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Assessment of Activating Reservoir Emergency Storage in Climate-Change-Fueled Extreme Drought

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Abstract: With exacerbating climate change, the current reservoir storage capacity in South Korea is insufficient to meet the future scheduled water demand. No study has yet evaluated the effects of applying the water supply adjustment standard (Standard) and activating the reservoir emergency storage in response to extreme drought. The main objective is to assess the effects of applying Standard and activating emergency storage in meeting the water demand under extreme drought at six multipurpose reservoirs (Andong, Gimcheon-Buhang, Gunwi, Hapcheon, Imha, and Milyang) in the Nakdong River Basin, South Korea. We built a reservoir simulation model (HEC-ResSim), determined the extreme drought scenarios, and emergency storage capacity. We evaluated three reservoir operation cases (general operation, regular Standard, and revised Standard) from 2011 to 2100. The results show that applying the Standard and activating the emergency storage are effective in meeting the future water demand during extreme drought. In conclusion, we need to secure 110 million cubic meters (MCM) (Hapcheon reservoir) and 8 MCM (Gunwi reservoir) of water to reduce the number of days in the emergency stage. This research serves as a fundamental study that can help establish Standard and emergency storage activation criteria for other multipurpose reservoirs in preparation for extreme drought.

Keywords: reservoir emergency storage; water supply adjustment standard; climate change; extreme drought; reservoir operation; Nakdong River Basin



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1. Introduction

Climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme drought and worsening the drought in the regions of East Asia [1,2]. South Korea is no exception for experiencing more frequent and extreme drought due to climate change [3]. The historic severe drought in South Korea was in 1988 and 1994 with the return period of 30 to 50 years [4]. The recent climate change-fueled drought in South Korea lasted more than three years (2013 to 2015) [5]. In normal years, South Korea receives 1320 mm of annual rainfall, and 70% of its rainfall occurs during the summer. However, from 2013 to 2015, the annual precipitation was 35% to 50% less than the precipitation in normal years. This was the most recent severe drought with a return period of over 100 years [6]. The exacerbating climate change can lead to more frequent and severe drought that pose challenges and risks in operating and managing the existing reservoir to meet the scheduled water demand in South Korea [7–9].

South Korea has 20 multipurpose reservoirs that impound water during high flows and gradually release the water during low flows. Multipurpose reservoirs provide resiliency against changing meteorological and hydrological variables by providing services such as water supply, drought management, prevention of salinity intrusion, and recreational

activities [10,11]. In 2015, the total storage of multipurpose reservoirs in South Korea was 4.88 billion cubic meters (BCM), which was approximately 2.83 BCM lower than the total storage in a normal year (7.71 BCM). Building a new reservoir is a promising approach to increasing water storage and mitigating water shortages [12]. However, constructing a new reservoir comes with a huge cost, limited location, conflicts between the upstream and downstream communities, and inevitable environmental and ecological impacts [13]. Some alternatives to building a new reservoir are transferring water from a water-abundant river basin to a water-scarce river basin [14], connecting tunnels between two existing reservoirs [15], or developing coordinated reservoirs and weirs operation systems to meet water supply [16]. Likewise, reservoir operation is crucial in the river basin as it has direct impact on meeting the water demand of a region. Past literature attempt to improve the reservoir operation criteria [17,18], develop rule curve, deficit-supply operation [19], or threshold levels [20] in response to climate-change-fueled drought. In response to the recent drought, the Korean Ministry of Environment established the Water Supply Adjustment Standard (Standard) to reduce the reservoir water supply when the reservoir storage drops below a specified water level. This Standard is set in four stages (concern, caution, alert, and emergency). Several studies have already tested the performance of Standard [21]. Other studies simulate the water supply capacity [22], forecast reservoir inflow [23], and calculate the ranges of supplement-reduction amount of water supply [24] for multi-purpose reservoirs. The common method of assessing the severity of the drought is using the indices like the drought index [25–27], drought vulnerability index [28], hotspot drought risk index [29], standard flow in-dex [30] and water supply capacity index [31]. Other studies assess a potential drought hazard areas in this basin [32].

As climate change exacerbates, the current reservoir storage in South Korea is insufficient to meet the scheduled water demand [33]. To our knowledge, no study has yet evaluated the potential application of Standard and the use of the reservoir emergency storage in a multipurpose reservoir. The novelty of this work is evaluating the effects of applying the Standard and activating the emergency storage in meeting the scheduled water demand under extreme drought. The main objective is to determine the capacity of emergency storage required to meet the scheduled water demand during the extreme drought. The study site is the Nakdong River Basin (Basin) with six multipurpose reservoirs: Andong, Gimcheon-Buhang, Gunwi, Hapcheon, Imha, and Milyang. We build and simulate a reservoir simulation model (Hydrologic Engineering Center-Reservoir System Simulation (HEC-ResSim)). We select three extreme drought scenarios out of 25 climate change scenarios. We evaluate three reservoir operation cases, which are the general operation (Case 1), regular Standard (Case 2), and revised Standard (Case 3). The three model performance indices are volumetric reliability, resiliency, and vulnerability. The rest of the sections are in sequential order: Materials and Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Study Site

South Korea's four major rivers are Han, Nakdong, Geum, and Yeongsan. This study investigates the Nakdong River, which is the longest river (522 km) and the second largest basin (23,717 km²) in South Korea (Figure 1a). We choose this Basin as it receives the least amount of precipitation (average annual precipitation of 1320 mm) than other major river basins (Table 1). The rainy season in South Korea typically lasts from July to September, when two-thirds of the annual rainfall occurs, and the rest (one-third) of precipitation occurs from October to June. Thus, the concentrated rainfall during the rainy season leads to flooding, and insufficient rainfall during the dry season leads to drought. Therefore, South Korea is prone to both flood and drought. This Basin has nine multipurpose reservoirs that supply water for domestic, industrial, agricultural, and instream flow. We analyze six multipurpose reservoirs that already have Standard (Figure 1b). Andong and Hapcheon are the largest reservoirs, while Hapcheon and Imha reservoirs have the largest emergency

storage (Table 2). We consider Andong and Imha reservoirs as a single reservoir as they are connected through a channel and operated together.

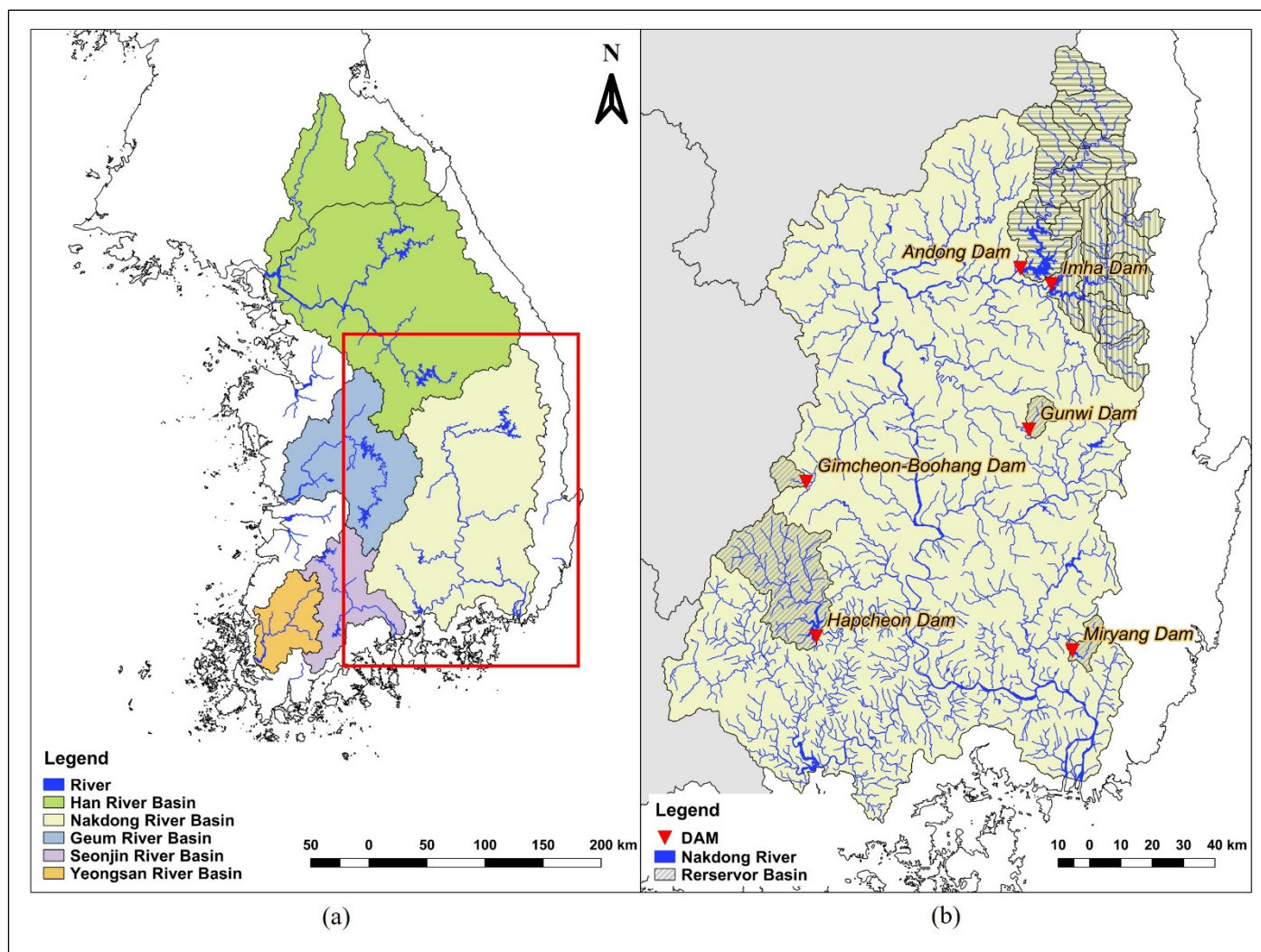


Figure 1. Study area and six reservoirs: (a) locations of four major River basins (Han, Nakdong, Geum, and Yeongsan) in South Korea. The red box highlights the Nakdong River Basin; (b) locations of six reservoirs and watersheds (indicated by diagonal lines). In this study, we consider Andong reservoir and Imha reservoir as a single reservoir as they are connected through a channel and operated together.

Table 1. Average annual precipitation of four major river basins in South Korea [34]. The Nakdong River Basin has the least amount of annual precipitation among four major river basins.

River Basin	Han	Nakdong	Geum	Yeongsan
Precipitation (mm)	1366.3	1192.3	1299.0	1437.7

2.2. Emergency Storage

The multipurpose reservoirs in South Korea have emergency storage between the low and energy outlet levels (Figure 2). The purpose of emergency storage is to supply water during unusual or emergency conditions. The storage of a multipurpose reservoir is categorized into active and inactive storage. The active storage is categorized into conservation storage (for water supply) and flood control storage (for flood control). Conservation storage is storing water in the rainy season and using it for downstream water demand.

Flood control storage is storage between the flood water level and the normal high water level in the non-flood season and between the flood water level and restricted water level in the flood season. Inactive storage refers to a reservoir water capacity below the low water level. Inactive storage divides into emergency storage and dead storage based on the emergency outlet level. The water in emergency storage is unavailable for water supply during the normal seasons. However, the water in the emergency storage (above the emergency outlet) becomes available for emergency water use and supplies water only during emergency events (e.g., extreme drought). The dead storage is storage in a reservoir that cannot be drained by gravity through the reservoir's outlet works. Withdrawing water from the dead storage requires separate facilities to pump out the water. The water in the dead storage is unavailable for use under normal circumstances.

Table 2. Characteristics of six multipurpose reservoirs in the Nakdong River Basin.

Reservoirs	Andong	Gimcheon-Buhang	Gunwi	Hapcheon	Imha	Milyang
Total storage (MCM)	1248	54.3	48.7	790	595	73.6
Conservation storage (MCM)	1000	42.6	40.1	560	424	69.8
Emergency storage (MCM)	130	1.6	1.3	130	84	3.6
Daily planned supply (MCM)	2.5	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.6	0.2
Emergency storage/ Conservation storage (%)	13	3.8	3.2	23.2	19.8	5.2
Emergency storage/ Daily planned supply (days)	52	16	13	81	53	18

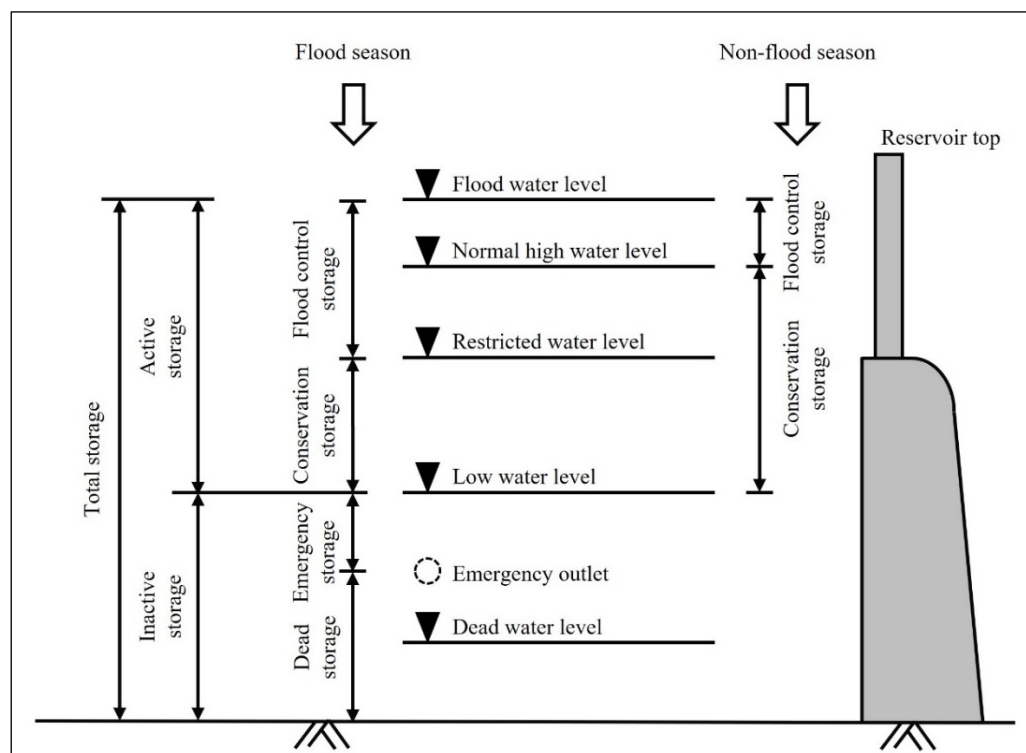


Figure 2. Description of multipurpose reservoir storage zones and water levels. The water in emergency storage is unavailable for water supply during the normal seasons. However, the water in the emergency storage (above the emergency outlet) becomes available for emergency water use and supplies water only during emergency events (e.g., extreme drought).

The Standard categorized reservoir storage into four stages: Concern, caution, alert, and emergency (Table 3 and Figure 3). The Concern stage is reducing the uncontracted domestic and industrial water supplies. The Caution stage is reducing the same amount of

water supply from the concern stage and instream flow. The Alert stage is reducing the same amount from the caution stage and water supply from the agricultural sectors. The irrigation water supply is reduced 20% from April to June, 30% from July to September. The emergency stage is reducing the same amount as the alert stage and an additional 20% reduction from the domestic and industrial water use sectors. This Standard is like the hedging rule in controlling the reservoir water supply and securing the water resources for the upcoming extreme drought. The Standard reduces the water supply ahead of the drought to secure the water and mitigate water shortages during drought.

Table 3. Description of four stages (concern, caution, alert, and emergency) and reductions scales for multipurpose reservoir.

Stage	Reduction Scale
Concern	Uncontracted domestic and industrial water
Caution	Concern reduction + instream flow
Alert	Caution reduction + Irrigation water (April~June: 20%, July~September: 30%)
Emergency	Alert reduction + 20% of domestic and industrial water

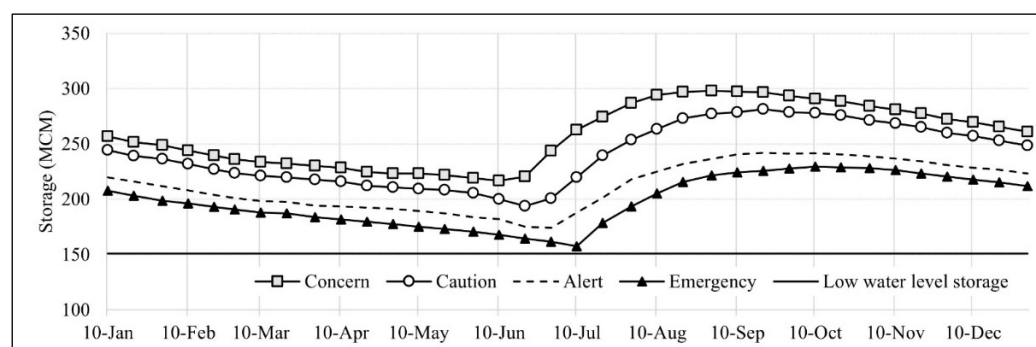


Figure 3. An example of Standard for the Hapcheon reservoir. This Standard is set in four stages (concern, caution, alert, and emergency).

2.3. Model Framework

The main workflow of this study is from the reservoir simulation model step (Figure 4). Prior steps include building a climate model, downscaling the climate change scenarios, generating the final climate change scenarios, building hydrologic model, and generating streamflow data. The Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) is an ensemble model from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth assessment report that reflects the Asian–Australian monsoon climate [35]. IPCC provides Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 2.6, 4.5, 6.0, and 8.5. We select and apply RCP 4.5 (decreases the temperature and increases precipitation) and RCP 8.5 (reduces the precipitation and increases temperature) [36]. The input dataset for climate change scenarios is 60 Automated Synoptic Observation System observation points. Output from CMIP5 requires a downscaling process to improve the low spatial resolution [37]. Korea's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Climate Center (APEC) uses Spatial Disaggregation and Quantile Delta Mapping for downscaling the data [38]. These downscaled climate change results become input data for the Hydro-logic Simulation Program-Fortran (HSPF) model [39]. HSPF model is a rainfall-runoff model that produces the daily reservoir inflow data from 2011 to 2100 (90 years). We divided the reservoir inflow data into Period (P)1 (2011 to 2040), P2 (2041 to 2070), and P3 (2071 to 2100). We use these generated reservoir inflow data from HSPF model as input data for the reservoir simulation model.

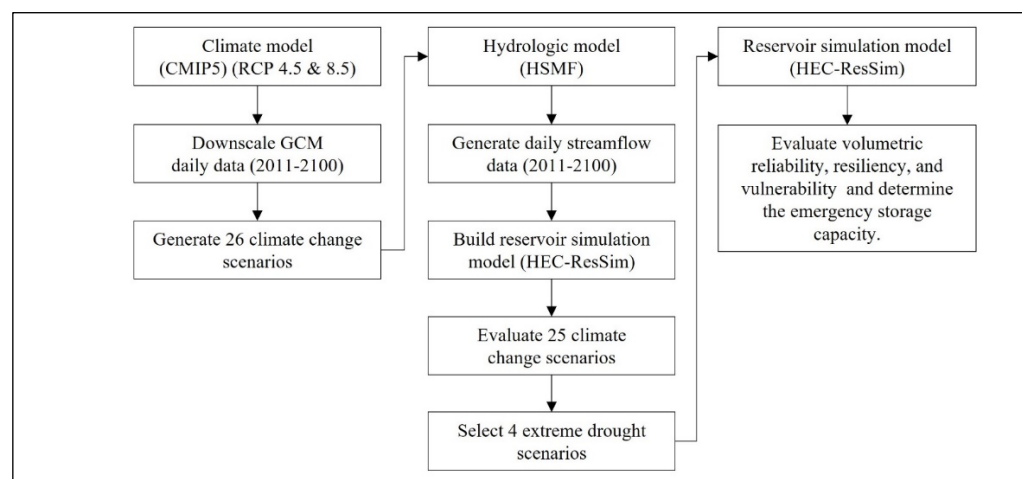


Figure 4. Workflow for building, calibrating, and validating the climate model, hydrologic model, and reservoir model. We build and simulate five reservoirs using HECResSim.

We build and run the reservoir operation simulation model to select the extreme drought scenarios from 25 climate change scenarios. Some of well-known reservoir simulation models are HEC-ResSim [40], River and Reservoir Operations [41], Modified SIMYLD [42], Corps Water Management System [43] and Water Evaluation and Planning system [44]. These reservoir simulation models are fundamentally similar, but they are different in computing algorithms, organizing structure, applying user interface, and managing data mechanism [45]. We choose HEC-ResSim 3.3 software as it is specifically designed for simulating reservoir operation that resembles the actual reservoir operation. The US Army Corps of Engineers developed this software, which has been widely used for simulating the reservoir operation worldwide [46] and in South Korea. Studies used this software to simulate reservoir operation in dry [47] and flood seasons [48]. The main input data are aerial map, channel data, evaporation data, gage data, hydraulic structure outflow data, reservoir storage, and inflow data [49]. The time-step of reservoir simulation period is set to be five days as the South Korea Water Plan uses five day period to analyze the national water budget [50].

We select the Hapcheon reservoir, which has the largest ratio of emergency storage to water conservation storage, to simulate and select the extreme drought scenarios. Here, we define an extreme drought as when a single drought lasts for long periods without recovering to the water supply level. A less extreme drought event is when the water level drops below the water supply level, but it recovers to the water supply level quickly. The criteria for selecting the extreme drought scenarios include the number of days when the water supply failed, the total water supply shortage, the number of water supply failures, the maximum duration, and the maximum shortage of water supply failure. We consider the maximum duration and the maximum shortage of water supply failure as two crucial criteria that indicate the severity of drought.

2.4. Cases for Reservoir Operation

We design three reservoir operation cases that either considers or ignores the Standard and emergency storage utilization conditions.

Case 1 is the default (no action) that does not consider Standard and emergency storage. In Case 1, when the reservoir water level falls between the low and high-water level, the reservoir can supply the scheduled domestic, industrial, irrigation, and instream flow. We consider a failure when the reservoir water level reaches a low water level and cannot meet the scheduled water demand.

Case 2 considers both Standard and emergency storage. Cases 2 and 3 curtail the water supply for the current demand to alleviate the potential water shortage in the future, even though sufficient water is available to meet the current water demand. Both cases

increase water stored in the reservoir by accepting small current deficits to save water against unacceptable large deficits that are likely to occur in the future. Both cases distribute deficits in water supply across time to minimize the impact of drought. We can supply more water in Case 2 than in Case 1 as we use emergency storage when the reservoir water level reaches the low water level. In Case 2, we define a failure as when the level drops below the emergency outlet level, equivalent to the emergency outlet level.

Case 3 also considers Standard and emergency storage. According to the Standard, we are supposed to reduce 20% of water supply for the domestic and industrial sectors when the reservoir water storage reaches the emergency stage during extreme drought. However, reducing domestic and industrial water supply can be problematic for the end-users. Therefore, unlike Case 2, Case 3 does not reduce the domestic and industrial water supply even in emergency stages.

2.5. Model Performance Indices

The volumetric reliability, resiliency, and vulnerability are the common indices for evaluating the water supply capability of a reservoir [51,52]. Reliability is the probability that a water supply system is in a satisfactory state. Volumetric reliability is the ratio of the water supply to the design supply of the reservoir. The volumetric reliability equation is expressed as follows (Equation (1)).

$$\text{Volumetric reliability (\%)} = \left[1 - \frac{Q_S}{Q_D} \right] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where Q_D is the scheduled water supply and Q_S denotes the water supply shortage.

Resiliency is the water supply system's recovery rate from a failure state to a satisfactory state. The equation for resiliency is shown below (Equation (2)).

$$\text{Resiliency} = \frac{1}{E[T_F]} = \frac{\text{Prob}\{X_t \in S \text{ and } X_{t+1} \in F\}}{\text{Prob}\{X_t \in F\}} \quad (2)$$

where T_F is the water supply failure duration, $E[T_F]$ is the expected value of T_F , $\text{Prob}\{X_t \in S \text{ and } X_{t+1} \in F\}$ is the probability of succeeding in ensuring water supply at present and failing to ensure the water supply at the next time, and $\text{Prob}\{X_t \in F\}$ is the probability of failing in water supply at present.

Vulnerability is an indicator of the severity of the water shortage when water supply fails. The vulnerability is stated as follows (Equation (3)).

$$\text{Vulnerability} = \frac{1}{M} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^M v(j) \right\} \quad (3)$$

where M is the number of water supply failure events, and $v(j)$ indicates the shortage.

3. Results

We simulated and selected the scenarios that required emergency storage during extreme drought (Table 4). In Table 4, the worst climate change scenarios were RCP 8.5 INM-CM4, RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR, and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS. We assumed that evaluating the effects of the emergency storage under the three most extreme drought scenarios could cover the other less extreme drought scenarios. For example, RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 scenario had a maximum duration of water supply failure days (307 days) and water shortage (456 MCM) (Table 5). Among the three scenarios, the RCP4.5 CMCC-CMS scenario had a minimum duration of water supply failure days (267 days) and water shortage (404 MCM).

Table 4. A list of 25 future climate change scenarios and quantitative water supply capacity evaluation results for the Hapcheon reservoir. The maximum duration and the maximum shortage of water supply failure are the two crucial criteria that indicate the severity of drought.

No	Scenario	Water Shortage (Days)	Water Shortage (MCM)	Number of Failure Events	Max Shortage Duration (Days)	Max Shortage (MCM)
1	RCP 8.5 Canadian Earth System Model 2 (RCP 8.5 CanESM2)	0	0	0	0	0
2	RCP 8.5 Community Earth System Model Biogeochemistry (RCP 8.5 CESM1-BGC)	225	310	6	63	96.1
3	RCP 8.5 Meteorological Research Institute Coupled Global Climate Model 3 (RCP 8.5 MRI-CGCM3)	110	153.1	3	67	99.3
4	RCP 4.5 Hadley Center Global Environmental Model version 2 Anomaly (RCP 4.5 HadGEM2-AO)	244	366.9	5	70	111.2
5	RCP 4.5 MRI-CGCM3	186	249.4	7	74	103
6	RCP 4.5 CanESM2	256	379.6	8	81	123.1
7	RCP 4.5 Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace Climate Model 5A Low Resolution (RCP 4.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR)	1351	1946.8	33	128	191.5
8	RCP 4.5 Institute for Numerical Mathematics Climate Model 5 (RCP 4.5 INM-CM4)	1843	2420.6	54	129	171.7
9	RCP 4.5 Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici Climate Model (RCP 4.5 CMCC-CM)	420	597.3	10	130	197.3
10	RCP 8.5 HadGEM2- Earth System (RCP 8.5 HadGEM2-ES)	1147	1653.4	24	131	192.2
11	RCP 4.5 Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Earth System Models 2G (RCP 4.5 GFDL-ESM2G)	727	1015.8	17	134	190
12	RCP 8.5 GFDL-ESM2G	977	1421.6	16	136	194.6
13	RCP 8.5 CMCC-CM	774	1110.0	21	137	193.6
14	RCP 8.5 HadGEM2-AO	521	748.1	8	141	185.5
15	RCP 4.5 Community Earth System Model BGC (RCP 4.5 CESM1-BGC)	353	519.8	6	150	238.5
16	RCP 4.5 Norwegian Earth System Model (RCP 4.5 NorESM1-M)	552	772.3	20	159	229.1
17	RCP 4.5 Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques Circulation Model 5 (RCP 4.5 CNRM-CM5)	684	905.8	11	171	236.6
18	RCP 4.5 HadGEM2-ES	2049	2882.0	33	184	277.5
19	RCP 8.5 CMCC- Climate Model System (CMS)	647	936.8	9	190	292.9
20	RCP 8.5 CNRM-CM5	402	539.7	7	196	270.1
21	RCP 4.5 IPSL-Climate Model 5A—Medium Resolution (RCP 4.5 IPSL-CM5A-MR)	2417	3498.9	46	201	298.6
22	RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-MR	3377	4854.8	52	251	370.5
23	RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS	8882	12,831.9	181	267	404.3
24	RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	1598	2308.2	29	296	455.2
25	RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	2527	3605.6	64	307	456.1

Table 5. A summary table for the final three climate change scenarios with maximum shortage duration (days) and maximum shortage (MCM).

Scenarios	Max Shortage Duration (Days)	Max Shortage (MCM)
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	307	456
RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	296	455
RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS	267	404

Table 6 shows results for only five reservoirs because we consider Andong and Imha reservoirs as a single reservoir. For Andong-Imha, Milyang, and Gimcheon-Boohang reservoirs, the reservoir water level did not drop below the average low water level when we applied the Standard (Table 6). The average low water levels for Cases 2 and 3 were the same in these three reservoirs. For example, in the Andong-Imha reservoir, in RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 scenario, P1 values for Cases 2 and 3 were both 154.56 m. There was no need to activate emergency storage in Andong-Imha, Gimcheon-Boohang, and Milyang reservoirs. Thus, we only analyzed the effects of activating the emergency storage in Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs (Figures 5 and 6). For Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs, the volumetric reliability, and the amount of water supply for Case 1 was higher than for Cases 2 and 3 (Tables 7 and 8). Further analysis is available in the Discussion section.

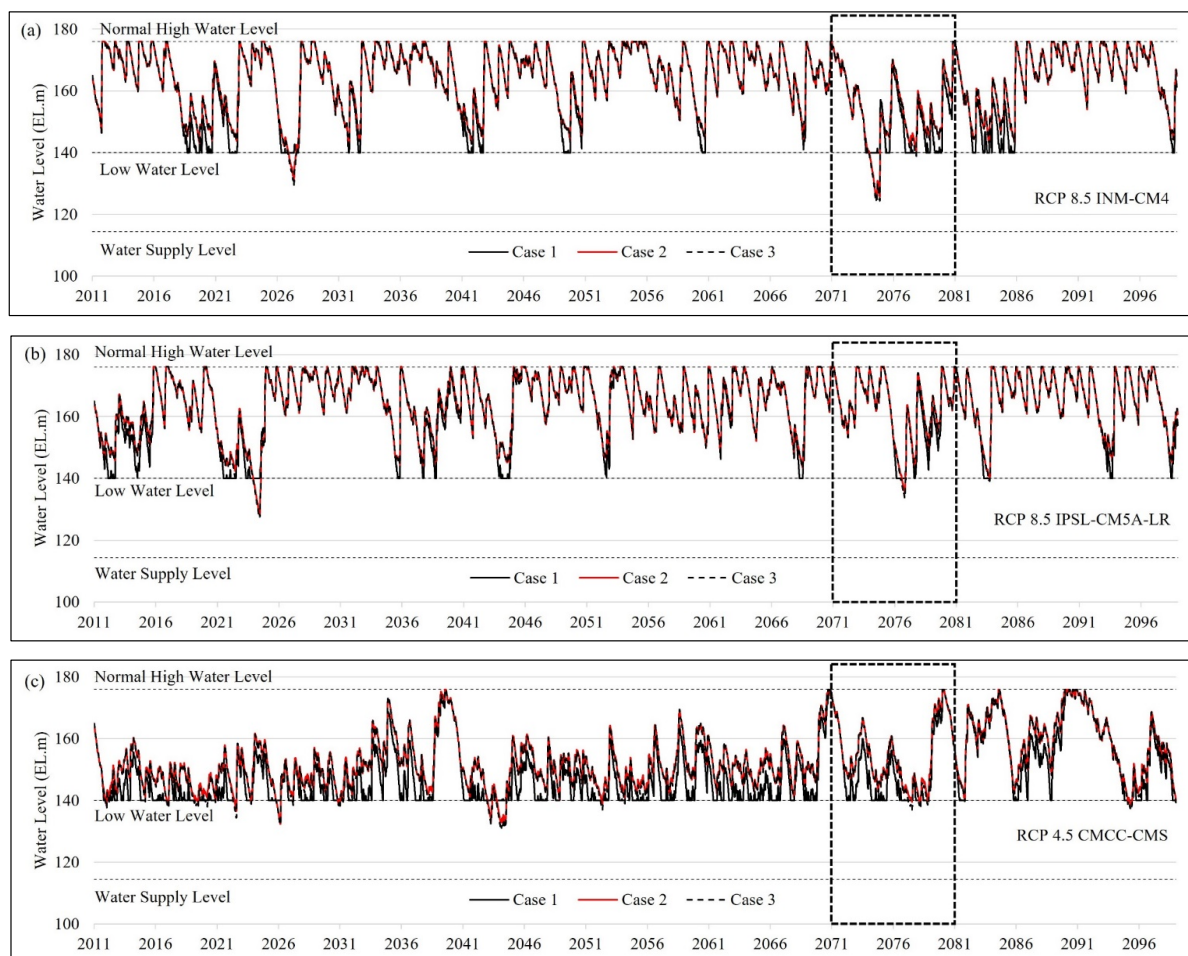


Figure 5. Comparison of the Hapcheon reservoir's water level for Case 1, 2, and 3 in three climate change scenarios from 2011 to 2100. These three climate change scenarios are RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 (a), RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR (b), and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS (c). The dotted black box highlights the extreme drought period (from 2070 to 2080).

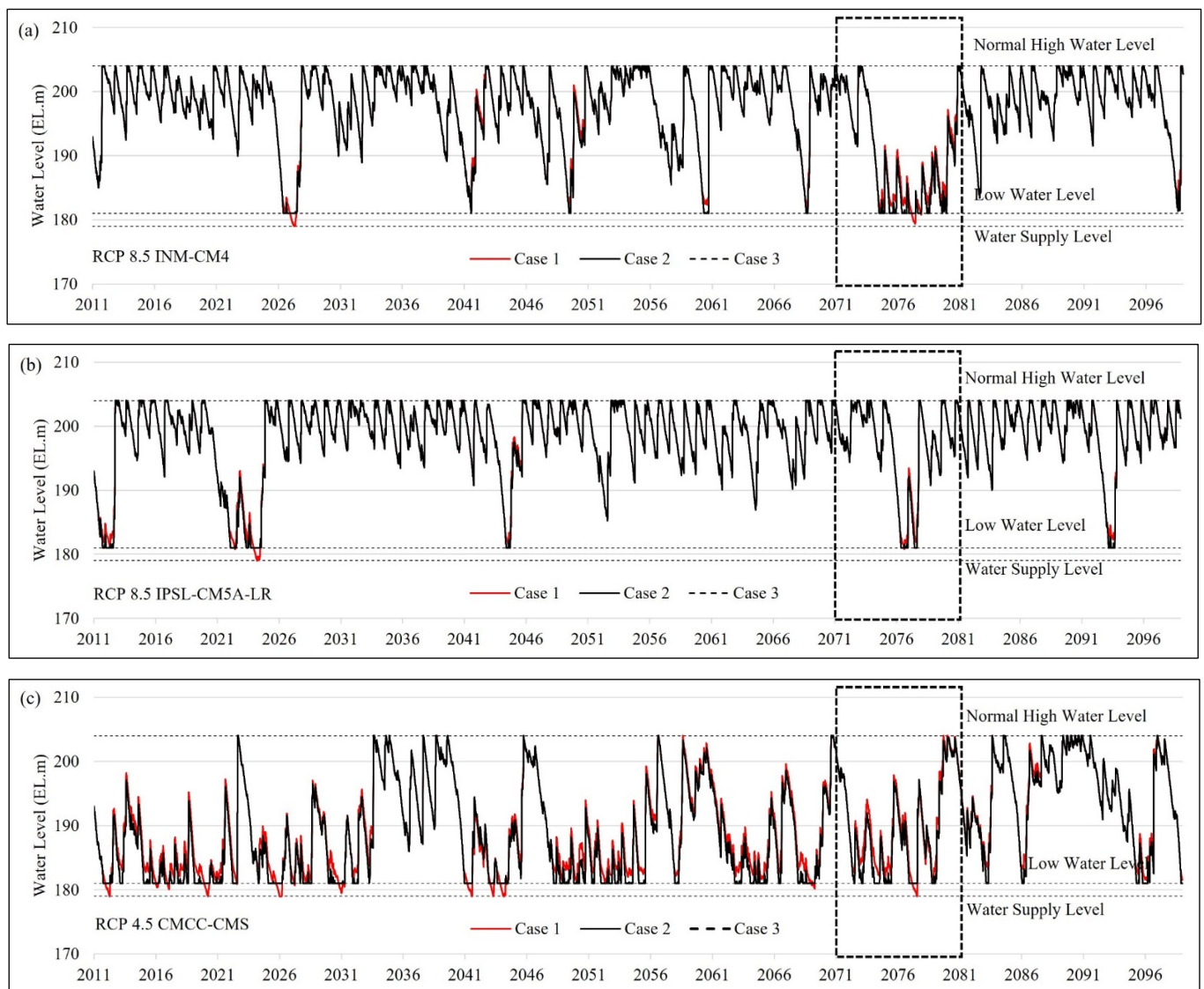


Figure 6. Comparison of the Gunwi reservoir's water level for Case 1, 2, and 3 in three climate change scenarios from 2011 to 2100. These three climate change scenarios are RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 (a), RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR (b), and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS (c). The dotted black box highlights the extreme drought period (from 2070 to 2080).

Table 6. Comparison of average low water level (m) for Case 1, 2, and 3 for five reservoirs.

Scenario	Case	Andong-Imha			Gimcheon-Boohang			Gunwi			Hapcheon			Milyang		
		P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	1	153.87	152.78	149.40	182.19	187.47	189.85	198.35	197.42	195.41	162.70	164.63	159.28	181.11	188.50	179.71
	2	154.56	153.90	152.22	182.67	187.47	189.85	198.36	197.57	195.69	163.68	165.36	160.81	190.70	193.16	190.42
	3	154.56	153.90	152.22	182.67	187.47	189.85	198.36	197.57	195.69	163.63	165.35	160.70	190.70	193.16	190.42
RCP 8.5 IPSL- CM5A-LR	1	153.03	154.34	154.69	187.97	189.20	188.03	197.66	198.81	198.33	161.30	165.08	164.04	183.32	189.45	193.16
	2	154.46	154.96	155.79	188.02	189.20	188.12	197.79	198.85	198.44	162.62	165.72	164.81	192.53	194.45	195.98
	3	154.46	154.96	155.79	188.02	189.20	188.12	197.78	198.85	198.44	162.53	165.72	164.74	192.53	194.45	195.98
RCP4.5 CMCC- CMS	1	140.51	137.60	144.87	189.08	188.77	185.93	188.03	187.78	192.84	146.45	145.44	154.92	159.42	154.89	163.60
	2	146.86	146.67	151.25	189.11	188.77	186.09	188.80	188.80	193.42	151.00	151.00	158.16	183.71	181.10	185.85
	3	146.86	146.67	151.25	189.11	188.77	186.09	188.78	188.77	193.41	150.50	150.63	157.88	183.71	181.10	185.85

Table 7. Results of the three model performance evaluation indices for Case 1, 2, and 3 in the Hapcheon reservoir.

Scenario	Case	Volumetric Reliability (%)			Average Resiliency			Average Vulnerability (MCM)		
		P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	1	93.3	97.3	88.6	0.023	0.040	0.023	60.2	34.7	63.9
	2	92.1	96.3	87.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	92.2	96.3	87.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	1	93.2	97.9	95.6	0.019	0.022	0.014	76.1	62.2	104.4
	2	92.5	96.6	94.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	92.5	96.6	94.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP4.5 CMCC-CMS	1	70.2	71.8	85.4	0.018	0.021	0.024	78.9	68.7	59.9
	2	69.5	71.7	84.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	69.6	71.7	84.4	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 8. Results of the three model performance evaluation indices for Case 1, 2, and 3 in reservoir.

Scenario	Case	Volumetric Reliability (%)			Average Resiliency			Average vulnerability (MCM)		
		P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	1	97.1	98.7	93.8	0.012	0.047	0.024	8.2	1.9	3.9
	2	97.0	98.0	93.4	0.069	-	-	1.4	-	-
	3	97.0	98.0	93.4	0.059	-	-	1.6	-	-
RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	1	94.5	99.2	96.9	0.016	0.020	0.019	5.7	4.5	4.7
	2	94.3	99.1	96.7	0.333	-	-	0.3	-	-
	3	94.3	99.1	96.7	0.125	-	-	0.7	-	-
RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS	1	77.1	79.9	92.1	0.016	0.020	0.021	5.8	4.4	4.2
	2	76.7	79.4	91.1	0.032	0.091	0	3.0	1.0	0
	3	76.7	79.5	91.1	0.039	0.097	0.250	2.4	1.0	0.4

The emergency stage is the worst scenario when we reduce the same amount of water in alert stage and an additional 20% reduction from the domestic and industrial water use sectors. In Case 1, both reservoirs had the largest number of days that reached in emergency stage than the number of days that reached in concern, caution, and alert stages (Tables 9 and 10). In Cases 2 and 3, Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs had larger number of days that reached the concern and caution stages, while the number of days that reached the alert stage was similar. In Cases 2 and 3, the number of days that reached the emergency stage greatly decreased compared to Case 1.

Table 9. Total number of days at each stage for Case 1, 2, and 3 in the Hapcheon reservoir.

Scenario	Case	P1					P2					P3				
		Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency	Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency	Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	1	8847	116	350	163	1482	9677	128	212	149	791	7432	172	320	207	2096
	2	9432	421	639	90	376	10,127	561	206	37	26	7965	704	784	140	634
	3	9429	407	643	68	411	10,123	565	206	36	27	7927	716	716	158	710
RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	1	8821	188	340	198	1411	10,036	128	174	64	555	8870	173	292	93	799
	2	9473	546	361	130	448	10,232	319	337	67	2	9205	280	276	74	392
	3	9442	549	386	48	533	10,232	318	338	67	2	9187	283	275	83	399
RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS	1	2994	521	886	414	6143	2351	430	938	711	6527	6244	304	486	285	2908
	2	5311	1279	1392	470	2506	5561	1434	1737	512	1713	7524	522	750	252	1179
	3	5080	1226	1381	559	2712	5382	1483	1642	483	1967	7424	587	672	216	1328

Table 10. Total number of days at each stage for Case 1, 2, and 3 in the Gunwi reservoir.

Scenario	Case	P1					P2					P3				
		Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency	Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency	Normal	Concern	Caution	Alert	Emergency
RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	1	10,521	8	18	31	380	10,558	54	30	57	258	8864	180	149	168	866
	2	10,524	60	77	51	246	10,614	272	50	21	-	9234	480	225	105	183
	3	10,522	61	77	51	247	10,614	272	50	21	-	9231	479	227	106	184
RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A- LR	1	9872	61	89	101	835	10,803	9	12	18	115	9655	39	35	53	445
	2	10,077	198	194	107	382	10,807	63	41	46	-	9735	182	201	77	32
	3	10,065	200	188	100	405	10,807	63	41	46	-	9735	179	194	86	33
RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS	1	6602	283	259	238	3576	6715	382	245	243	3372	8389	172	201	149	1316
	2	7423	891	899	522	1223	7756	941	899	369	992	8898	553	388	105	283
	3	7397	894	882	506	1279	7728	952	856	374	1047	8890	560	389	104	284

The current capacity of emergency storage in the Hapcheon reservoir is 130 MCM. The largest volume of water secured in the emergency storage for the Hapcheon reservoir was 105.92 MCM in RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 scenario during P3 (Table 11). The current capacity of emergency storage in the Gunwi reservoir is 2.4 MCM. The largest volume of water secured in the emergency storage for the Gunwi reservoir was 7.91 MCM in RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS scenario during P1 (Table 12).

Table 11. Volume of water secured in the emergency storage (MCM) for Case 1, 2, and 3 in the Hapcheon Reservoir.

Period/Scenario	RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS
P1	79.73	89.15	62.15
P2	-	-	68.33
P3	105.92	50.68	26.12

Table 12. Volume of water secured in the emergency storage (MCM) for Case 1, 2, and 3 in the Gunwi reservoir.

Period/Scenario	RCP 8.5 INM-CM4	RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR	RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS
P1	3.73	2.52	7.91
P2	-	-	3.34
P3	1.49	0.23	2.17

Figures 5 and 6 compare Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs' water levels for Cases 1, 2, and 3 in three climate change scenarios from 2011 to 2100 (90 years). These three climate change scenarios are RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 (a), RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR (b), and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS (c). In Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs, the average low water level in Case 1 was always lower than the average low water levels in Cases 2 and 3 because Case 1 always released more water than Cases 2 and 3 (Table 6). Case 1 neglected the Standard and supplied the scheduled release requirements. Cases 2 and 3 considered the Standard that reduces the scheduled water supply depending on the current reservoir water level and utilizes emergency storage. For these two reservoirs, the average low water level in Case 3 was either the same or lower than in Case 2 because it reduced 20% of the water supply for the domestic and industrial sectors. In comparison, Case 3 provided 100% water supply for these two sectors. We found no particular pattern of changes from 2011 to 2100.

4. Discussion

As Figures 5 and 6 cover 90 years of water level fluctuation for all three cases, it is challenging to distinguish the characteristics of these three cases. Thus, we determined and extracted the extreme drought period (from 2070 to 2080) and graphed them separately in Figures 7a–c and 8a–c. In Figure 7a the water level does not drop below low water level in Case 1 because Case 1 does not use the emergency storage, which is below the low water level. The water level in Cases 2 and 3 goes below the low water level because these two scenarios activate emergency storage during the severe drought. Except for this severe

drought period, the water level in Case 2 was either the same or higher than in Case 3. The water level in Case 3 was the same or higher than the water level in Case 1 because Case 2 applied Standard and activated the emergency storage, and on top of these two, Case 3 did not reduce the domestic and industrial water supply.

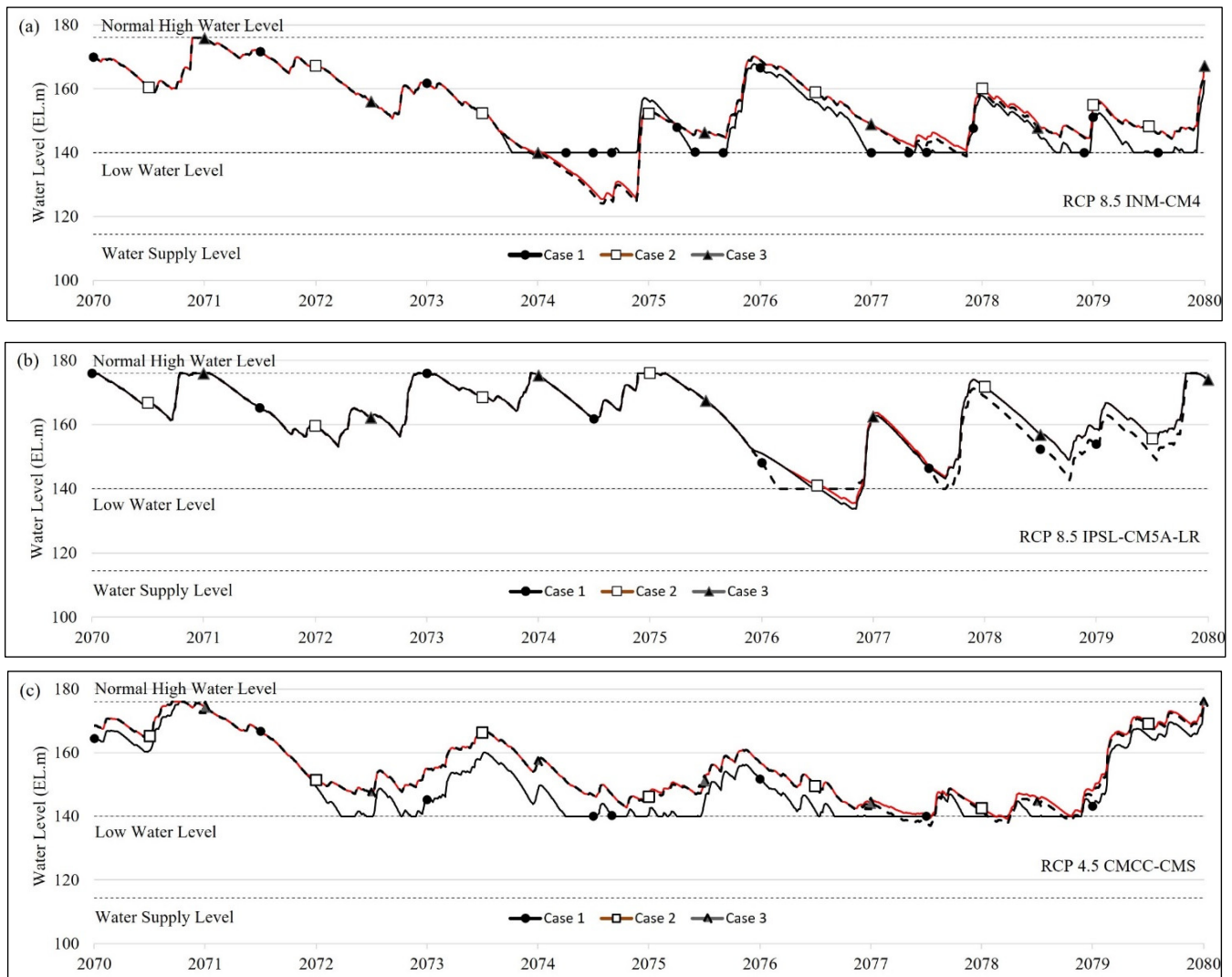


Figure 7. Changing water level in Hapcheon reservoir for Case 1, Case 2, and Case 3 in Scenario RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 (a), RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR (b), and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS (c) from 2070 to 2080.

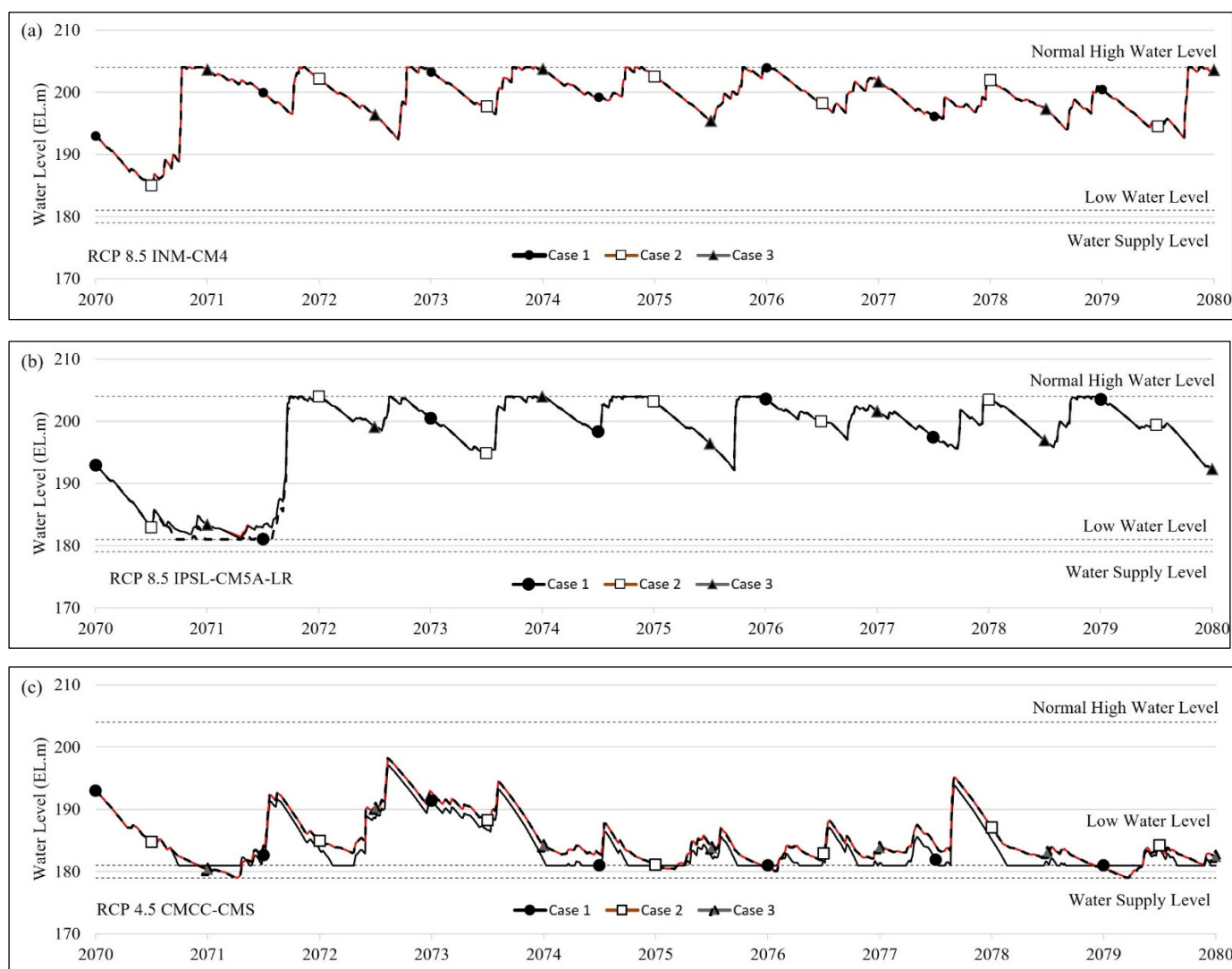


Figure 8. Changing water level in Gunwi reservoir for Case 1, Case 2, and Case 3 in Scenario RCP 8.5 INM-CM4 (a), RCP 8.5 IPSL-CM5A-LR (b), and RCP 4.5 CMCC-CMS (c) from 2070 to 2080.

For Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs, the volumetric reliability and the amount of water supply for Case 1 were higher than for Cases 2 and 3 because Case 1 attempted to meet the scheduled water demand as much as possible (Tables 7 and 8). Cases 2 and 3 reduced the amount of water supply and saved the rest for the upcoming water shortage event, resulting in lower volumetric reliability. The downside of Case 1 was that we might not supply water at all in the future after fully supplying the scheduled amount of water. Cases 2 and 3 applied Standard and reduced the amount of water supply without fully meeting the scheduled water demand below the concern level. Therefore, we did not have a case of failure in Cases 2 and 3, which resulted in 0 values in resiliency and vulnerability. The climate-change-fueled extreme drought could cause damage economically and socially, especially during the emergency stage. Therefore, Cases 2 and 3 were better than Case 1 as the number of days reaching the emergency stage decreased in Cases 2 and 3.

The current emergency storage capacity of the Hapcheon reservoir (130 MCM) was more than enough to meet the scheduled water demand under extreme drought scenarios. Thus, we concluded that 110 MCM, 85% of the current emergency storage capacity in Hapcheon reservoir, meets the scheduled water demand during extreme drought. This amount of water in the emergency storage is equivalent to supplying 67 days of scheduled water supply. We could use an extra 20 MCM of water reserved for emergency storage for the active storage. However, the current emergency storage of the Gunwi reservoir

(2.4 MCM) was insufficient. Thus, we concluded that 8 MCM, 350% of the current emergency storage capacity in Gunwi reservoir, can meet the scheduled water demand under extreme drought. This amount of water in the emergency storage is equivalent to supplying 76 days of scheduled water supply.

5. Conclusions

As climate change exacerbates, the current reservoir storage in South Korea is insufficient to meet the water demand. No study has yet evaluated the effects of activating the reservoir emergency storage in response to upcoming extreme drought. The scientific value of this study is assessing the effects of emergency storage and determining the capacity of the emergency storage to meet the water demand under extreme drought. We built a reservoir simulation model and determined the extreme drought scenarios and emergency storage capacity to meet the scheduled water demand.

We concluded that Andong-Imha, Milyang, and Gimcheon-Buhang reservoirs could meet the water demand without applying the Standard and activating the emergency storage. However, Hapcheon and Gunwi reservoirs can benefit from applying the Standard and activating emergency storage during extreme drought. The current emergency storage capacity of the Hapcheon reservoir (130 MCM) was more than enough to meet the scheduled water demand under extreme drought scenarios. Thus, we concluded that 110 MCM, 85% of the current emergency storage capacity in Hapcheon reservoir, meets the scheduled water demand during extreme drought. However, the current emergency storage of the Gunwi reservoir (2.4 MCM) was insufficient. Thus, we concluded that 8 MCM, 350% of the current emergency storage capacity in Gunwi reservoir, can meet the scheduled water demand under extreme drought.

The number of days in the emergency stage has significantly reduced in Cases 2 and 3 in comparison to Case 1. Case 1 is designed to fully provide the scheduled amount of water, while Cases 2 and 3 reduced the water supply in preparation for the drought season to reduce the days remaining in the emergency stage. In other words, we determined that reducing the number of days in the emergency storage is beneficial by increasing the number of days in the other stages, such as concern, caution, and alert. This result indicated that applying Standard and activating the emergency storage is beneficial in securing additional water for domestic and industrial use.

There are some limitations to this study. One way to verify the results is to compare them to other studies with a similar research topic. A limitation of this study was not having similar research available to compare and verify the results. We should not exclude the possibility of experiencing more extreme drought than the scenarios we evaluated in this study. In that case, our estimated emergency storage capacity is insufficient to meet the scheduled water demand. We should consider conserving or recycling water as alternatives to meet the scheduled water demand during more extreme drought.

A future study includes revising the Standard incorporating drought frequency when estimating emergency storage. The current Standard by the Korean Ministry of Environment (revised in 2022) does not consider emergency storage. Another future study is assessing emergency storage with the revised Standard that counts in the emergency storage. This study is helpful for reservoirs in the Nakdong River Basin and reservoirs in the other basins vulnerable to climate-change-fueled extreme drought. Thus, our findings can assist the reservoir managers and operators in understanding the implication of applying Standard and activating emergency storage to better meet the water demand in extreme drought. This research is a fundamental study that can help establish Standard and emergency storage activation criteria for multipurpose reservoirs in preparation for extreme drought.

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