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Storage: Current water storage in the five reservoirs is at 21%. The amount of water stored at this time is 200,000 acre/feet (a/f). Historically, the amount stored at this time of year should be 600,000 a/f, and last year, the amount stored was 400,000 a/f.

Snow Water Content: In the smaller snowpack, the water content is 89% in the upper Yakima Valley and 100% in the Naches Basin.

2025 Drought: Another year of drought is expected in the Yakima Valley. The upper Yakima region snowpack is at 84% of normal, and the Naches and lower Yakima region are 94% and 79%, respectively, of normal. The Roza Irrigation District and Kittitas Reclamation District are junior to other districts and are prorated in water-short years.

Senate Bill 5303 was passed by the Washington State Senate, which extends the water supply milestones for the Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan until 2035. The plan addresses water supply for instream and out-of-stream uses. The article can be found in the Northern Kittitas County Tribune on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Planning for the Future: A joint effort by all the interested parties in the Yakima Basin needs to be activated to improve the water supply. Continued economic growth depends on how we improve our water supply now and in the future.

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