



# Tacoma Water Supply Outlook

As of May 8, 2026

# Water Supply Outlook

- **Supply:**

- On April 8, the Department of Ecology declared an official drought due to statewide conditions (low snowpack and precipitation). Tacoma Water has taken proactive measures to store water to meet summer demands. Currently, we have ample water supplies and do not anticipate water shortage in the summer.
- Storage at Howard Hanson Dam is currently 96% full. Full storage is expected by last week of May.
- The Apr-Sept runoff forecast for the Green River (published May 1) is estimated to be 75% of normal.

- **Consumption:**

- Increases in demand are forecast over the next week
  - Increasing to ~ 50 MGD daily average (for Tacoma plus Partners)

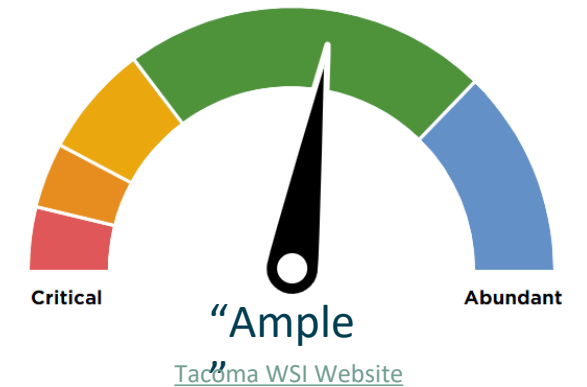
- **Weather Trends:**

- Above-normal temperatures are forecast through May 21.
- No measurable precipitation is expected through May 10<sup>th</sup>. An increasing chance of precipitation is expected May 12 – 30.

- **Trends to Watch:**

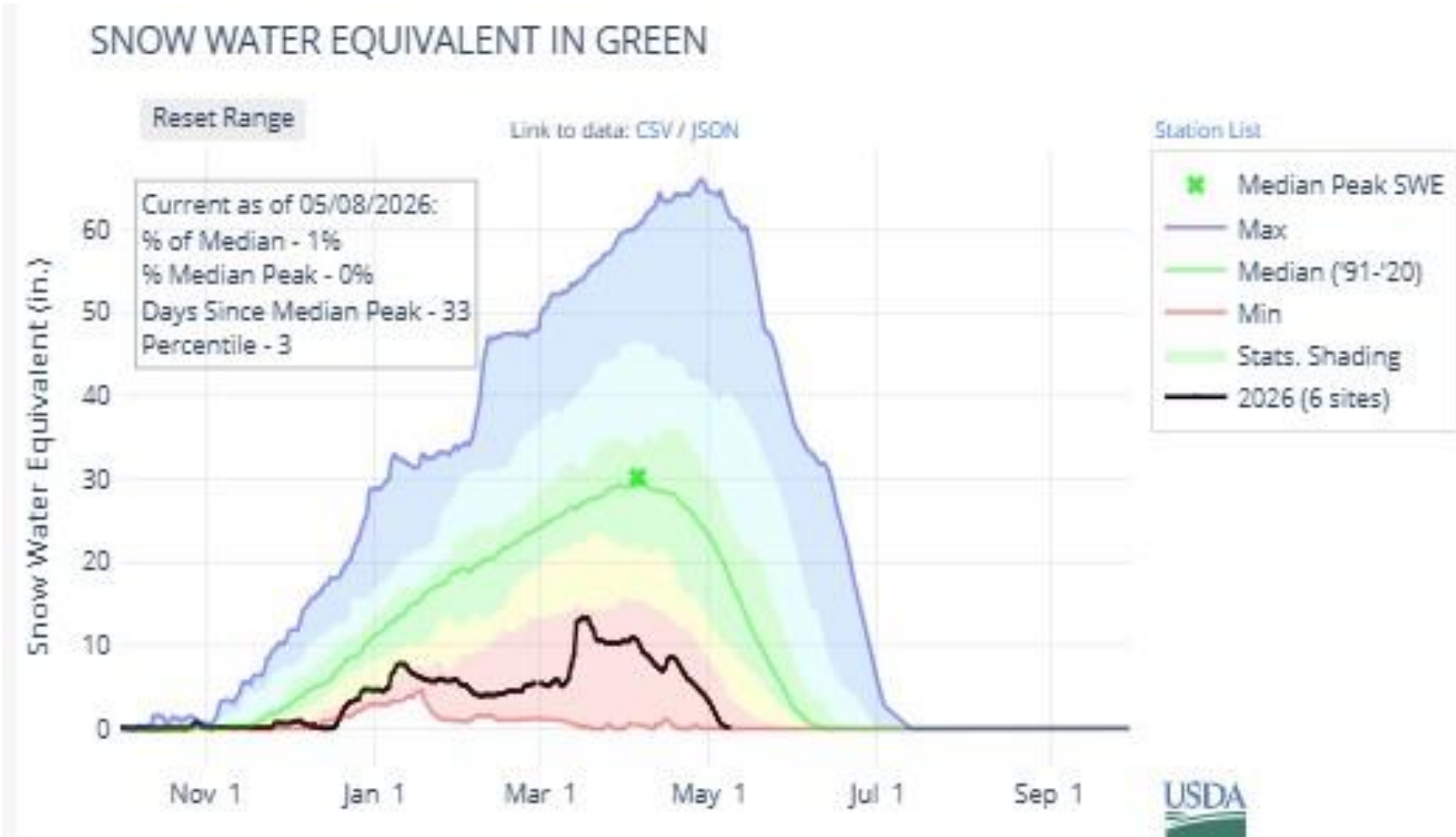
- Snow Water Equivalent (SWE): Snowpack is now mostly melted out and is approximately 1 month ahead of normal. This may cause the use of storage to begin earlier than normal.
- ENSO Forecast: El Niño is expected to develop this fall, with a good probability a moderate to strong rating. This may mean lower than normal snowpack for winter of 2026/2027.

## Water Supply Indicator



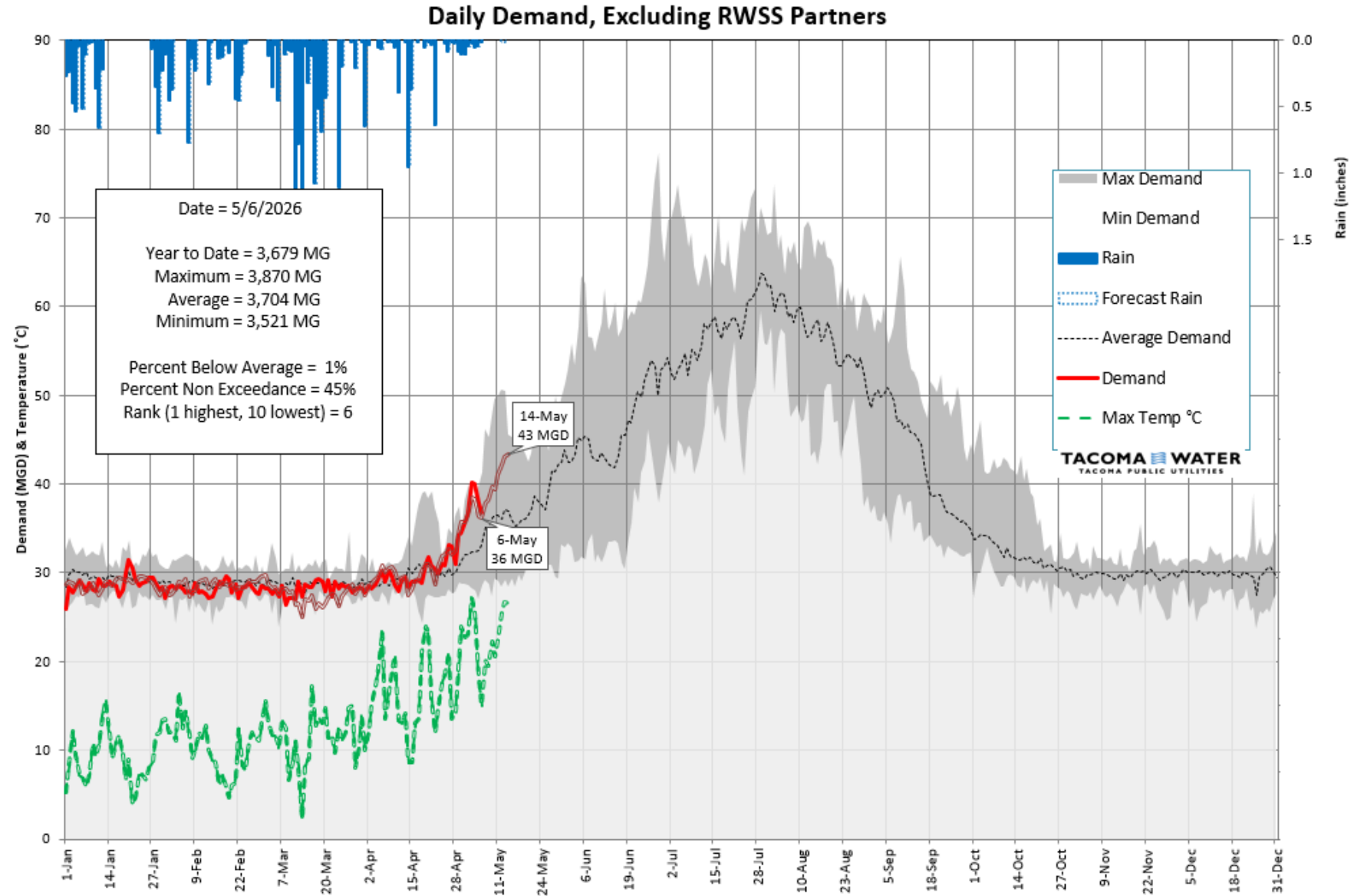
# Snow Water Equivalent – Green Basin

- Current SWE chart, Green River Basin.
- Melted-out 1-month earlier than normal.



# Tacoma Demand Forecast

- Daily demand increasing with onset of warmer weather.
- Forecasted demand showing May 6 through May 14.



# Howard Hanson Dam Storage

- Total Storage at Eagle Gorge Reservoir is 96% full.
- Current Pool Elevation is 1,165.45-ft (Full is 1,167-ft).

