

EQUUS-WALNUT RAC MEETING

OCTOBER 27TH, 2023- CHENEY LAKE- NINNESCAH
SAILING ASSOCIATION



AGENDA DETAILS

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda

III. RAC Review of July 17th Meeting Notes

IV. RAC Business - KWO

- a. KWA Meeting Update – August and October meetings
- b. Regional drought update
- c. RAC Goals and Action Plans Implementation Timeline

V. Agency Updates

VI. Public Comments

VII. Messages to KWA

VIII. Coming Up

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- b. **Future Meetings**
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 - iii. Kansas Water Authority: December 13, 2023 – location and time TBD

KWA UPDATES

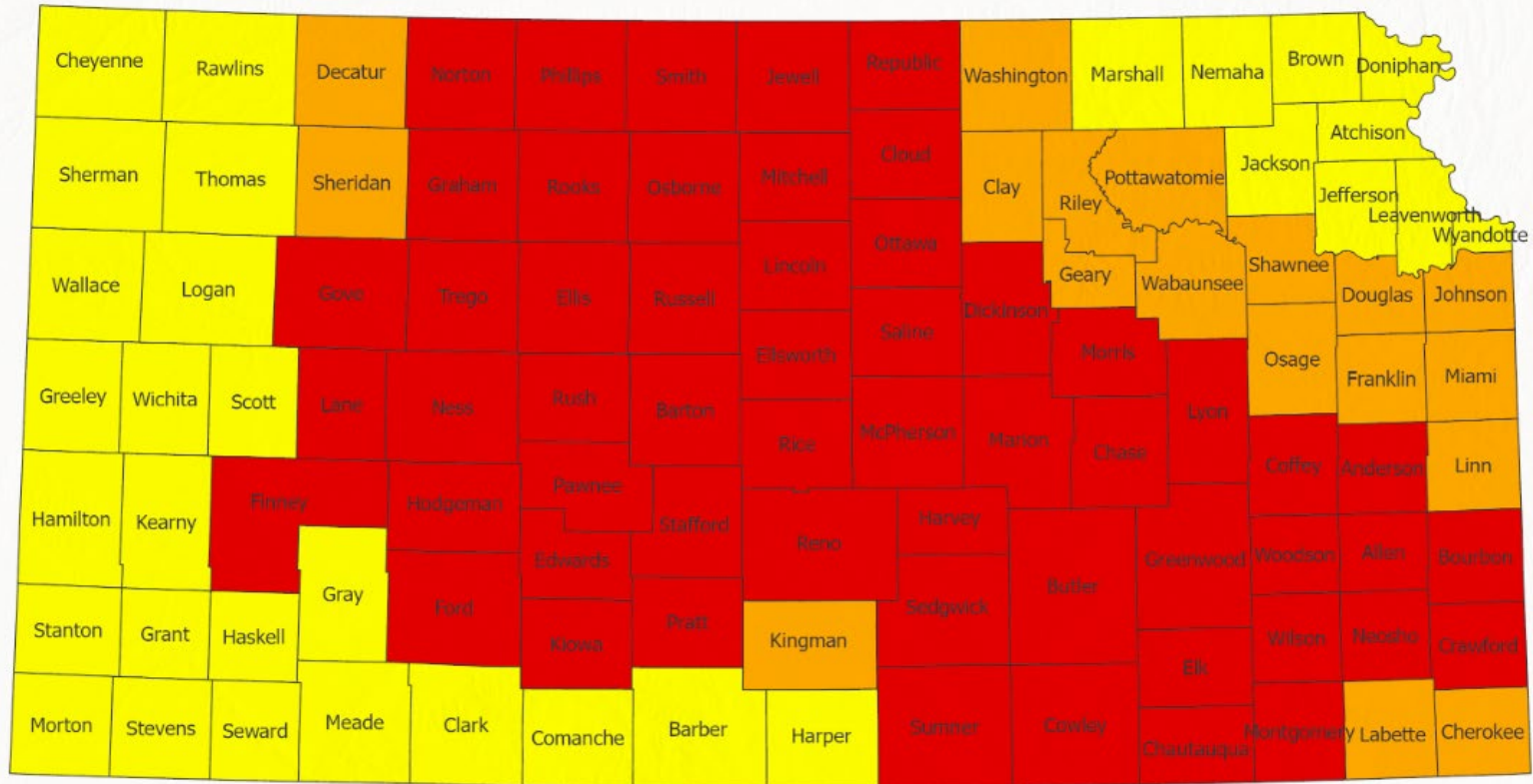
- **August**
- Public Water Supply committee actions:
 - City of Independence negotiation authorization
 - City of Marion contract approval
 - Cottonwood and Neosho River Basin Water Assurance District #3 contract renegotiation for additional storage space
- RAC Operations Committee
 - Membership drive approval (see handout for vacancies)
 - New members on the Equus-Walnut include Sandy Koontz, Dan Defore, and Jerry Clasen
- Budget Committee
 - Approval of FY 2025 budget recommendations put together by KWO with all 14 RACs input in consideration (see handout)
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
 - KWA would like the opportunity to be a commenting agency in the matter

KWA UPDATES

- **October**
- Public Water Supply Committee
 - Water Purchase contract for City of Emporia, City of Coffeyville, and City of Independence
- RAC Operations Committee
 - KWA would like RACs to nearby RAC chairs to present at KWA meetings updates on progress in goals and action plans
- Annual Report in progress by KWO
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
- Updates
 - Kansas Biological Survey
 - Kansas Association of Watershed Districts
- Tour of University of Kansas Field Station

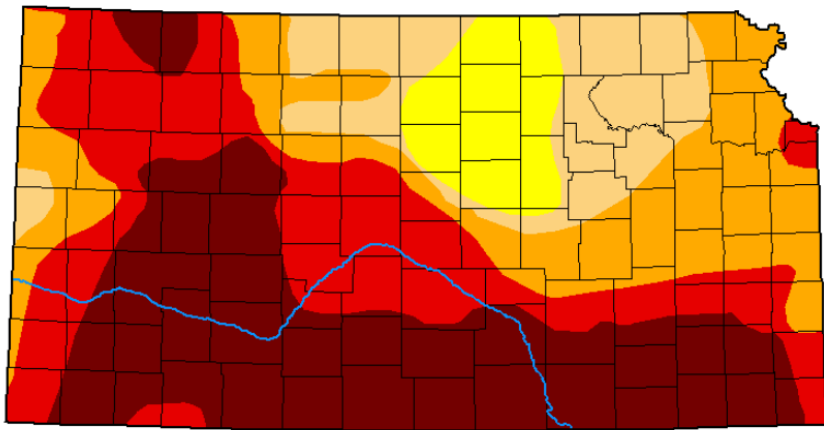
Governor Declares Drought Emergency, Warnings and Watches for Kansas Counties

August 15, 2023

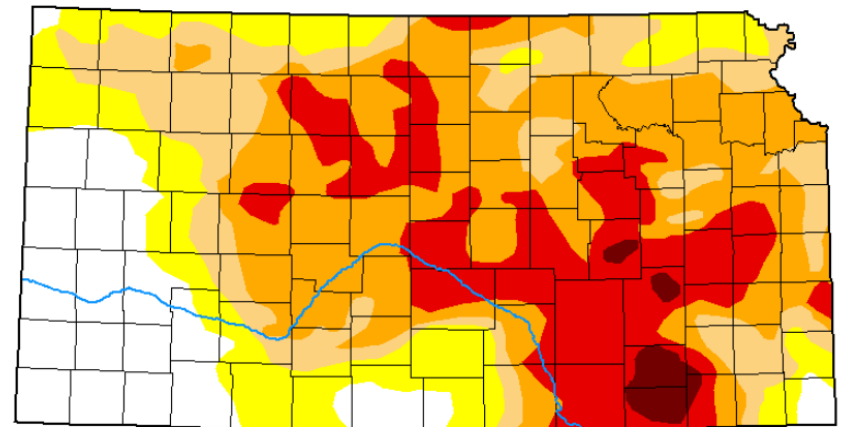


■ Emergency ■ Warning ■ Watch

October 25, 2022

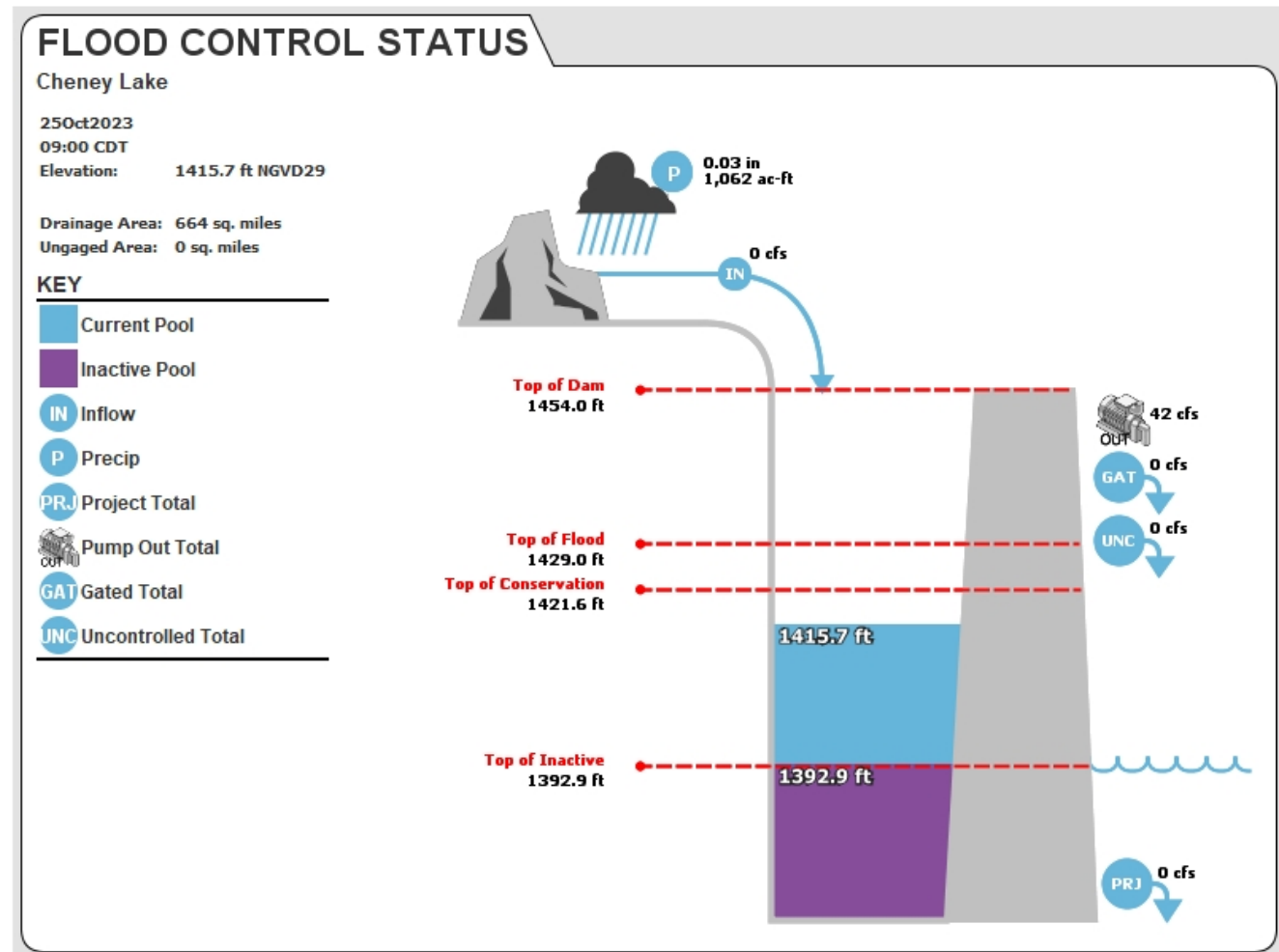


October 17, 2023



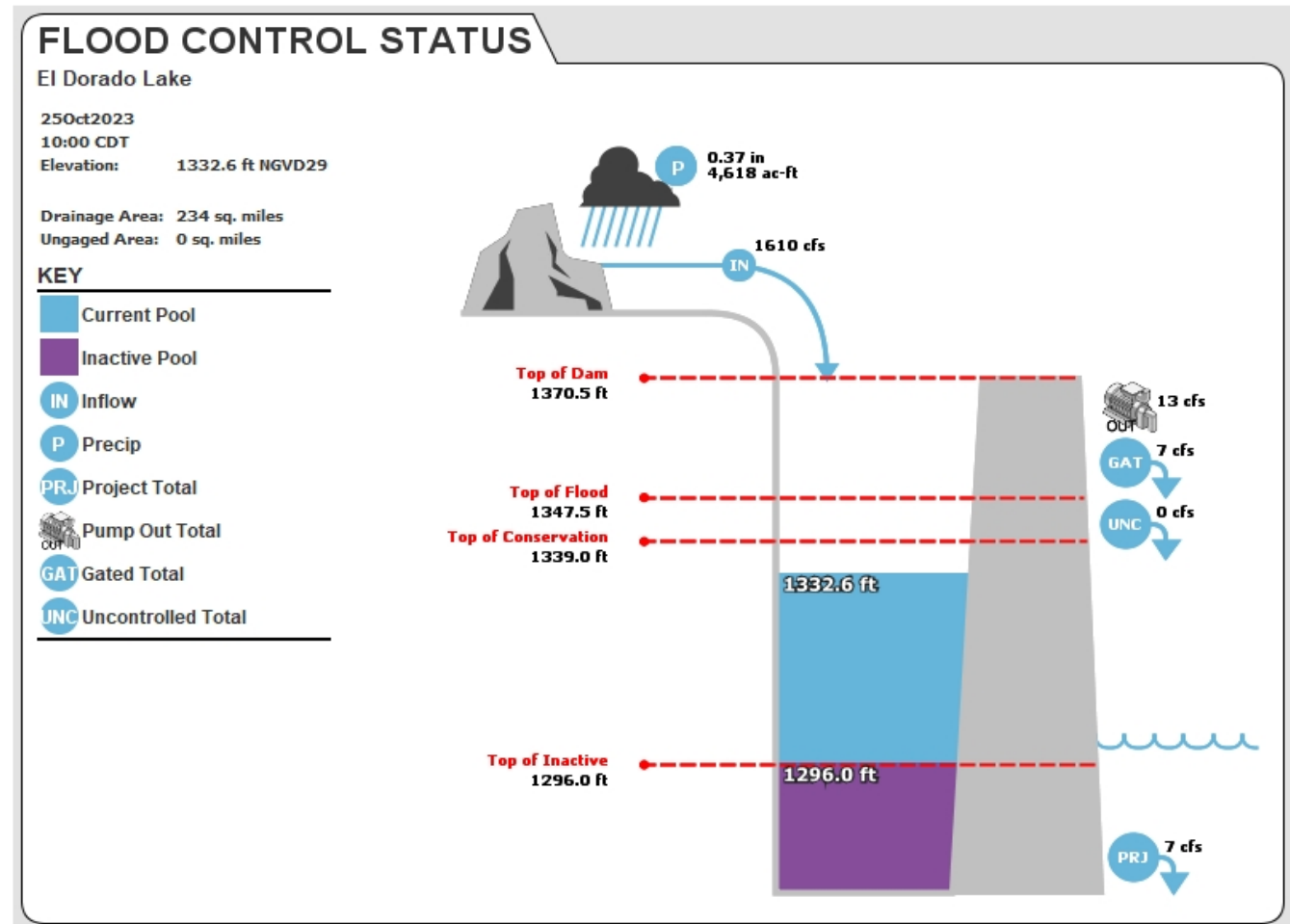
CHENEY LAKE- AS OF OCTOBER 25 11:00AM

- 5.94 ft below normal
- Reservoir releasing 0 CFS
- Conservation pool 66.7% full



EL DORADO LAKE – AS OF OCTOBER 25 11:00AM

- Reservoir 6.41 ft below normal
- Releasing 7 CFS
- Conservation pool 70.99% full



WEEKLY DROUGHT UPDATE SUMMARY – OCT. 17TH AND 24TH

- **Oct. 17th**
 - South central and southwest Kansas had little rainfall for the week
 - First freezes starting to occur
 - Below normal precipitation
 - Drought monitor category improvement in parts of Saline, McPherson, and Rice counties
- **Oct. 24th**
 - Dry and very warm conditions around the state
 - On the 20th, average state temperature 88.5, 21 degrees above normal
 - Scattered storms, but below normal precipitation
 - High ET than normal
- **Outlook for October 24th-30th**
 - Above normal precipitation
 - Cool air
 - Hard freeze possible early next week
 - Central KS precipitation is 0.41”

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