



Masonry Pool Reservoir on March 3, 2013

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## Water System Operational Highlights

March 4, 2013 – March 11, 2013

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### The Message on Our Water Supply and Instream Resources

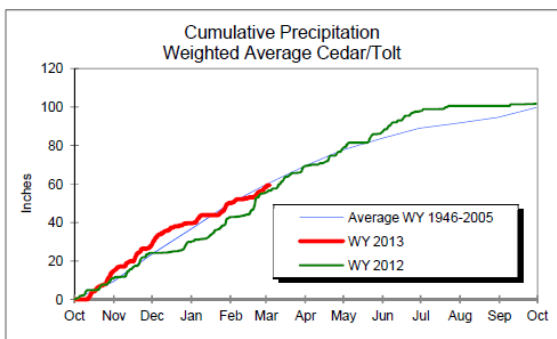
Our overall water supply situation and outlook is good.

Last week, 3.35 inches and 3.44 inches of precipitation were recorded in our Cedar and South Fork Tolt River watersheds, respectively. Snowpack for water supply continued to build last week and is above the long term average for this time of the year.

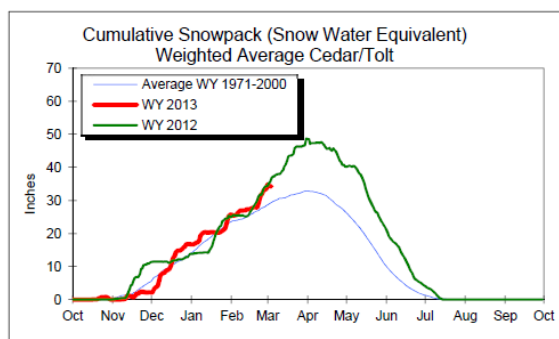
Chester Morse Lake at the Overflow Dike is at elevation 1552.4 feet, about 1.2 feet higher than last week, and about 1.1 feet above its long term average (based on the years 1989 to 2005). Masonry Pool Reservoir at Masonry Dam is at elevation 1551.9 feet, about 1.8 feet higher than last week, and about 5.0 feet above its long term average. The South Fork Tolt Reservoir at the South Fork Tolt Dam is at elevation 1756.7 feet, about 1.5 feet higher than last week, and about 0.9 feet above its long term average. Water releases from reservoir storage are actively being managed for water supply, fish habitat and flood management objectives for both the Cedar and South Fork Tolt Rivers.

Water consumption for the previous seven days averaged approximately 106 mgd. That is more than the 103 mgd consumed during the same period last year, and less than the average of 115 mgd used during the same period over the years 1999-2008.

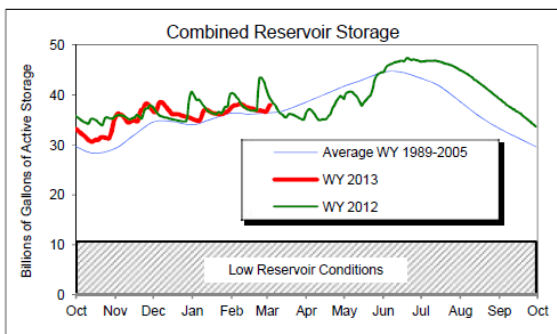
## Seattle Public Utilities Water System Synopsis as of March 4, 2013



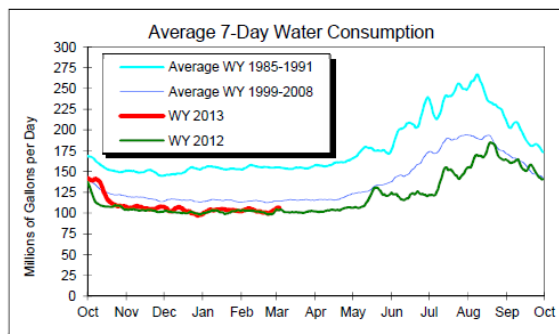
Precipitation was recorded in the Cedar and S.F. Tolt watersheds over the past week.



The average snow accumulation across the sites that we monitor is estimated to be about 34.2 inches snow water equivalent which is above the long term average for this time of the year.



The combined reservoir storage of Chester Morse Lake, Masonry Pool, Lake Youngs and South Fork Tolt Reservoir is above the long term average for this time of year.



Water use over the past week averaged about 106 million gallons per day (mgd), which is less than the 115 mgd used during the same period over the years 1999-2008.

All data is provisional and subject to revision.

**Figure 1.** Seattle Public Utilities Water System Synopsis Graphs