Tahoe's level could change quickly this fall

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Last winter brought a record amount of precipitation to the Sierra, filling Lake Tahoe almost to the brim. Several feet of water were also released from the Tahoe City Dam to make room for the snow melt.

The lake is still in good shape. Tahoe's level is still more than 5 feet above its natural rim and less than a foot from its legal limit.

The lake's level has only been this high 12 other times. If the Sierra has a repeat of last winter, Chad Blanchard, federal water master, said it would be a welcome sight as long as it comes in the form of snow.

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