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Going down: Lake Oroville at lowest level of state's major reservoirs

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OROVILLE — If Lake Oroville seems a long way off from the dam or the parking lots at its major boat ramps these days, it is.

The lake has the lowest supply of any of California's 12 major reservoirs at 45 percent full, which is just 75 percent of what is normal for this time of year, according to the Department of Water Resources website.

Shasta Lake, by comparison, is 71 percent full, 116 percent of average for this time of year.

That's the trend throughout the state. Folsom Lake is 120 percent of normal for this time of year; Don Pedro Reservoir, 127 percent of normal; New Melones Reservoir, 100 percent of normal.

The only top 12 lakes besides Oroville running behind average for this time of year are Trinity Lake at 95 percent of normal and San Luis Reservoir at 91 percent of normal.

Latest information on the lake is available at the DWR Lake Level Line at 534-2307.

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