

Toledo Bend Reservoir - Drought Advisory

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ADVISORY #1

Persons having interests in Toledo Bend Reservoir are hereby advised that on Friday, April 8, 2011, the General Manager of the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) initiated Stage 1 of the SRA-TX Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan^[1] for Toledo Bend Reservoir. Mild Water Shortage Conditions (Stage 1) exist when the water surface elevation in Toledo Bend Reservoir falls to and remains at 165.1 feet mean sea level (m.s.l.) for fourteen consecutive days.

A temporary lake level drawdown to 165 feet m.s.l. for necessary repairs to the Toledo Bend dam began on September 10th 2010 and was terminated after inspection of the repairs on October 7th. However, due to insufficient inflow and precipitation, the reservoir level has not risen above 165.1 feet m.s.l.

During a mild water storage condition, SRA-TX encourages voluntary water use reductions. Each customer entity in turn will follow its individual measures for mild water storage conditions.

The SRA-TX will post drought advisory updates via its website, www.sratx.org, and lake level information each business day at link:

http://www.sratx.org/basin/lake_and_river_conditions.asp.

Interested persons can also monitor near real-time Toledo Bend Reservoir lake level data at the USGS website link:

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv/?site_no=08025350&PARAMeter_cd=00062,72020,00054.

Daily reservoir elevations may also be obtained from the Toledo Bend Division office during business hours at 409/565-2273.

^[1]http://www.sratx.org/basin/water_conservation/Conservation_and_Drought_Contingency_Plan/