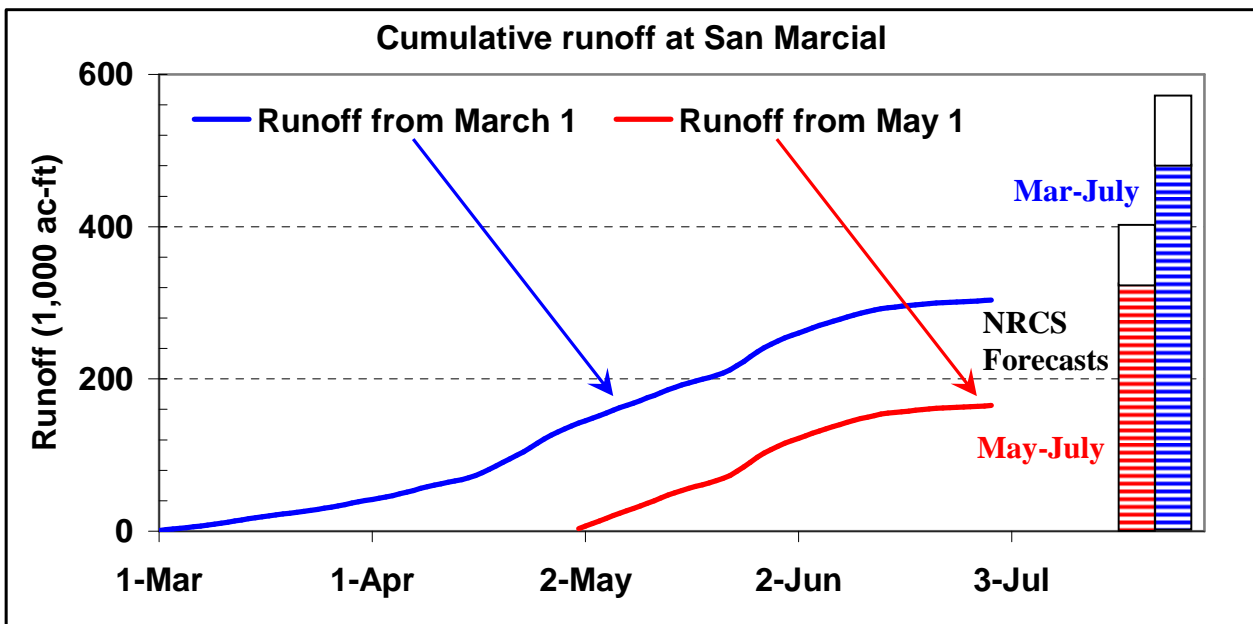
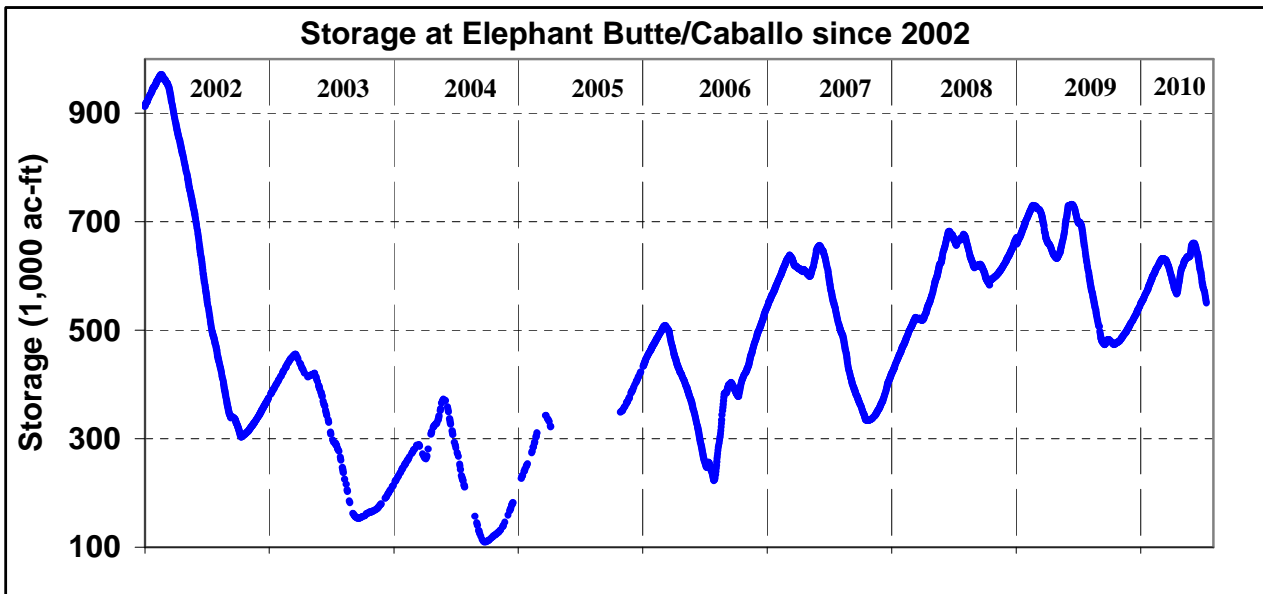


July 12, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL UPDATE

Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo continues to decrease about 3,000 ac-ft per day. Runoff this season as measured by flow at the floodway and conveyance channel at San Marcial has been below the levels forecasted by NRCS, which in turn are lower than the long term average. Upstream at Otowi Bridge the flow total from March 1 to June 30 was 576,000 ac-ft compared to the NRCS forecast of 760,000 ac-ft for March to July. However upstream controls, which are not incorporated into the NRCS forecasts can affect the flows. Last year total flow from March to July was about 250,000 more ac-ft more at Otowi than San Marcial. This year the gap will likely be more.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo July 9, 2010 557,209 acre-feet



Cumulative runoff measured at San Marcial (floodway + conveyance channel) for the periods March 1 to June 30, and May 1 to June 30. The bars at right show the NRCS forecast for the March to July and the May to July periods, with the clear portion indicating the long term averages for these periods.

