

#### **Massachusetts Water Resources Authority**

# Drought Management Task Force Update

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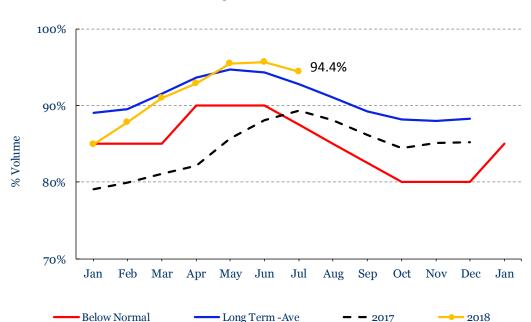
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## **Quabbin Status as of July 11, 2017**

- Current Elevation: 526.72 ft
- Current Volume: 387,000 MG (93.9%)
- At current capacity Quabbin can supply the system's current demand\* for 4.9 years

#### Quabbin Reservoir



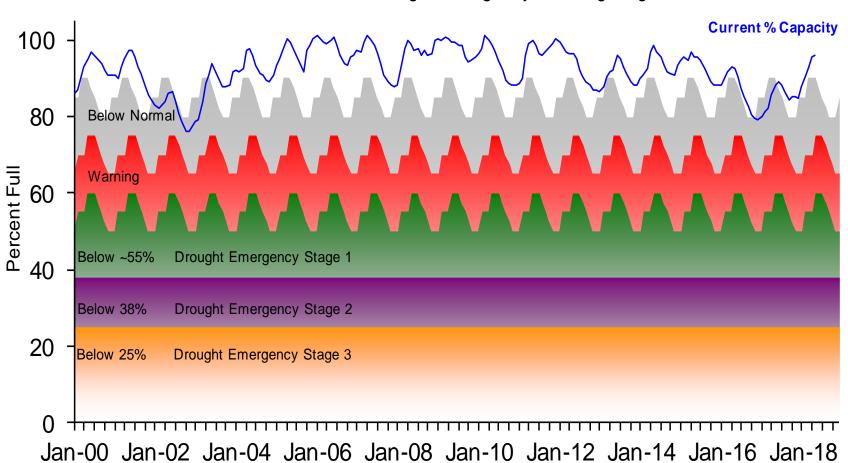
<sup>\*</sup> Calculated using an average daily demand of 200 MGD



## **Quabbin Reservoir Levels relative to Drought Stages**

#### **Quabbin Reservoir Levels**

With Drought Emergency Planning Stages





#### **Quabbin Reservoir Projections – July 2018**

Quabbin Reservoir levels have been modeled for the next 12 months (July 2018 – June 2019) given varying yield conditions, and an annual demand of 220 mgd (includes a 10 mgd increase from current annual demand levels). It should be noted that June 2018 was the 40<sup>th</sup> driest June in the 70-year history of Quabbin yields. The monthly yield for June 2018 was 4,264 MG.

Table 1 below shows the ending drought status for the time period being simulated.

Table 1: Quabbin Reservoir Status with Varying Reservoir Yield Scenarios Looking Forward from July 1, 2018

	1-Month	3-Months	6-Months	12-Months
Median Yield				
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Dry				
(75th				
Percentile)	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Driest				
(of Record)	Normal	Normal	Below Normal	Below Normal

Evaluating a 24-month scenario using the driest conditions, Quabbin Reservoir would end in the bottom of the Below Normal Range (approximately 1% full before dropping into Drought Warning Stage Level).



### **Wachusett Reservoir Status – Normal operations**

