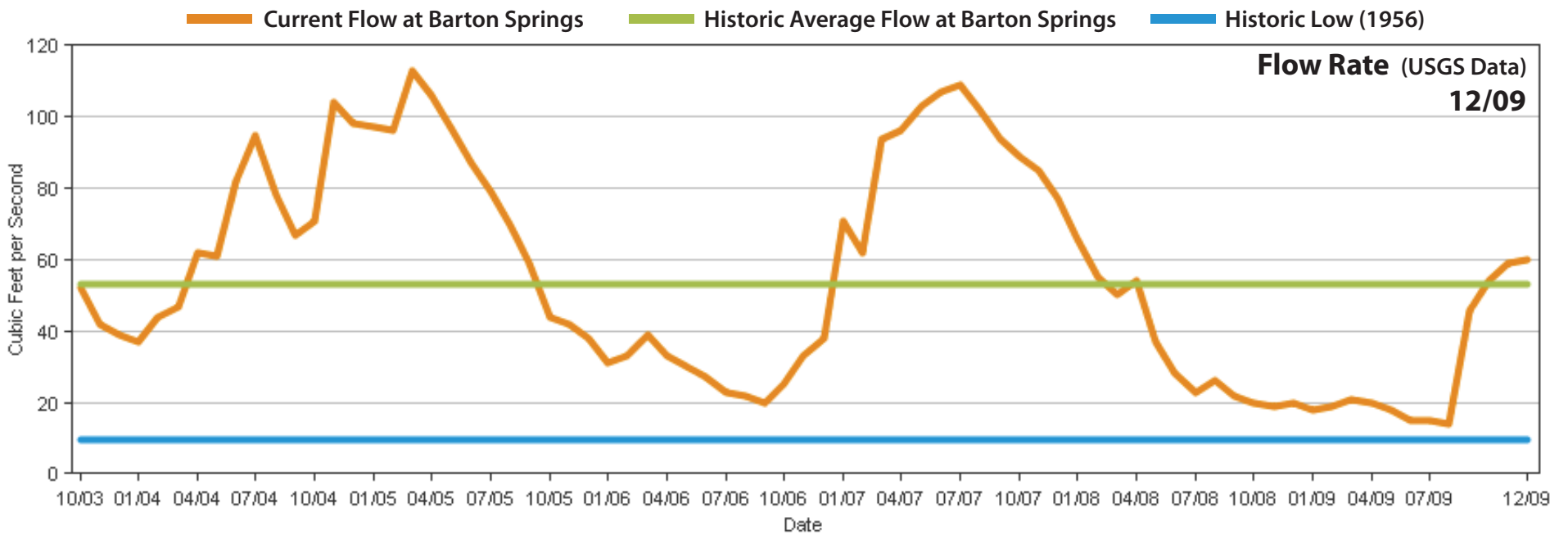


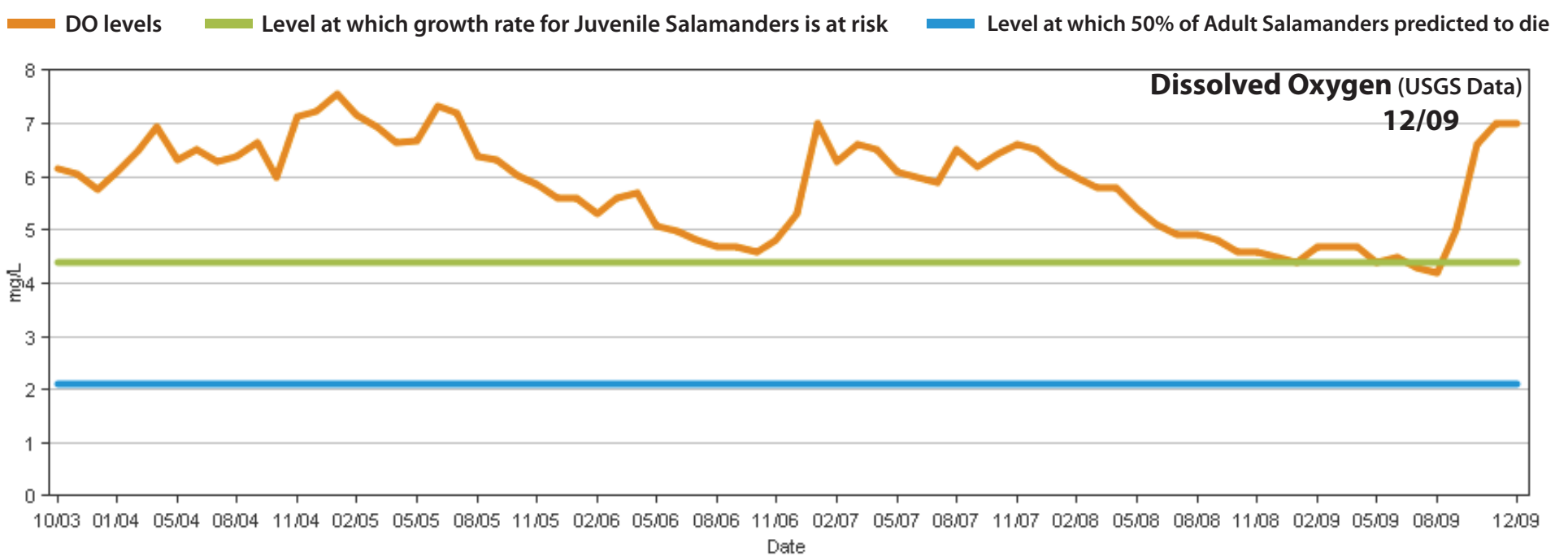
Drought Watch

The 2009 drought has had a major impact on the springs. While flow rates have risen substantially in recent months, there is no guarantee that we will not return to severe drought conditions next summer.

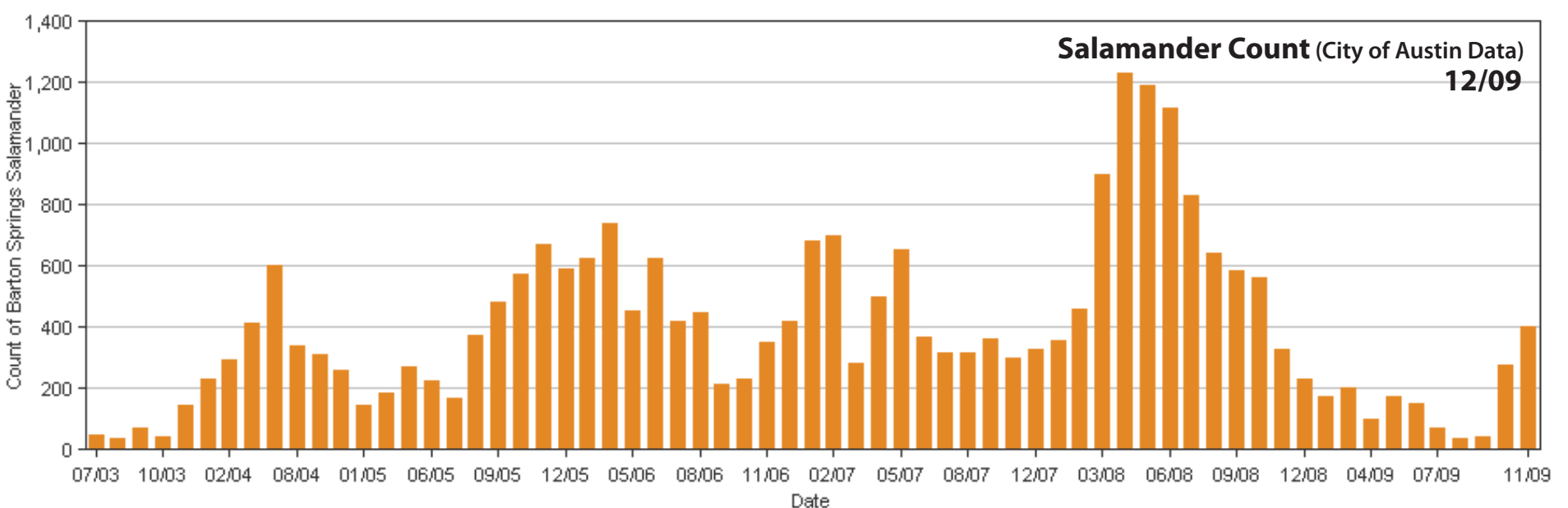
Flow Rate: Flow is the quantity of water discharging at Barton Springs from the Edwards Aquifer. It is measured by the number of cubic feet per second (CFS) that exits the spring. Vist http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv?site_no=08155500



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. Vist 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/>