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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Josh Pike, Bill Hudson  
**FROM:** Justin O. Ramsey, PE  
**CC:** Andrew Connor, Cyndi Foster, Justin Stone, Renee Lewis, Kyle Tjelmeland  
**DATE:** May 11, 2026  
**RE:** Drought Update

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Below is the PAWSD Drought Stage Trigger worksheet.

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

Today's Date : 5/11/2026

Date of SWE at 0" : 4/22/2026

Four Mile Call: : 4/23/2026

Early Drought Stage = **Stage 1**

Hatcher Reservoir Level : 7,739.32 Feet

San Juan River Flow : 637 CFS

CO Drought Monitor : D2

Hatcher reservoir is holding constant. Flow in the San Juan River has increased. The National Integrated Drought Information System has placed our area into a Severe Drought. The District will remain in 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.

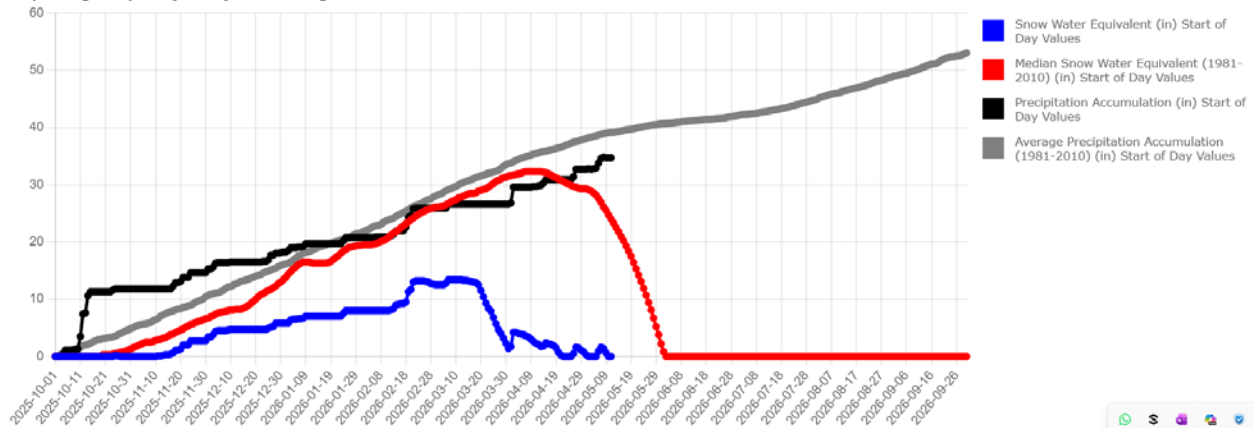
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In our area, it's most effective to irrigate between evening and early morning because the cooler, calmer conditions allow water to soak into the soil instead of being lost to the sun and wind. During the day, high temperatures, low humidity, and frequent afternoon winds drive up Evapotranspiration, meaning much of the sprayed water evaporates or drifts away before it can benefit plants. By irrigating from about 6 PM to 9 AM, more water reaches the root zone, coverage is more uniform, and plants are better able to absorb moisture, making the process both more efficient and healthier for vegetation.

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



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/>