

## **YBSA Monthly Report March 2025**

Storage: Current storage in the five reservoirs is at 37%. Snowpack is low and with warm temperatures, early runoff in the Cascade Mountains could increase storage capacity. Snow melt in the Spring and early Summer provides for instream flow for fish and out-of-stream use for agriculture. Snow water content is high, but with a low snowpack less water will be available. The prediction by the Roza Irrigation District is that the five reservoirs will not completely fill this year.

Riverflow: As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, the lower Yakima River is a flood stage. All tributaries and ponds are running high, and the alluvial aquifer in the lower valley is being recharged. Once the snowpack has melted, the Rivers and the irrigation systems will depend on our five storage reservoirs to provide the necessary water.

Irrigation Season: The month of April is the start of the Yakima Basin's irrigation season. The canals will be full and are primed, so the distribution to the agricultural community can start providing their share of water. The junior irrigation districts will have to manage the prorated water available for the crops this summer. The cherry and apricot orchards are in full bloom.

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