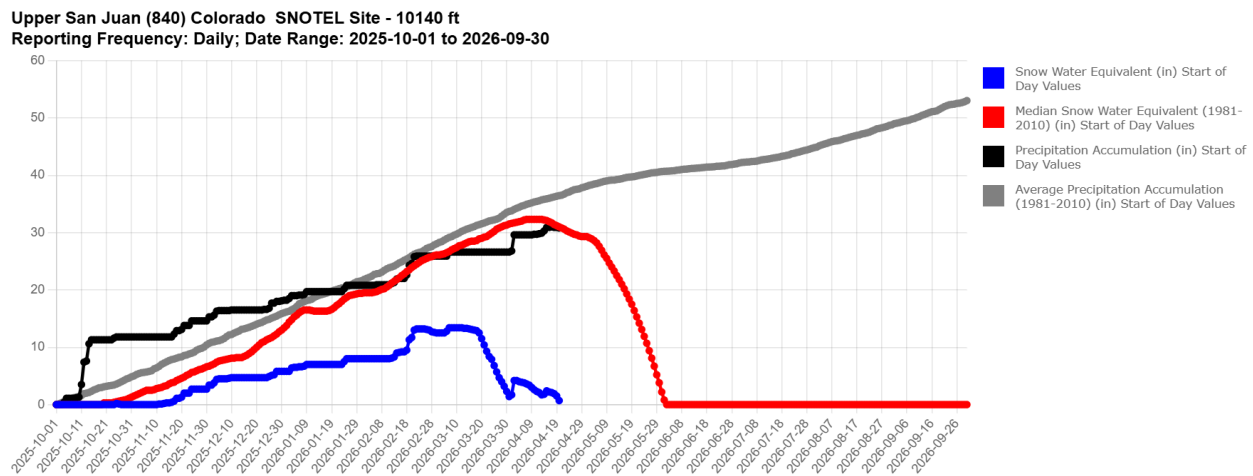
Below is the PAWSD Drought Stage Trigger worksheet.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District
Drought Stage Trigger Points
Data Entry Sheet

Today's Date	:	4/20/2026
Date of SWE at 0"	:	NA
Four Mile Call:	:	NA
Early Drought Stage	=	
Hatcher Reservoir Level	:	7,739.40 Feet
San Juan River Flow	:	348.0 CFS
CO Drought Monitor	:	D3
Drought Stage	=	Voluntary

Hatcher reservoir is currently full, and the San Juan River is flowing at 348 cubic feet per second (CFS). The NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System has most of Archuleta in Extreme Drought. These conditions place us in the Voluntary Drought Stage. Drought conditions are such that PAWSD is encouraging customers to voluntarily reduce the amount of water they use. There are no mandatory water use restrictions in place.

The current Snow Water Equivalency (SWE) is 0.7 inches, the median SWE on this day is 31.0". The recent snow in the upper watershed delayed the SWE from dropping to zero, however it is still likely the SWE will drop to zero in the next few days pushing the District into a higher-level drought stage, likely Stage 1. If the SWE drops to zero prior to April 30, we will go to drought stage 1. Stage 1 limits irrigation between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 AM and a tier rate multiplier will be applied to flows above 5,000 gallons of water per billing cycle for residential users.



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/>

Archuleta School District students prepared two websites that provide very good information on the PAWSD water system and drought conditions. Please visit at.

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<https://sites.google.com/pagosa.k12.co.us/the-hatcher-challenge/home?authuser=0>