



St Helena Government



ST HELENA WATER LEVELS

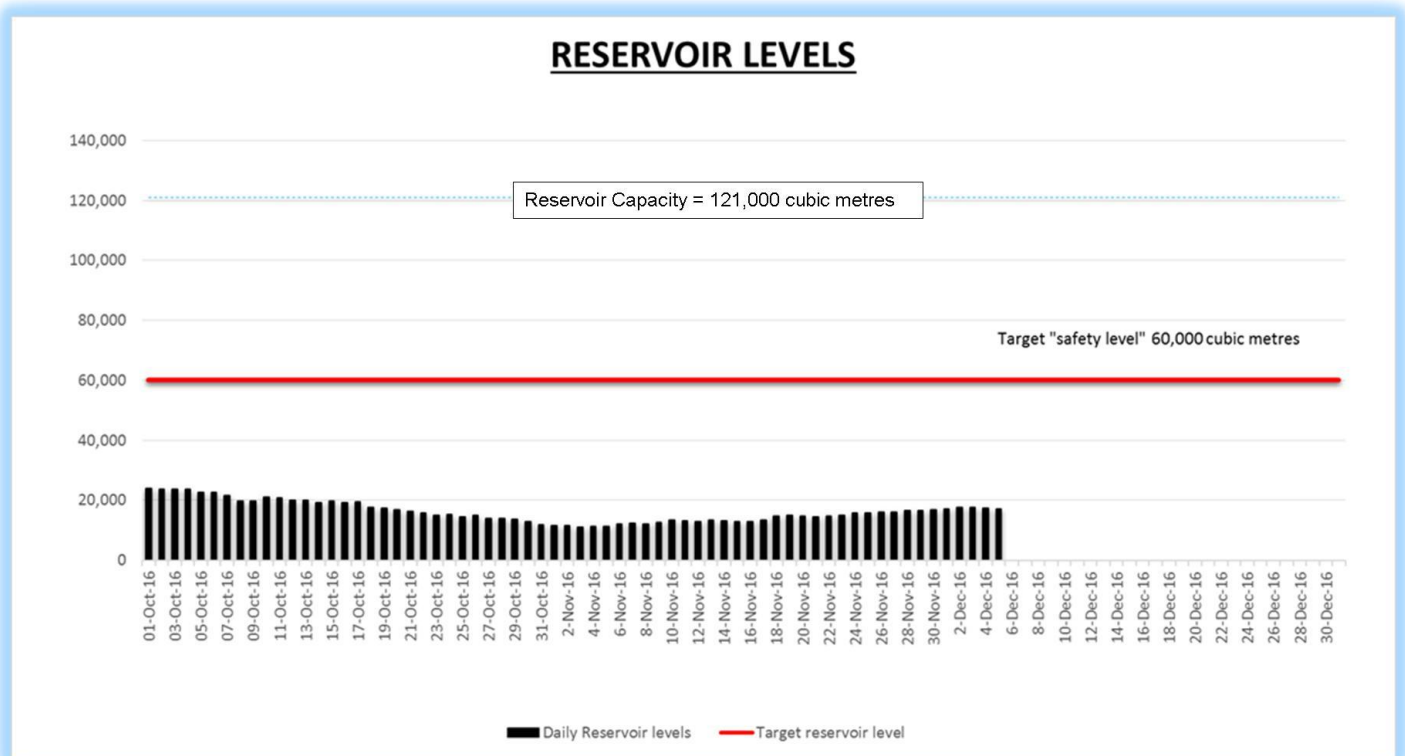
RESERVOIR LEVELS SLIGHTLY BETTER

DECREASE IN CONSUMPTION HELPS

Reservoir Levels

Over the last few weeks, St Helena has been fortunate to receive some rainfall and, as the graph below shows, reservoir levels have improved slightly. **But we are still a long way from having sufficient water reserves to see us through the Summer.**

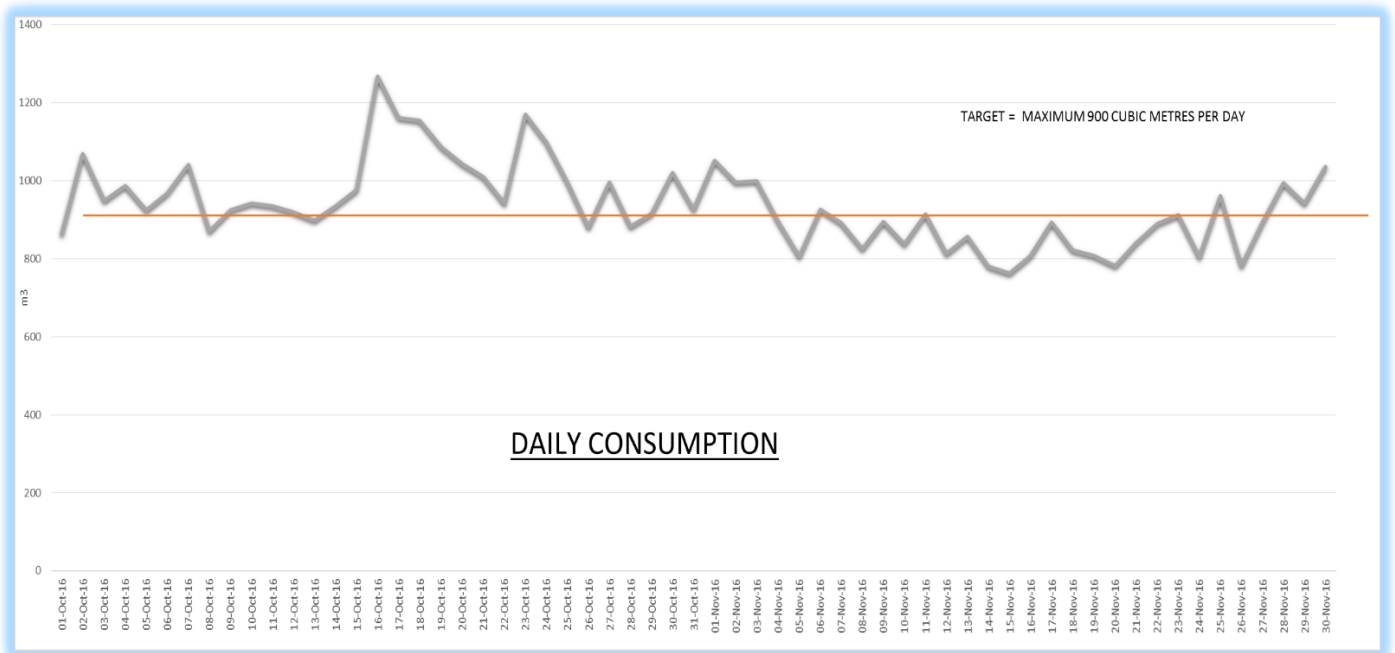
The graph shows total reservoir capacity, where we should be (the 'safety level' shown as a red line), and what the actual reservoir levels are.



Daily Consumption - October & November 2016

The consumption graph below for October and November shows that everyone's efforts to reduce their water consumption has had an overall effect. **But, at the end of November, consumption had risen. With the dry summer months ahead, it is essential that we do not become complacent and we must all continue to conserve as much as we can for the coming months.**

Consumption levels are indicated below, with the target level shown as an orange line.



December and January are traditionally months when consumption increases as we have more visiting friends and family on St Helena. Everyone disembarking the RMS is now given a leaflet containing water saving advice to help to make them aware that our reserves are very low. **Everyone on St Helena is urged to continue using water very carefully and to please encourage friends, family, visitors and neighbours to do the same.**

Until we can balance what is going into the system with what is going out (being used) - we remain in a critical situation.

Transfer Systems

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has been working on the design and installation of three new systems to transfer water during times of shortage. The first of these, from Chubbs Spring to Red Hill, once operational will take much of the excess water that has been flowing down The Run and transfer it to Red Hill, where it is needed.

Use of 'Grey' or Recycled Water

The Island-wide Legal Notice restricts the use of water to essential purposes only - defined as drinking, cooking and personal washing. Personal washing is washing yourself, clothes and bedding etc in order to maintain your personal cleanliness. **The Legal Notice applies to all water sources Island-wide, which includes The Run water and private borehole and spring water.**

These legal water restrictions do not apply to 'grey' or recycled water. Water that you collect from your roof into a water butt or recycled washing water may be used for any purpose.

Future Needs

SHG is currently considering the establishment of a group to examine our future water needs. Further details will be released shortly.

Questions

Anyone wanting to know more about the current water situation and the work being done are encouraged to submit questions to the local media. We will then answer your questions and print them in future updates.

Everyone is reminded to exercise great care and restraint when using water.
Every drop counts, every action counts - please do your bit.

St Helena Resilience Forum
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