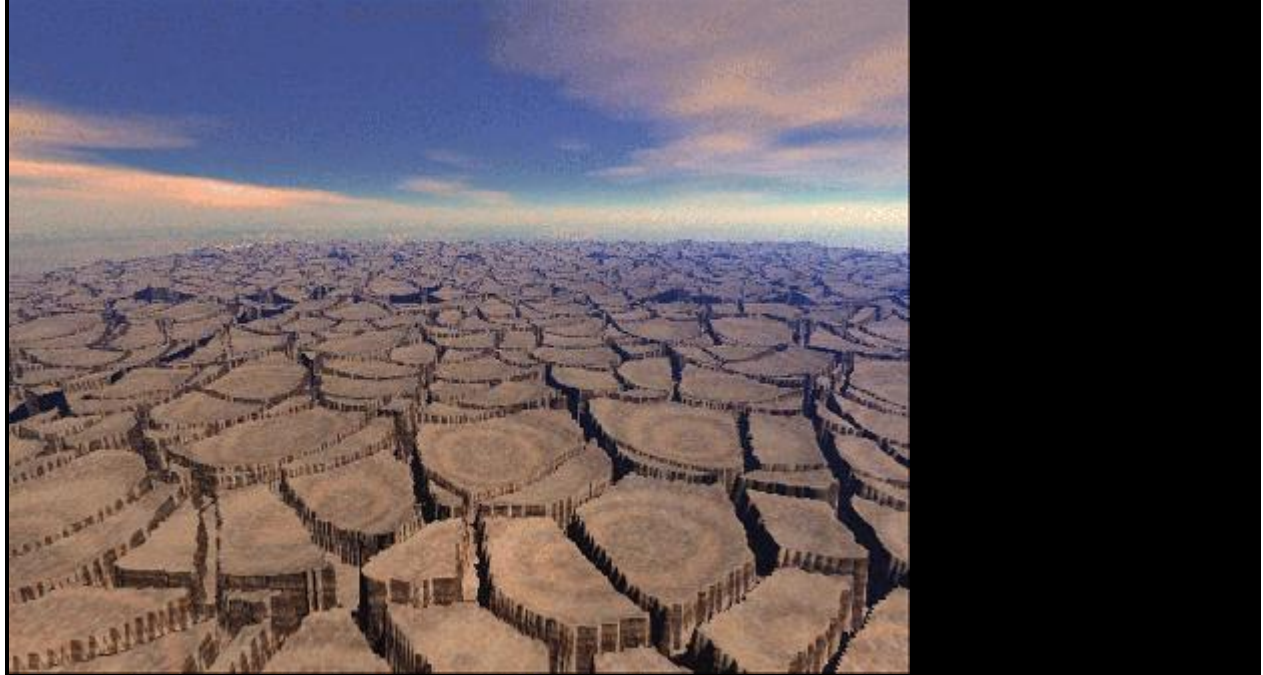


TMWA: Drought is worse then expected

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RENO - We are in our fourth year of drought; and the bad news is the Truckee Meadows Water Authority says it's worse then expected.

For example, snow pack is at 10 percent of what it should be and reservoir levels are worse.

But, the good news is there will be enough water to get through this year.

TMWA relies on multiple water resources on the surface and underground. And the organization says it has been saving up.

This winter, TMWA has been injecting about 7 million gallons a day in underground aquifers as one water saving measure.

"We're not talking mandatory conversation yet. We're not in the same situation as some other agencies in California. Again, we've got a very resilient system. If one system or source dries up, we got to another," says

Bill Hauck, Senior Hydrologist for TMWA.

The TMWA board will meet tomorrow in Sparks to approve their conservation plan for the summer. The proposal is to continue a voluntary 10% decrease in outdoor water use, but earlier than in

previous drought years.

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