

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT - INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER SERVICES

Water Watch for July 26, 2026

Water Supply System Summary:

1. Useable Volume in Storage:

Reservoir System	July 31 5 Year Ave	July 31/25	July 26/26	% Existing Full Storage
	ML ¹	ML ¹	ML ¹	
Sooke	75,025	72,001	72,684	78.4%
Goldstream*	8,522	8,316	8,269	83.4%
Total	83,546	80,317	80,953	78.9%

* Goldstream System is the emergency backup water supply for the Greater Victoria Region

¹ML = Million Litres

2. Average Daily Demand:

For the month of July	205.0 MLD ²
For week ending July 26, 2026	207.1 MLD ²
Max. day July 2026, to date:	243.6 MLD ²

3. Average 5 Year Daily Demand for July

Average (2021 - 2025)	212.9 MLD ²
	² MLD = Million Litres Per Day

4. Rainfall July:

Average (1914 - 2025):	21.9 mm
Actual Rainfall to Date	15.1 mm (69% of monthly average)

5. Rainfall: Sep 1- Jul 26

Average (1914 - 2025):	1,601.6 mm
2025/2026	1,650.0 mm (103% of average)

6. Water Conservation Required Action:

Did you know that the 2024 change to the Water Conservation Bylaw recommends that landowners and residents switch timing of residential irrigation systems from 4:00 am to an expanded window anytime between 12:01 am to 10:00 am on established watering days? Please go to Water Conservation Bylaw Changes | Capital Regional District to get informed and do your part to help protect our regional water supply system.
<https://www.crd.ca/news/water-conservation-bylaw-changes>

For general information regarding water conservation, visit the CRD webpage linked below:
<https://www.crd.ca/environment/water-conservation>

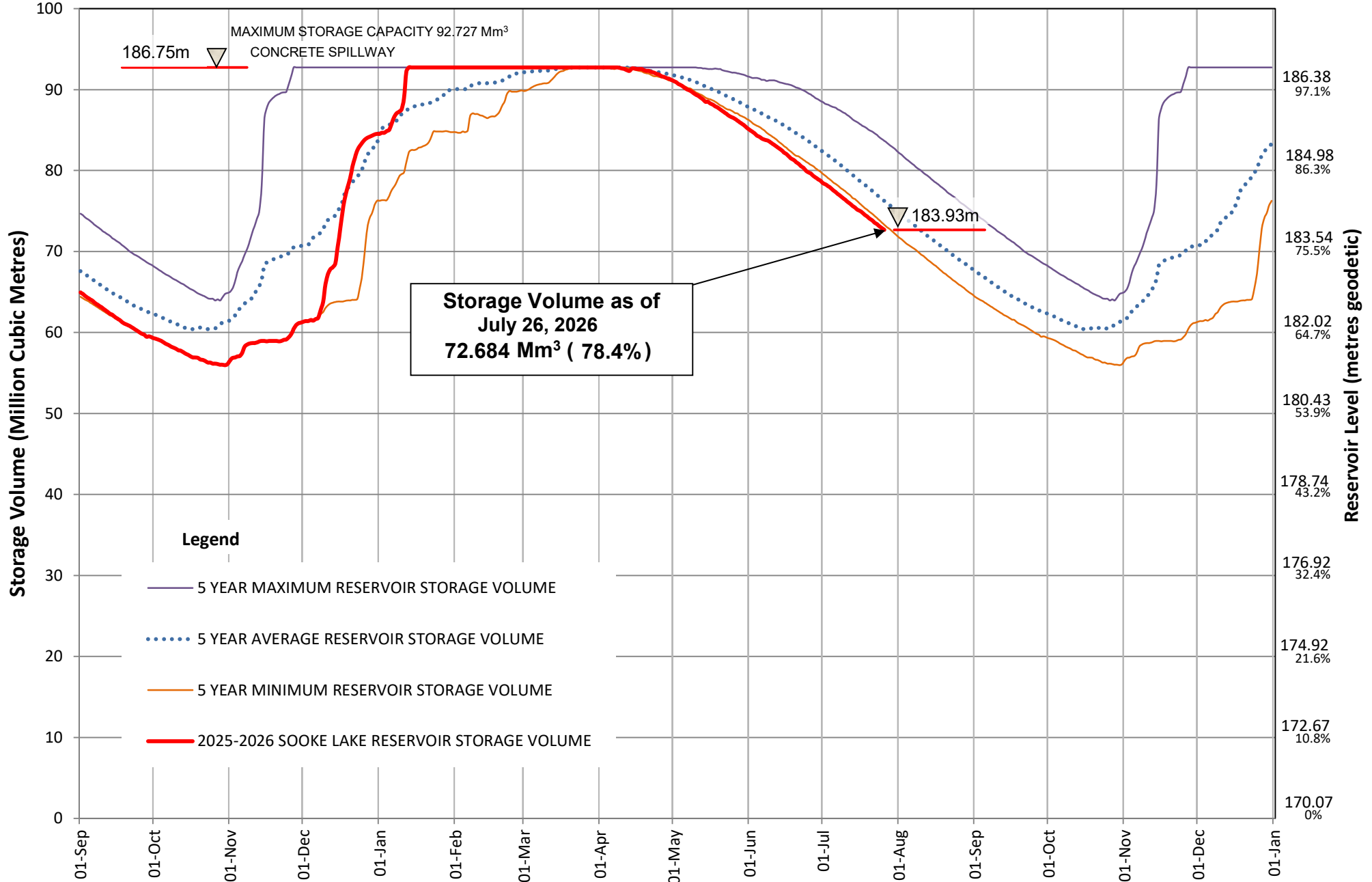
Please note: CRD is planning improvements to modernize the Water Watch Reports.
 If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact:

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SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARY

2025 / 2026



The map displays the Sooke and Goldstream Watersheds, highlighting several reservoirs and their current storage levels relative to full capacity and a 5-year average. The Sooke Watershed is shown in green, and the Goldstream Watershed is shown in orange. The map includes callouts for Deception Gulch Reservoir, Sooke Lake Reservoir, Butchart Lake Reservoir, Lubbe Lake Reservoir, and Goldstream Lake Reservoir. Each callout includes a bar chart showing the current volume and a legend for full storage and 5-year average.

Deception Gulch Reservoir (Fisheries Storage)

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	4,000
5 Year Average	3,000
Current Volume	2,931

Sooke Lake Reservoir

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	100,000
5 Year Average	80,000
Current Volume	72,684

Butchart Lake Reservoir

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	100,000
5 Year Average	80,000
Current Volume	72,684

Lubbe Lake Reservoir

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	100,000
5 Year Average	80,000
Current Volume	72,684

Goldstream Lake Reservoir

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	10,000
5 Year Average	8,000
Current Volume	8,269

Japan Gulch Reservoir

Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	10,000
5 Year Average	8,000
Current Volume	8,269

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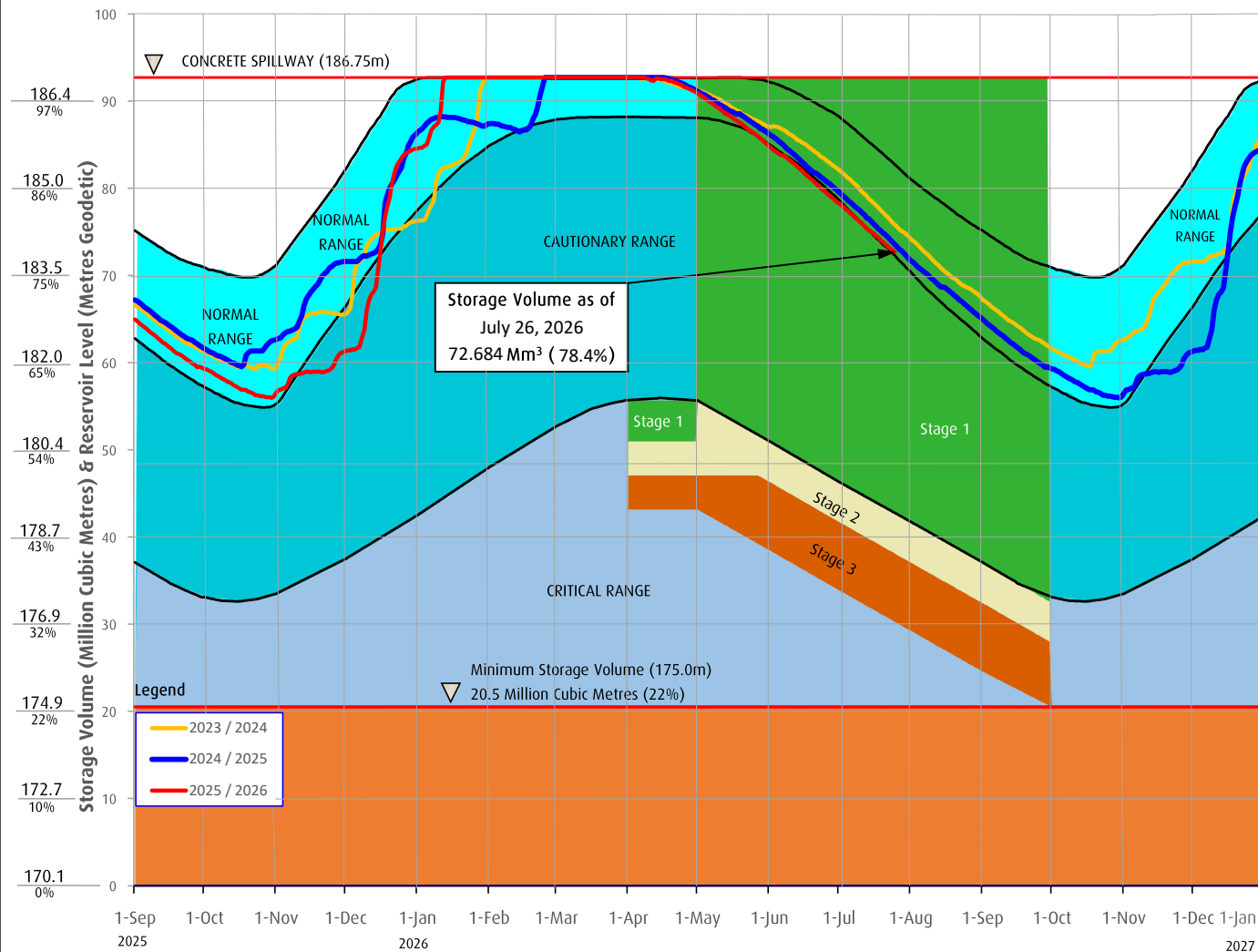
Category	Volume (million litres)
Full Storage	100,000
5 Year Average	80,000
Current Volume	72,684

% Full Storage | % 5 Year Average

Category	Percentage
% Full Storage	78.4%
% 5 Year Average	95.3%

Sooke Lake Reservoir Storage Level

Water Supply Management Plan



FAQs

How are water restriction stages determined?

Several factors are considered when determining water use restriction stages, including,

1. Time of year and typical seasonal water demand trends;
2. Precipitation and temperature conditions and forecasts;
3. Storage levels and storage volumes of water reservoirs (Sooke Lake Reservoir and the Goldstream Reservoirs) and draw down rates;
4. Stream flows and inflows into Sooke Lake Reservoir;
5. Water usage, recent consumption and trends; and customer compliance with restriction;
6. Water supply system performance.

The Regional Water Supply Commission will consider the above factors in making a determination to implement stage 2 or 3 restrictions, under the Water Conservation Bylaw.

At any time of the year and regardless of the water use restriction storage, customers are encouraged to limit discretionary water use in order to maximize the amount of water in the Regional Water Supply System Reservoirs available for nondiscretionary potable water use.

Stage 1 is normally initiated every year from May 1 to September 30 to manage outdoor use during the summer months. During this time, lawn watering is permitted twice a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 2 Is initiated when it is determined that there is an acute water supply shortage. During this time, lawn water is permitted once a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 3 Is initiated when it is determined that there is a severe water supply shortage. During this time, lawn watering is not permitted. Other outdoor water use activities are restricted as well.

For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca/drinkingwater

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