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Storage: The five reservoirs are at 14% of capacity. Inflow to the five reservoirs is minimal and the amount of release for instream flow and irrigation purposes are small.

Precipitation: The only water released for irrigation purposes is in the Kittitas County. Winter preciptiation will provide the water stored in the reservoirs for some of next summer's needs. Snowpack will provide the rest of the needed water. The previous years droughts have caused a shortage of water needed for instream flow (fish) and out of stream use (agriculture). Without adequate snowpack provideding spring and summer runoff into the rivers, the reservoir storage cannot provide the needed water for the agricultural season in the Yakima Basin.

The Yakima Basin's agricultural based economy not only deals with less water due to drought year with less snowpack in the Cascades, but it also is dealing with less farm worker availability, tarriffs, and increased fuel prices.

Vote: Don't forget to vote for water. The results may affect the economy in the Yakima Basin.

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