Officials keeping eye on high water levels in region

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We're still seeing the effects of last winter that kept our reservoirs full and the Truckee River moving fast for much of the summer.

But now officials tell us that water supply could be too much of a good thing as we move into what could be an unpredictable winter.



Trout Creek is higher in October than it has been in years.
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Water is still being released into the Truckee River from the Lake Tahoe Dam. That's because Tahoe is still much higher than normal.

As we move deeper into fall, the lake levels are still at 73 percent of capacity.

"Any higher than this and we get a little nervous but we're looking good as far as having a lot of storage in there but not being too high going into the winter," says Chad

Blanchard, chief deputy water master.

That's because the lake and our reservoirs don't just serve as storage — they also serve as flood control.

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