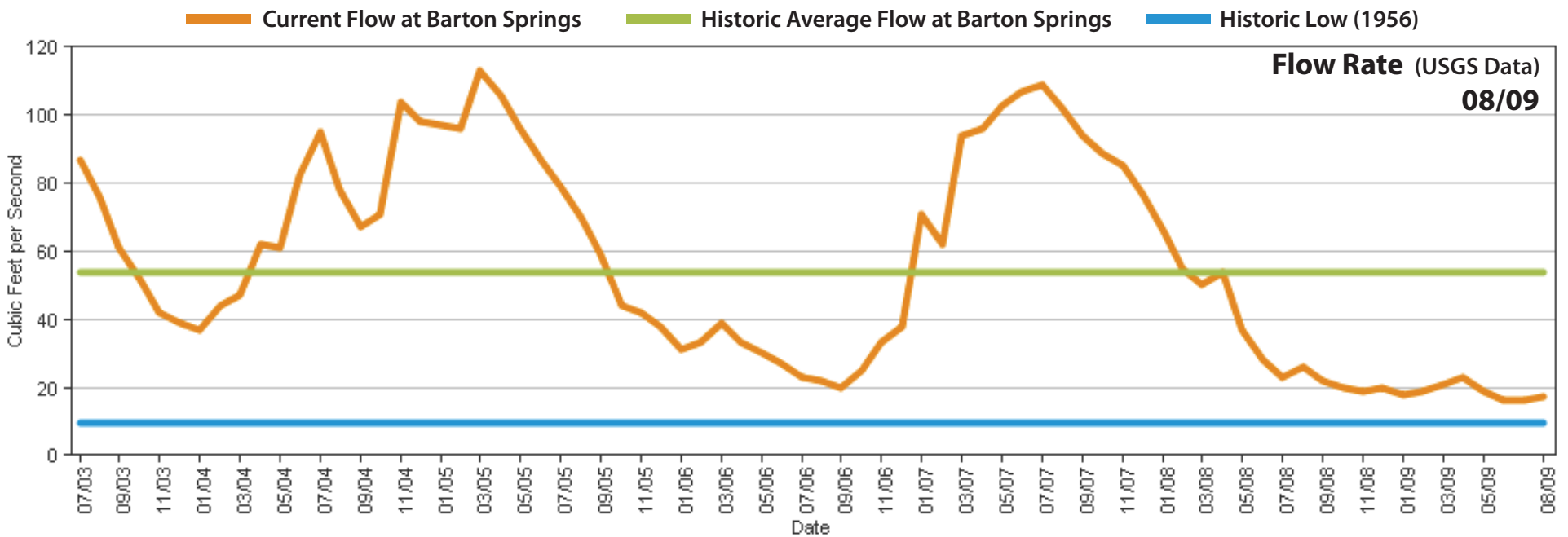




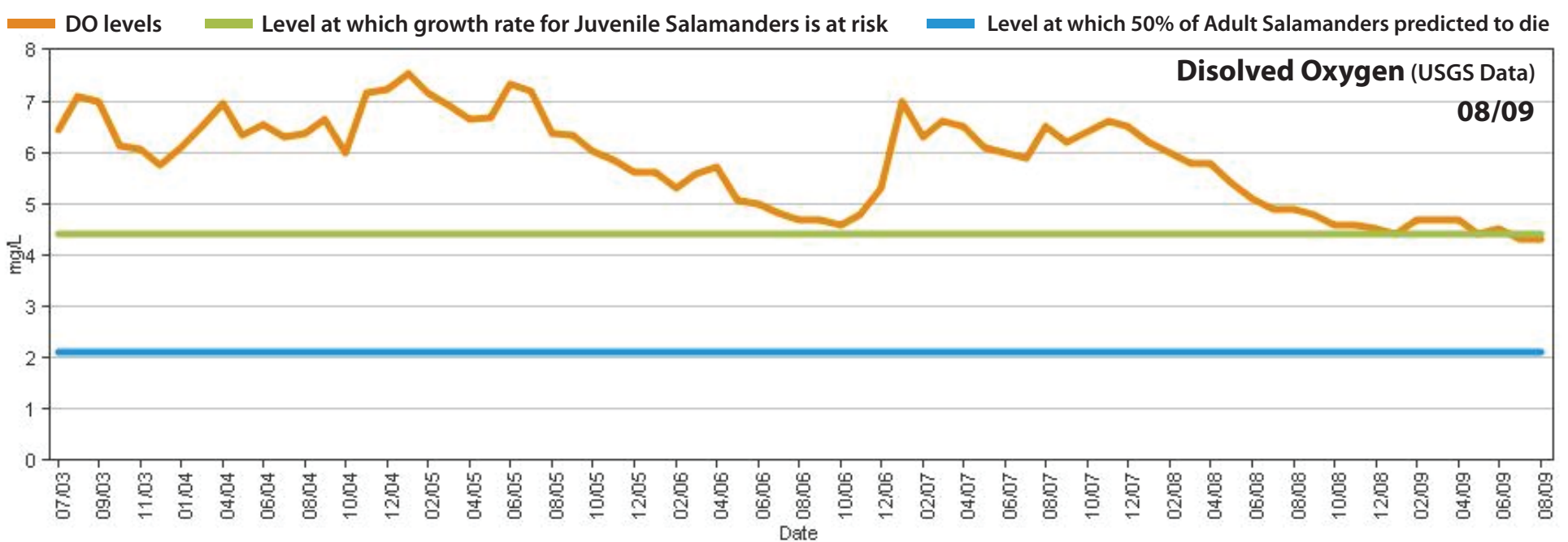
Drought Watch

This year's drought, one of the most severe since the record drought of the 1950's, is having a major impact on Austin's treasured spring.

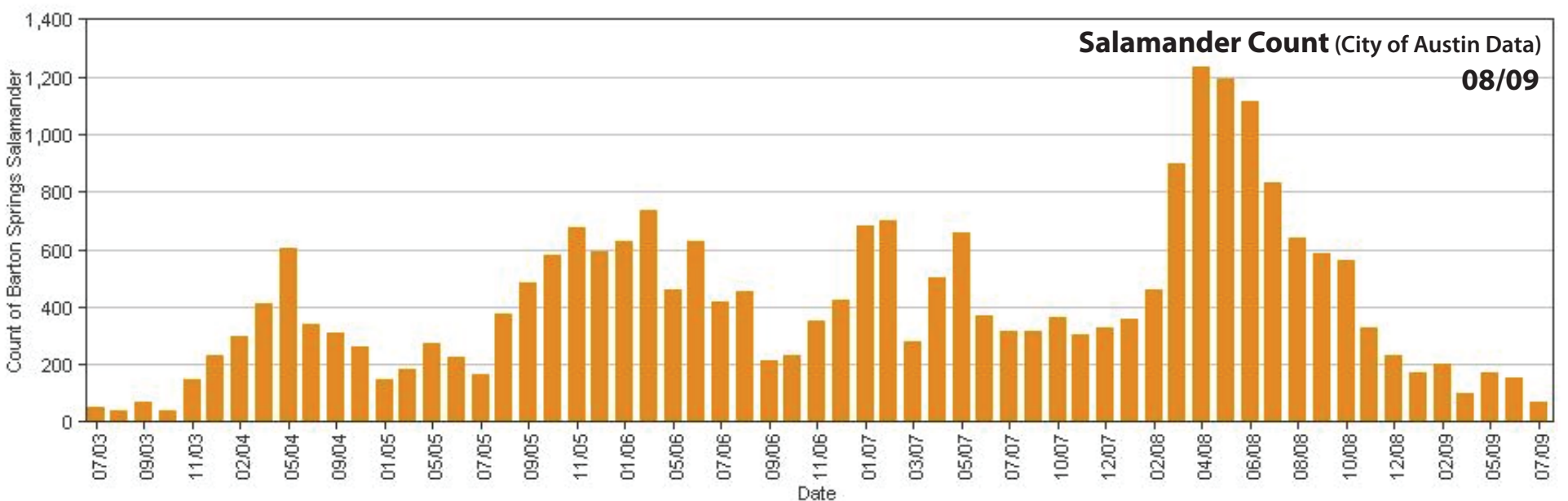
Flow Rate: Flow is the quantity of water discharging at Barton Springs from the Edwards Aquifer. It is measured by the number of cubic feet per second (CFS) that exits the spring. Visit http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv?site_no=08155500



Dissolved Oxygen (DO): DO is the amount of oxygen dissolved in water. It is one of the most critical measures for water quality because a severe lack of oxygen can potentially lead to fish or salamander kills. Visit http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv?site_no=08155500



Salamander Count: The Barton Springs Salamander is one of Austin's endangered species. There has been a significant reduction in the number of salamanders found during monthly surveys at Eliza Spring. Low flows and reduced DO are believed to be contributing factors. Visit <http://www.cityofaustin.org/watershed/salamander.htm>.



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For more information on how to help, visit <http://www.cityofaustin.org/watershed/education.htm>

Drought Conditions - http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought_gov/202;jsessionid=721ADDEF20C1A5855E18D7249BFB57BE

Seasonal Drought Forecast - http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.html

Drought for Kids - <http://drought.unl.edu/kids/>