

Water Conditions Summary for August 2016:

- **Precipitation:** June brought the onset of the very dry conditions that continued through much of the summer. For the 3 month period (June-August) the southern 3 drought regions all had less than 50 percent of normal rainfall. Across the remaining drought regions, the 3 month rainfall was 65 to 85 percent of normal.
- **Palmer Drought Severity Index:** The RI Palmer is in the Moderate Drought range, value - 2.57.
- **Streamflow:** Streamflow levels have been below normal for four consecutive months (May, June, July, August);
- **Groundwater:** Groundwater levels were below normal for two of the last three months (June and July). For August groundwater levels were normal in the northern regions of the state and below normal in the southern and eastern regions.

Water Conditions Report from the Drought Steering Committee August 4, 2016:

- **Precipitation:** The two-month cumulative deficit was less than 65% of normal in five of seven of the state's drought regions, with the remaining regions at 66% and 72%;
- **Palmer Drought Severity Index:** The current index is -2.43, classified as moderate drought;
- **Streamflow:** Streamflow levels have been below normal for three consecutive months (May, June, July);
- **Groundwater:** Groundwater levels were below normal for two of the last three months (June and July).