Drought Monitoring, as of August 4, 2009

28-day streamflow average, as of August 11, 2009

Seasonal Precipitation, Oct. 2008 - July 2009

Reservoir Storage as of August 1, 2009

Colorado River Reservoir Storage

Southwest Weather

Severe drought continued in South Texas. Public water systems in Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio were among 230 statewide under mandatory restrictions.

El Nino circulation began developing in the tropical Pacific Ocean in June, creating uncertainty in summer monsoon forecasts across the Southwest but hope for greater rainfall in California this winter.

The first half of the monsoon season delivered near-normal precipitation to Arizona and New Mexico.

California is in its third drought year, the 12th driest 3-year period in the state’s measured hydrologic record.