Basin Conditions Update

Water Operations Committee Meeting

Kelly Payne, Senior Vice President
of Water Operations

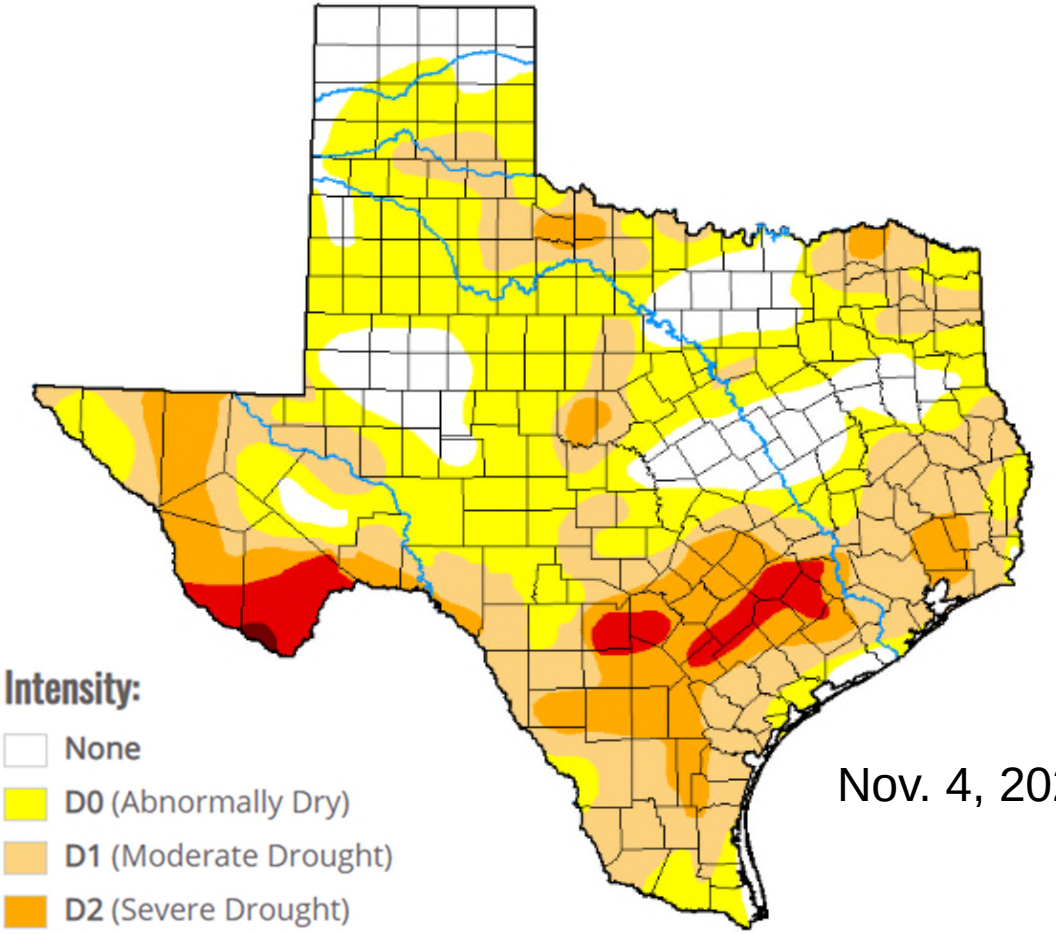
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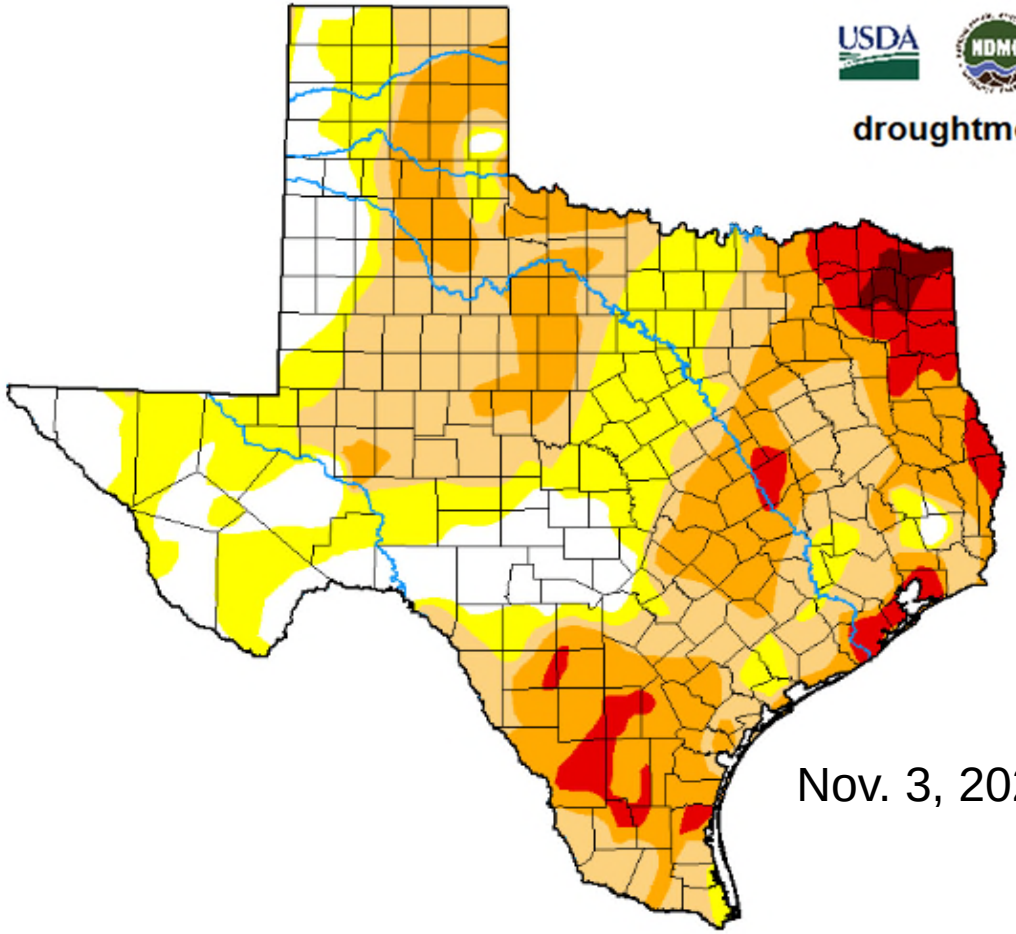
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Nov. 3, 2026

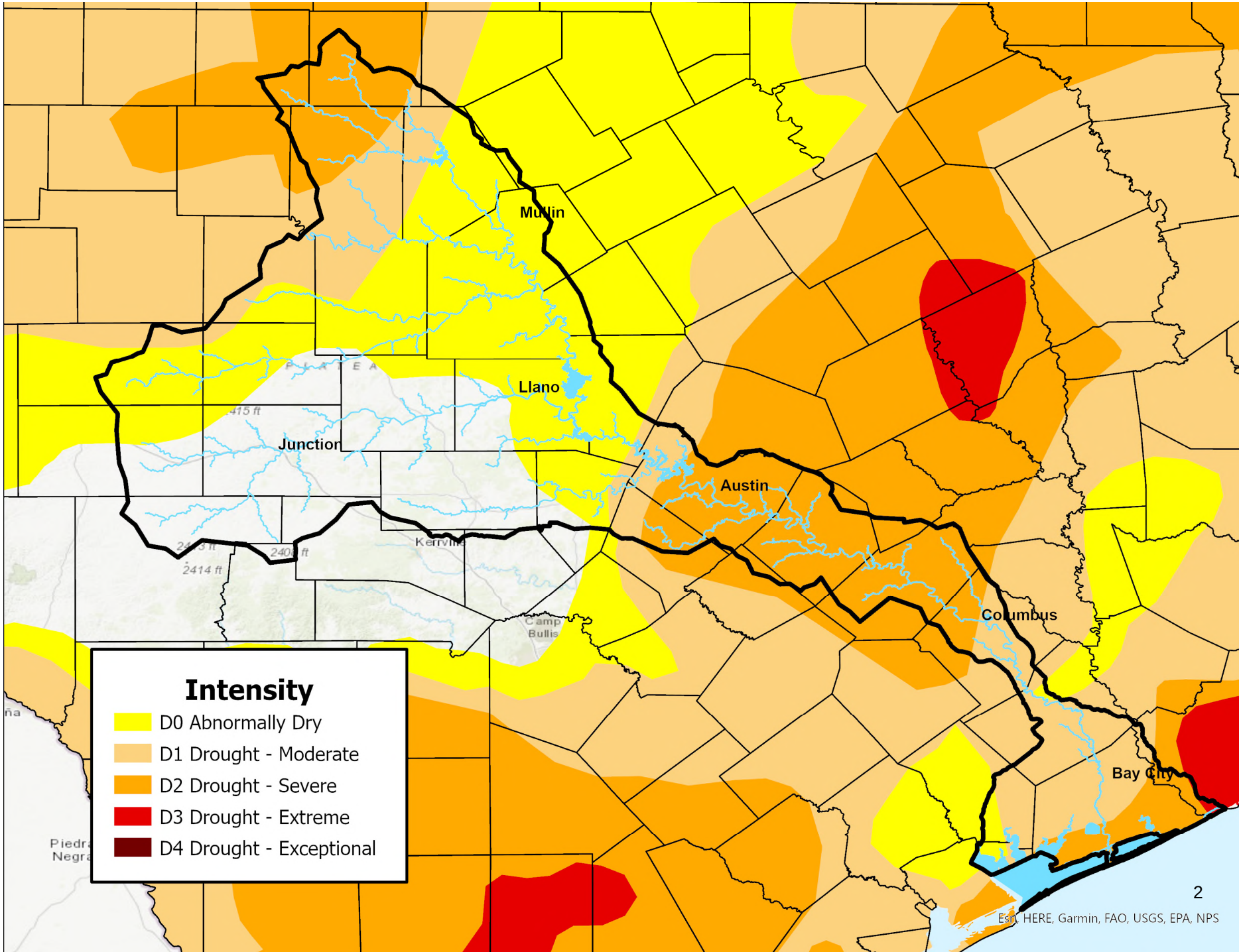
Intensity:

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

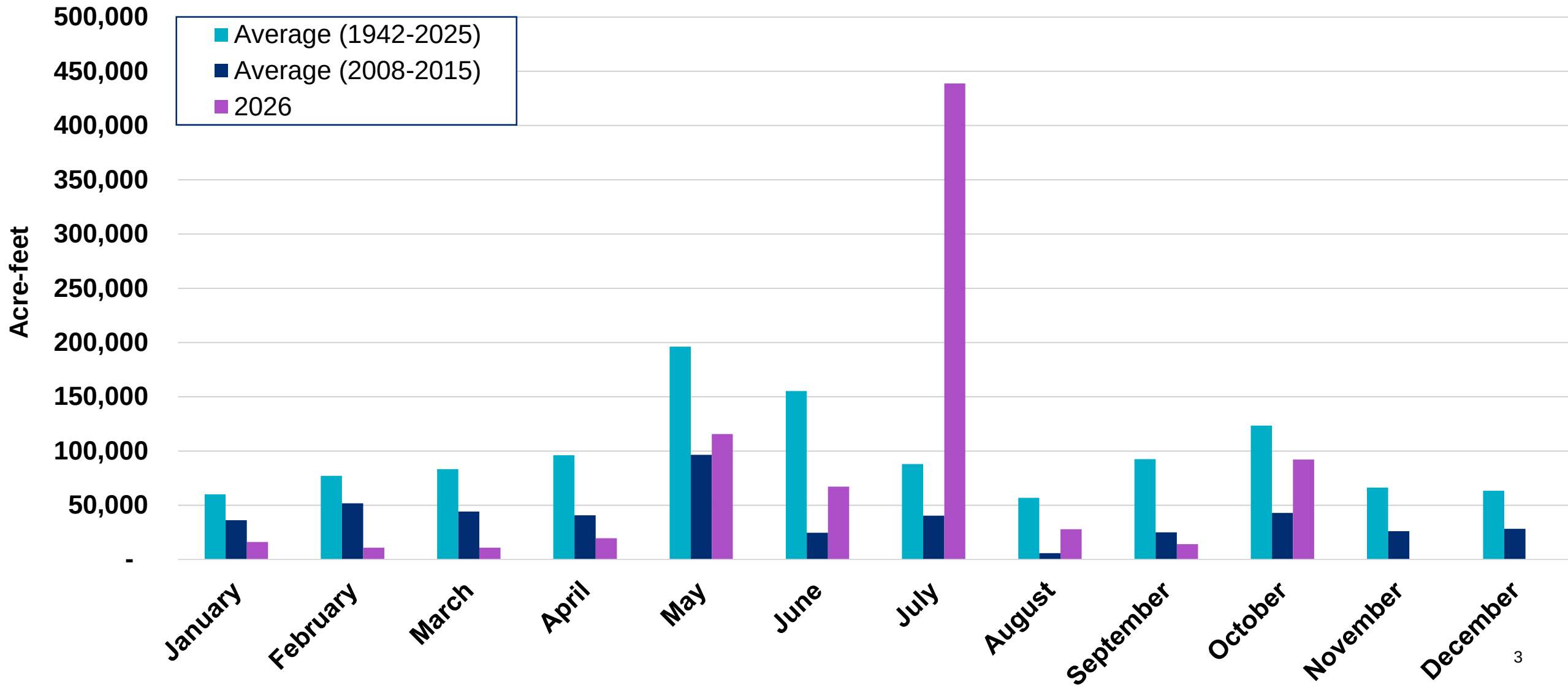
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Lower Colorado River Basin

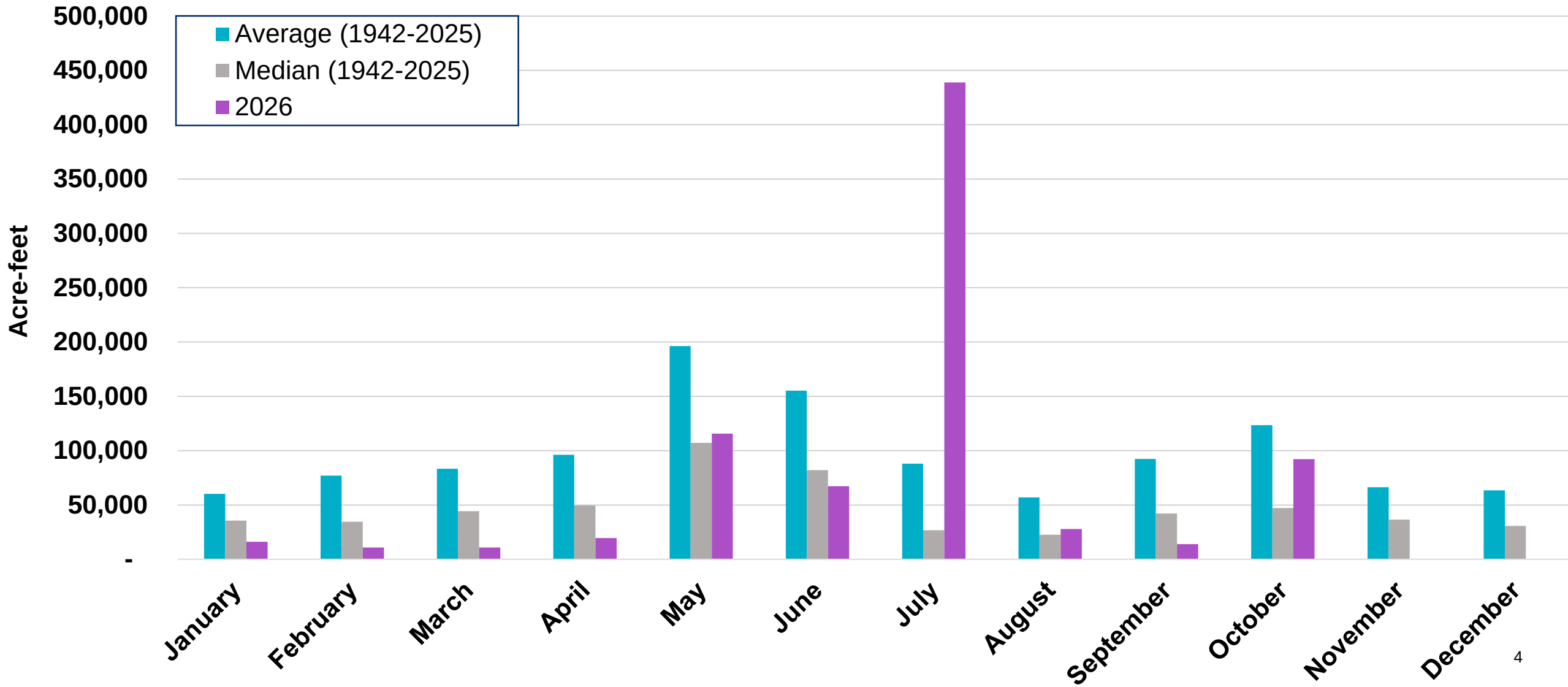
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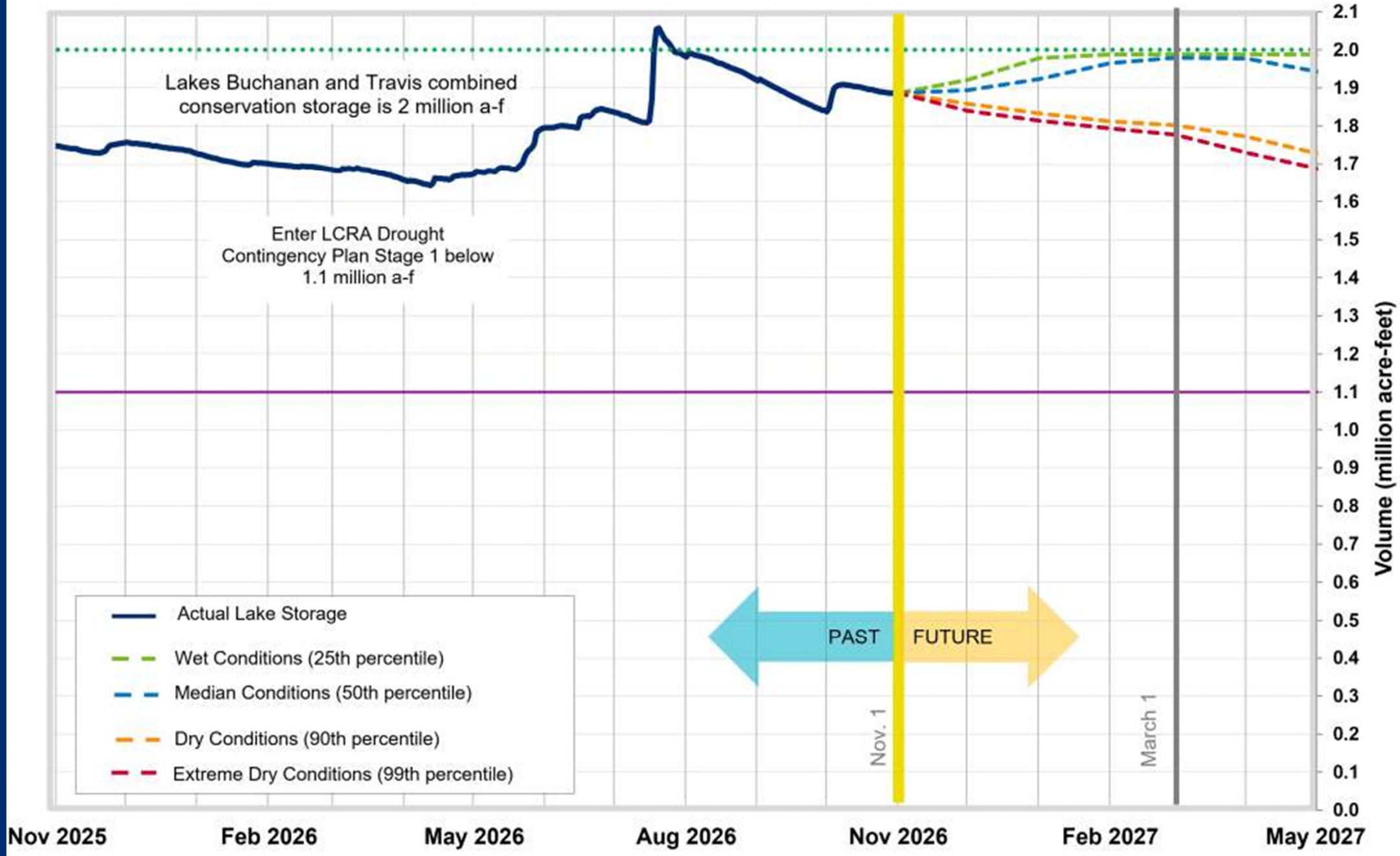
Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis

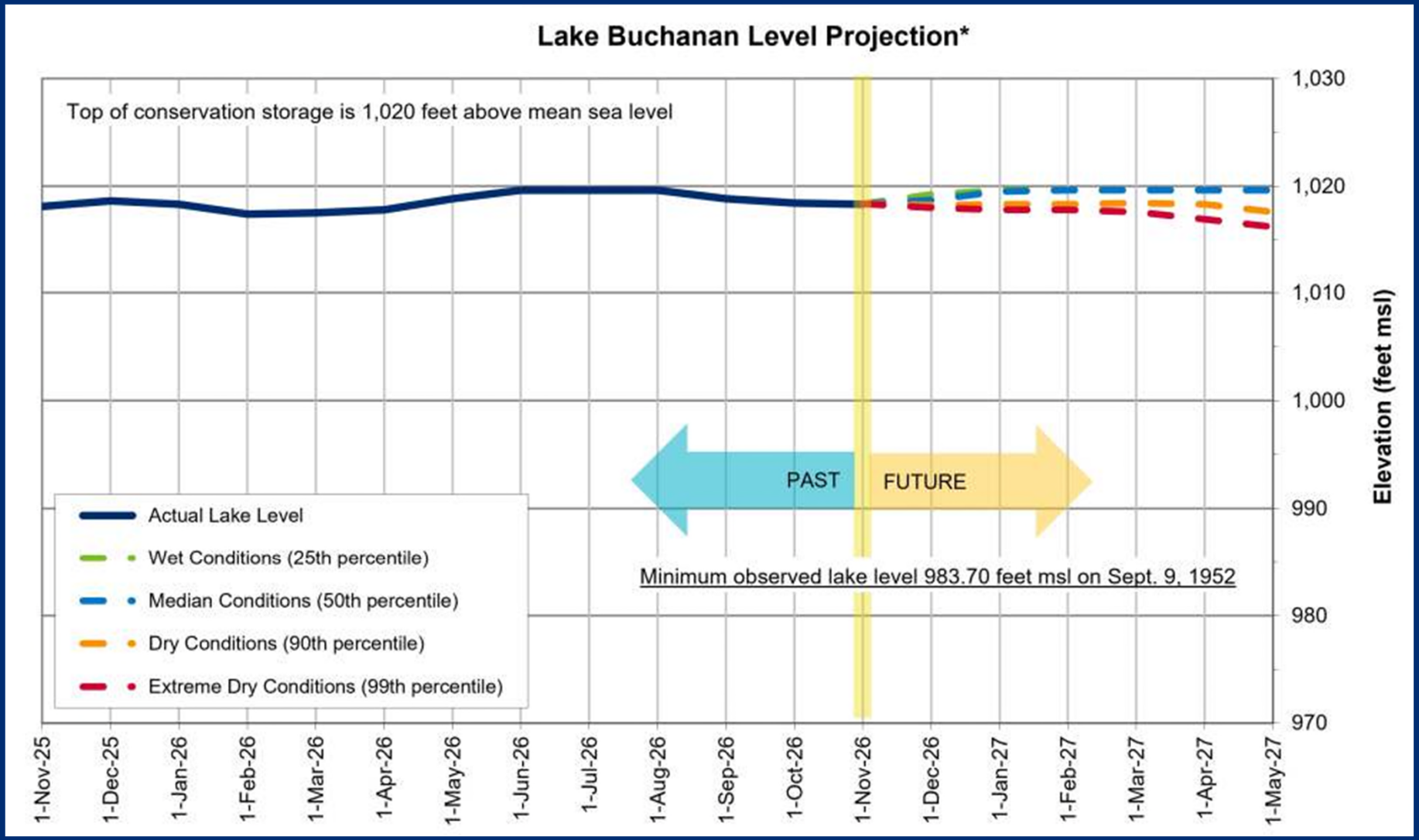


Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis – Median



Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections

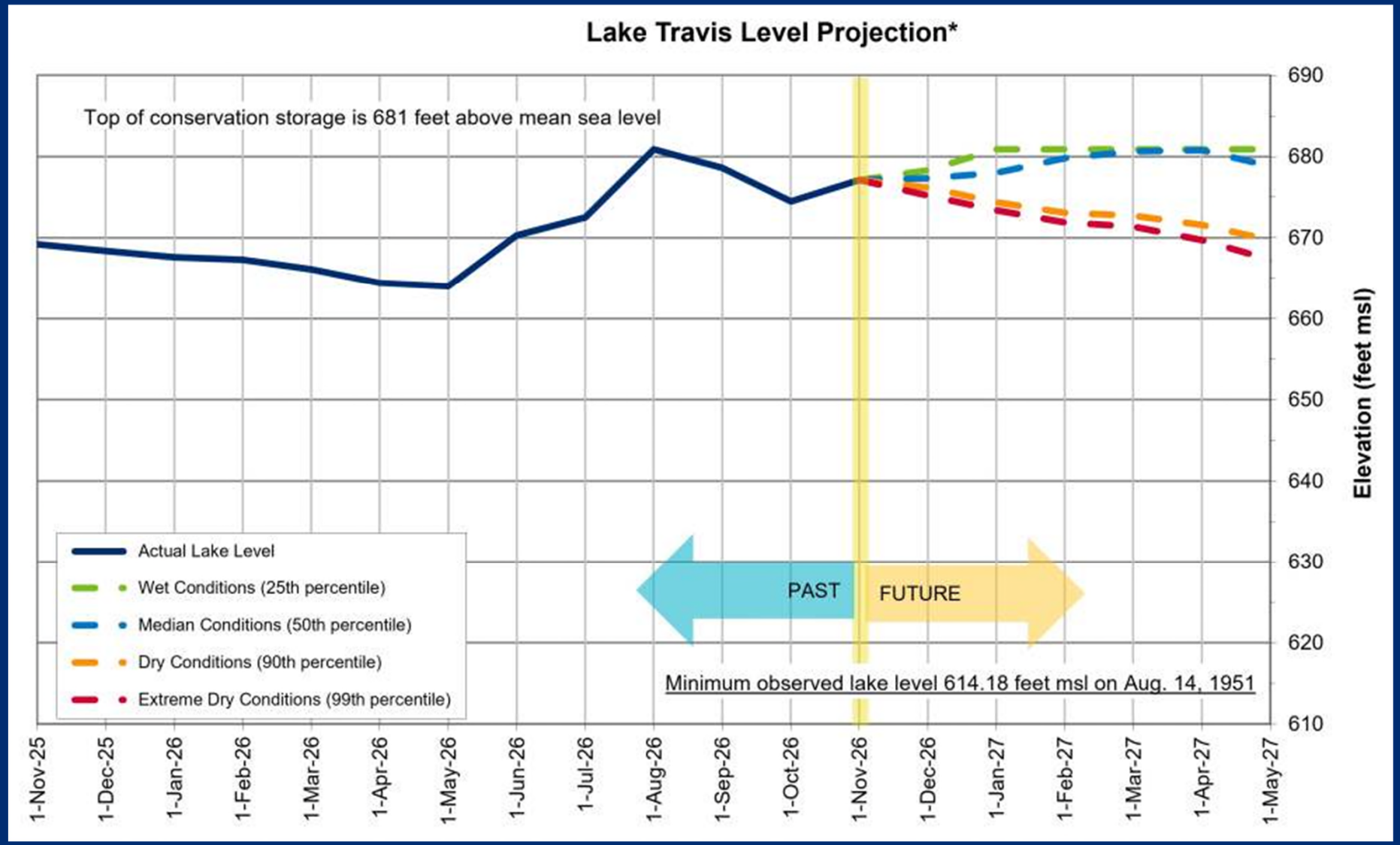




Average for November:
1,010.58 feet msl

Historic low (1952):
983.70 feet msl

*Based on results from the draft stochastic model under development to reflect provisions of the 2020 Water Management Plan

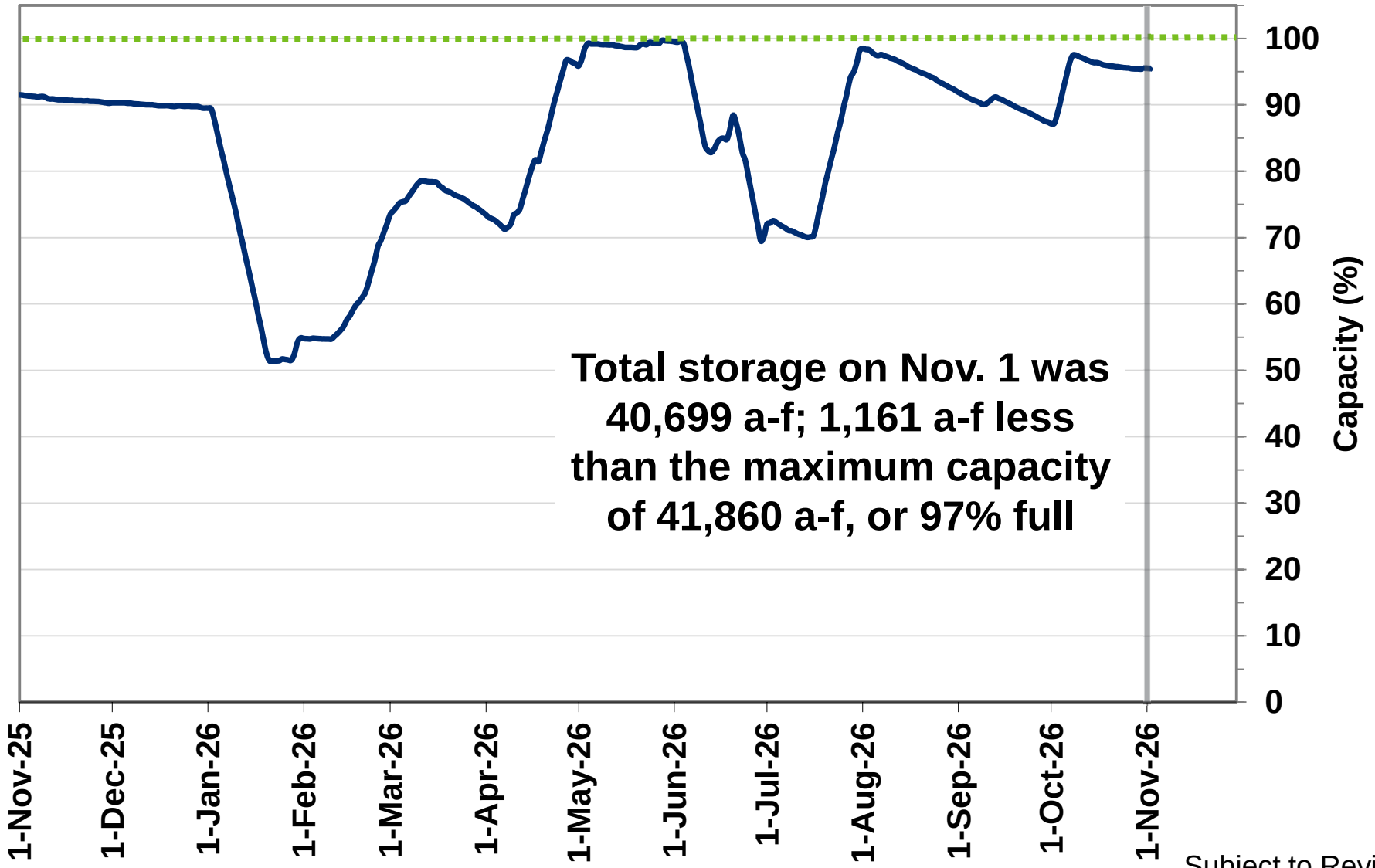


Average for November:
665.37 feet msl

Historic low (1951):
614.18 feet msl

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Arbuckle Reservoir Percent Full



Subject to Revision

Lake Level Comparisons

	Nov. 1, 2025	Nov. 1, 2026
Lake Travis (feet msl)	669.25	677.10
Lake Buchanan (feet msl)	1,018.15	1,018.34
Combined storage* (a-f)	1,746,857	1,886,050

*For purposes of the 2020 Water Management Plan, the combined storage is defined as the total of the daily average volume of water in lakes Buchanan and Travis. This determination excludes any water in Lake Buchanan above elevation 1,020 feet msl and any water in Lake Travis above elevation 681 feet msl.



Buchanan Dam



Colorado River