

Basin Conditions Update

LCRA Water Operations
Committee Meeting

Sept. 24, 2025



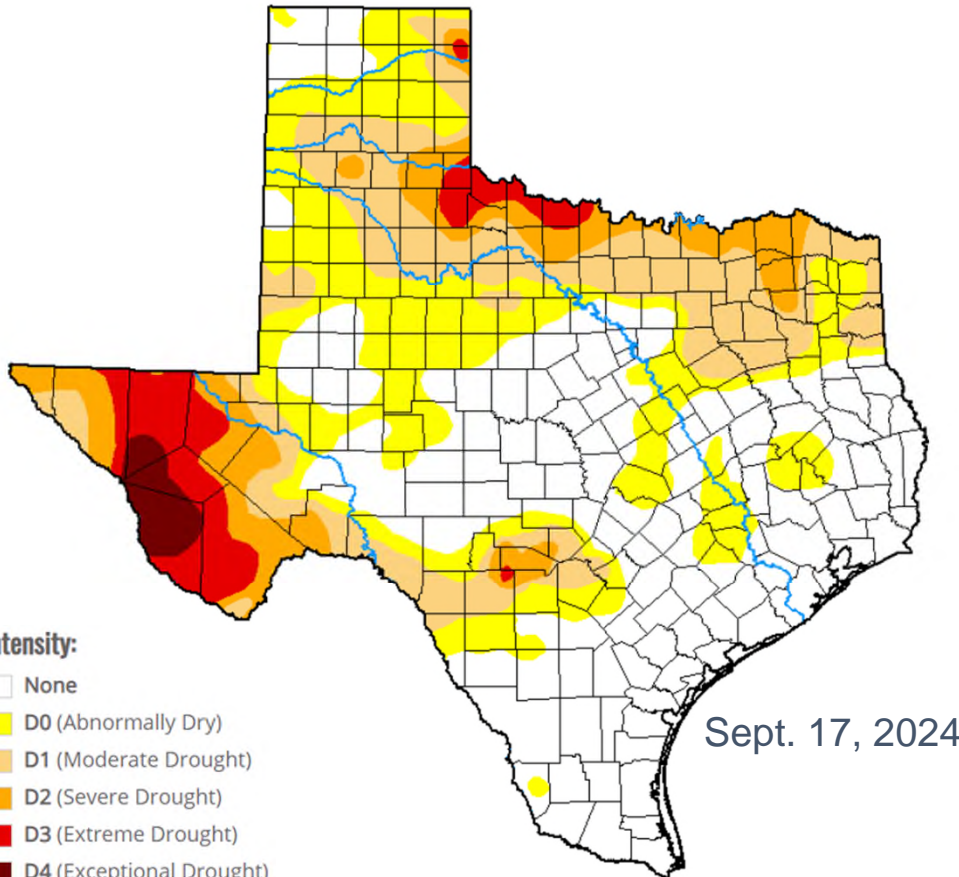
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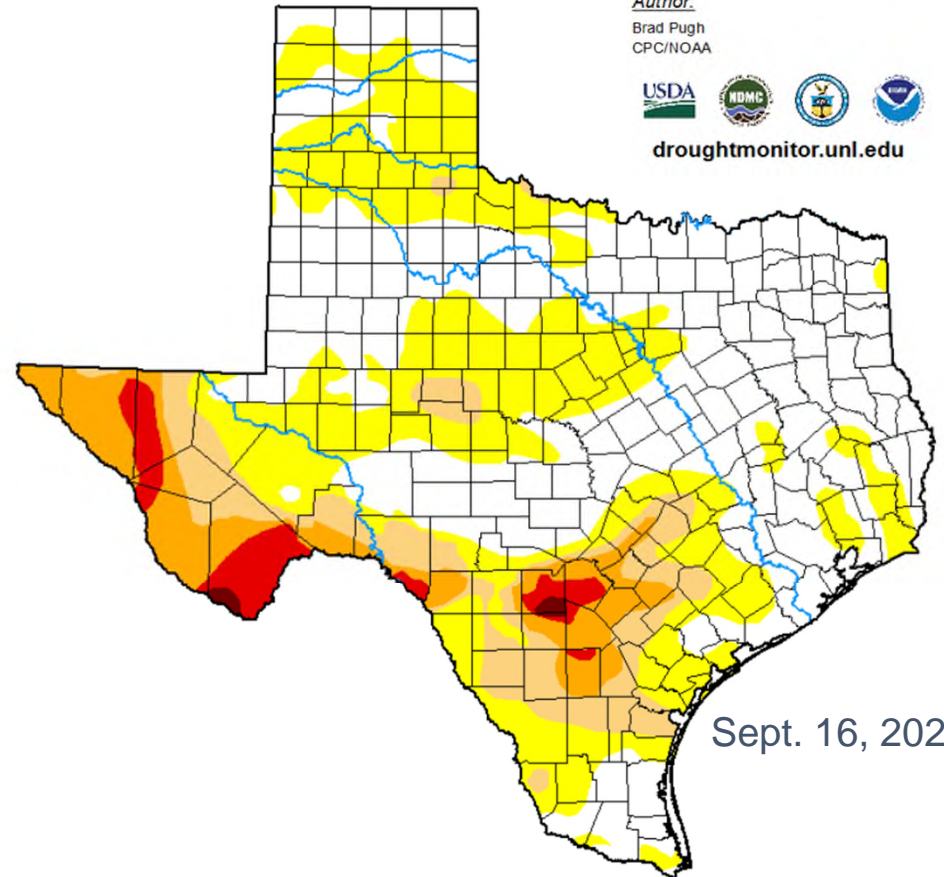
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








Sept. 17, 2024



Sept. 16, 2025

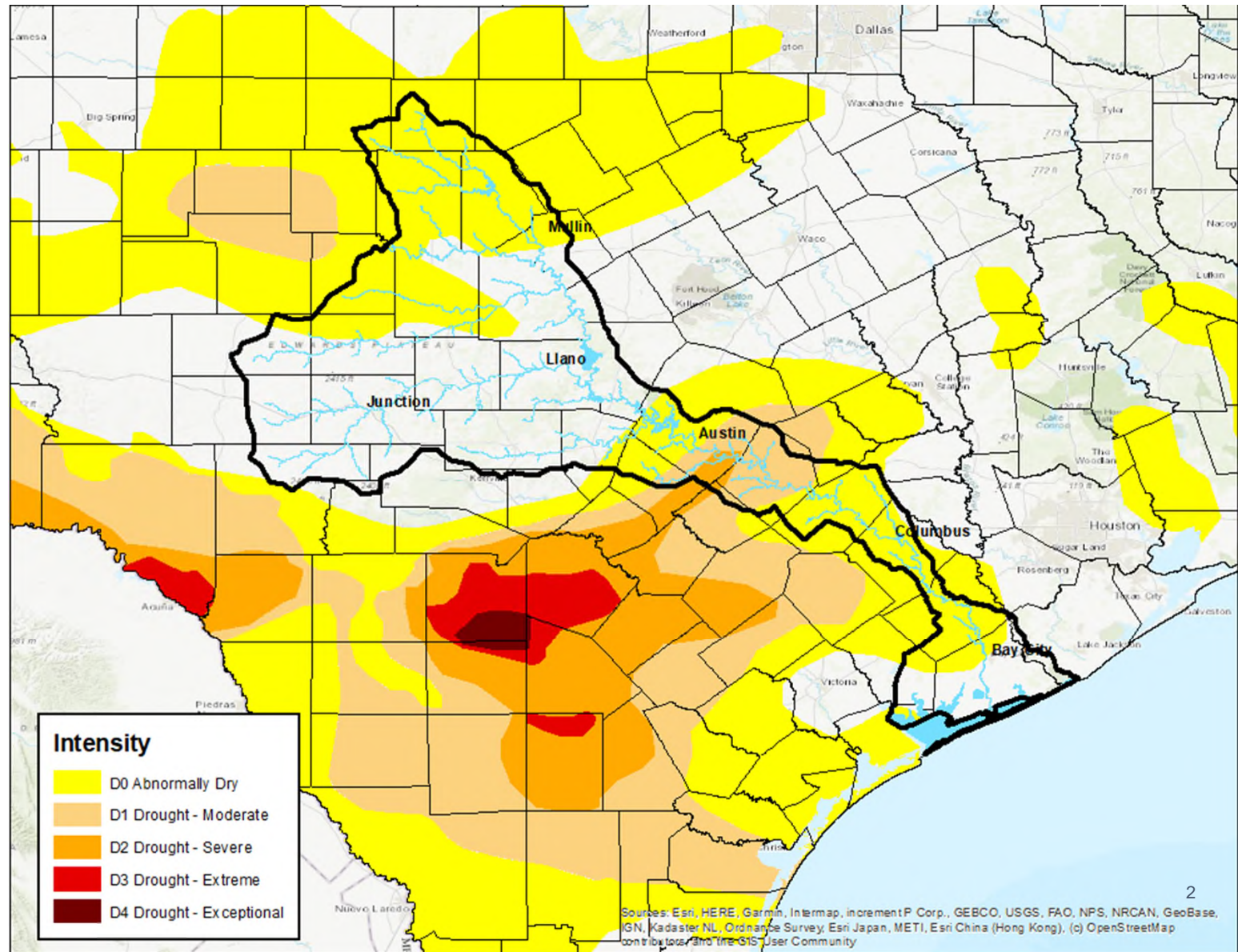
Intensity:

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

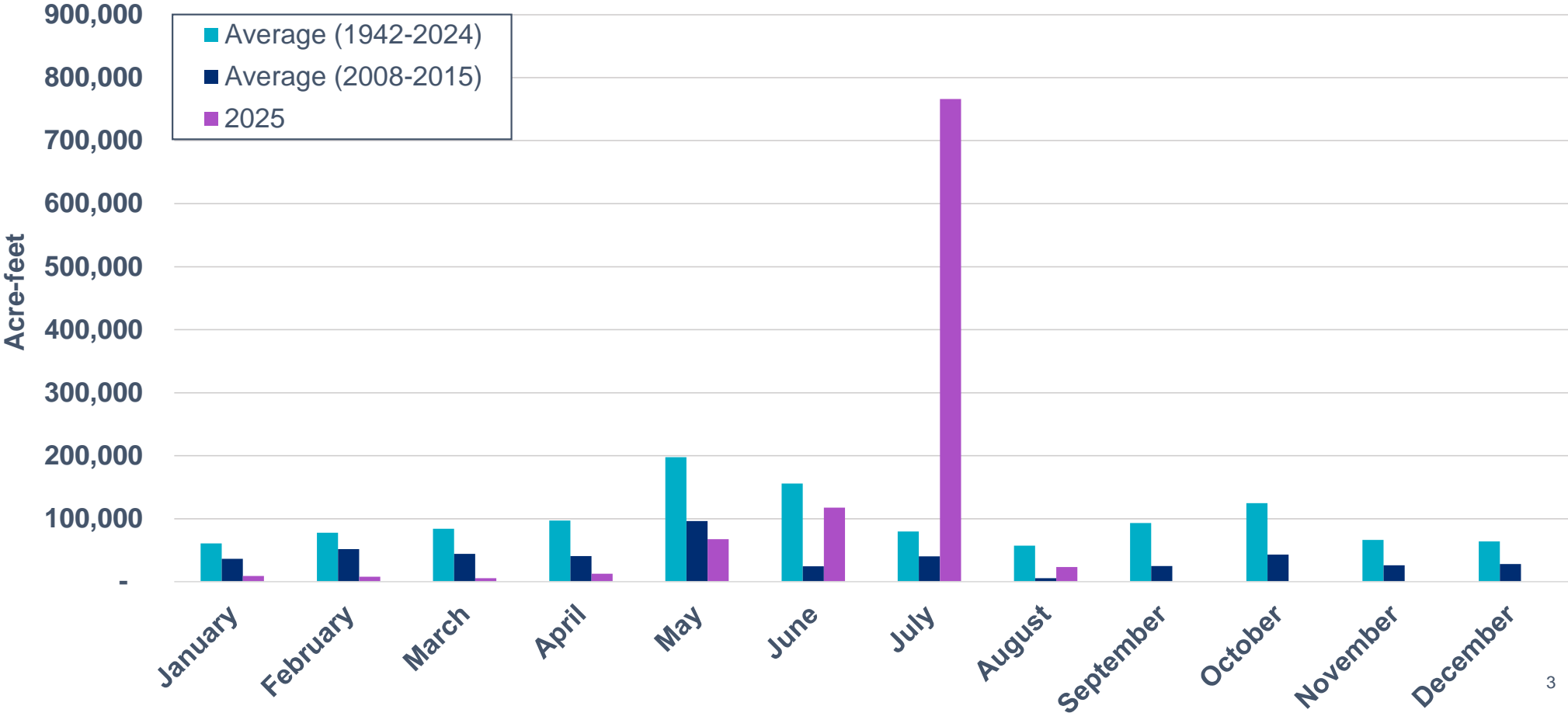
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Lower Colorado River Basin

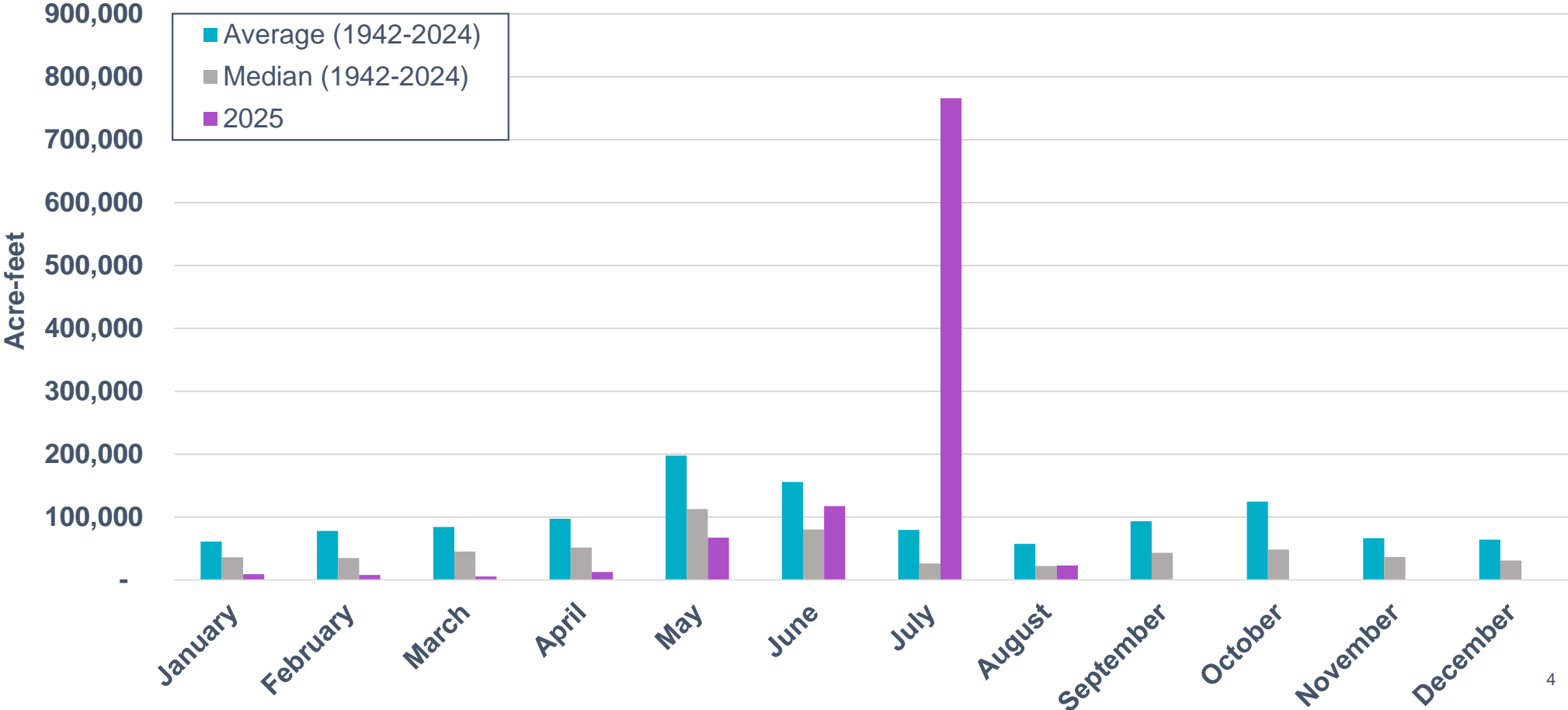
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Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis

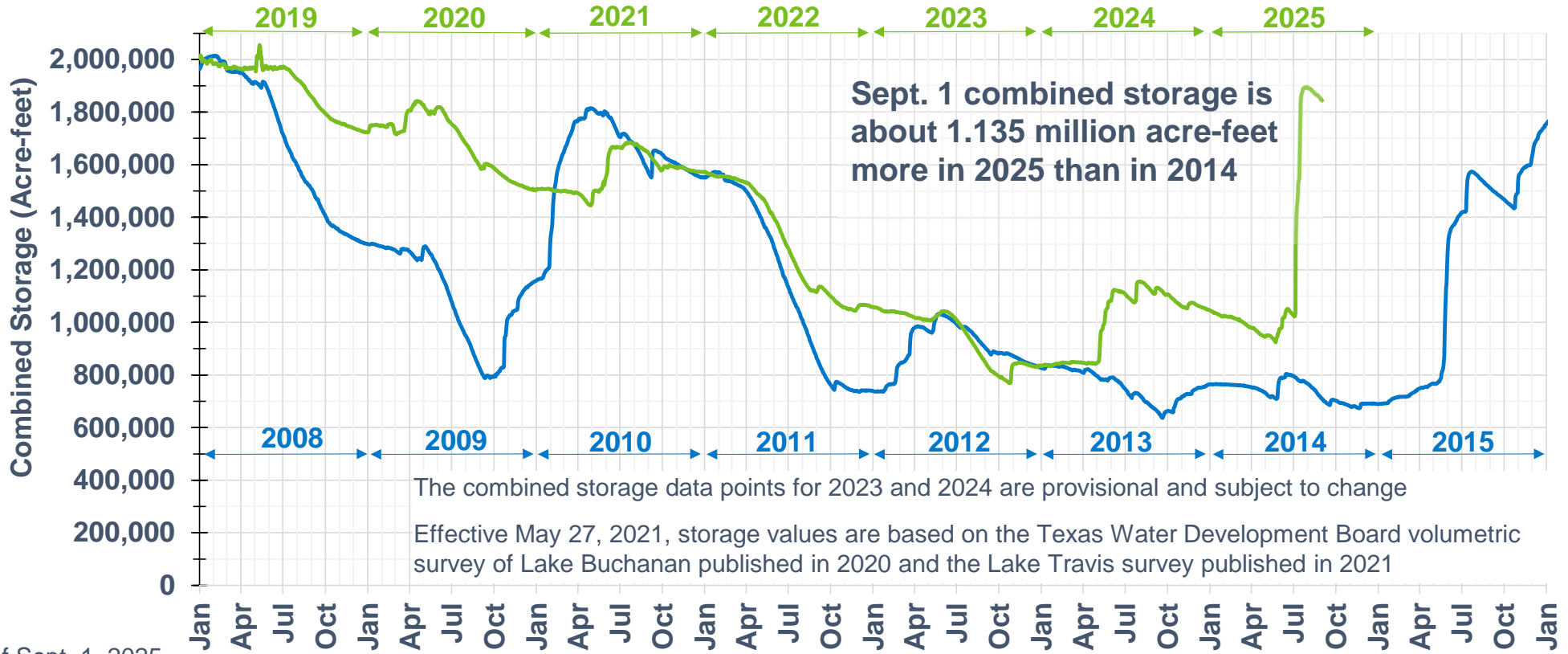


Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis – Median



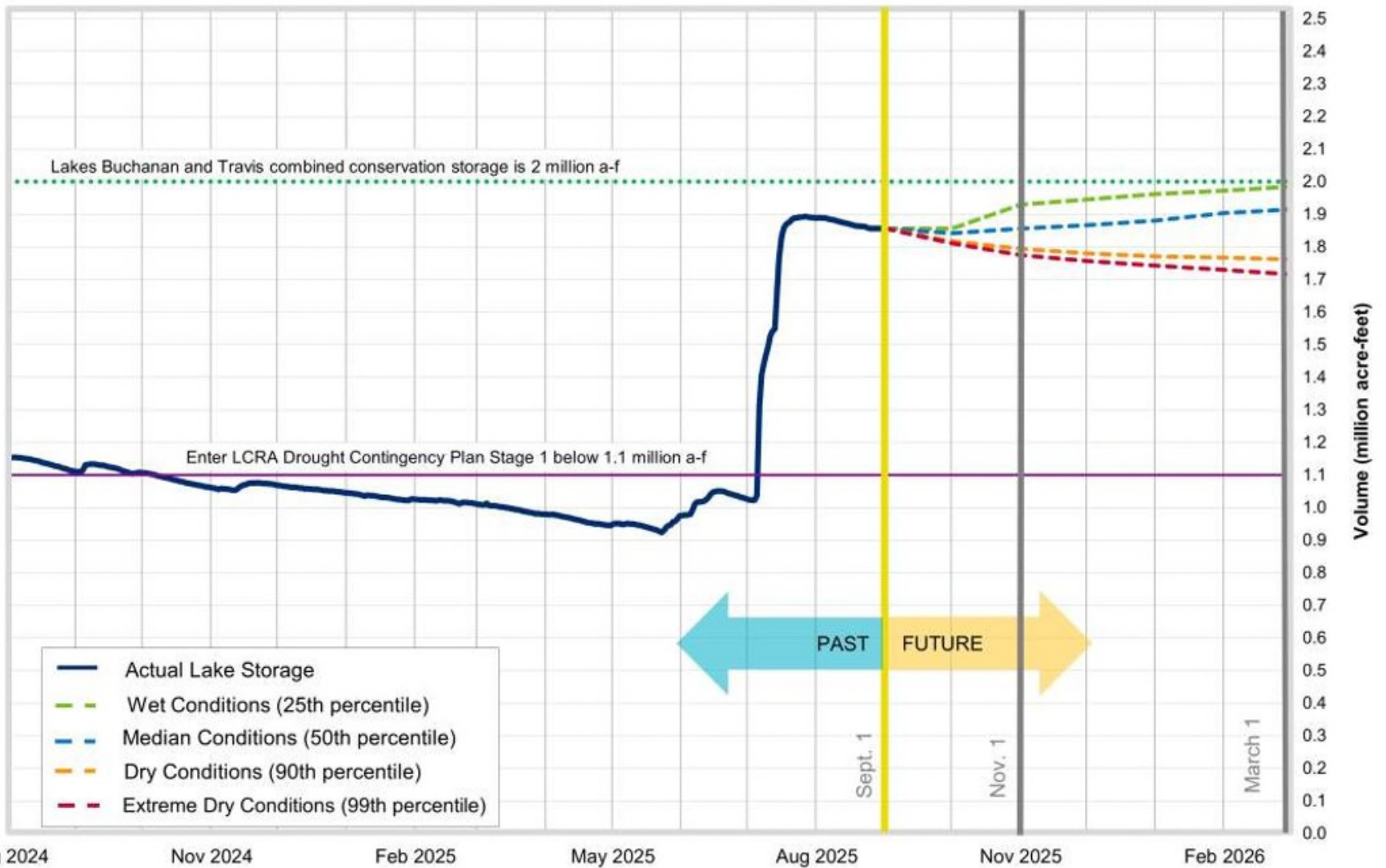
Combined Storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis

Comparison of 2019-2025 and 2008-2015

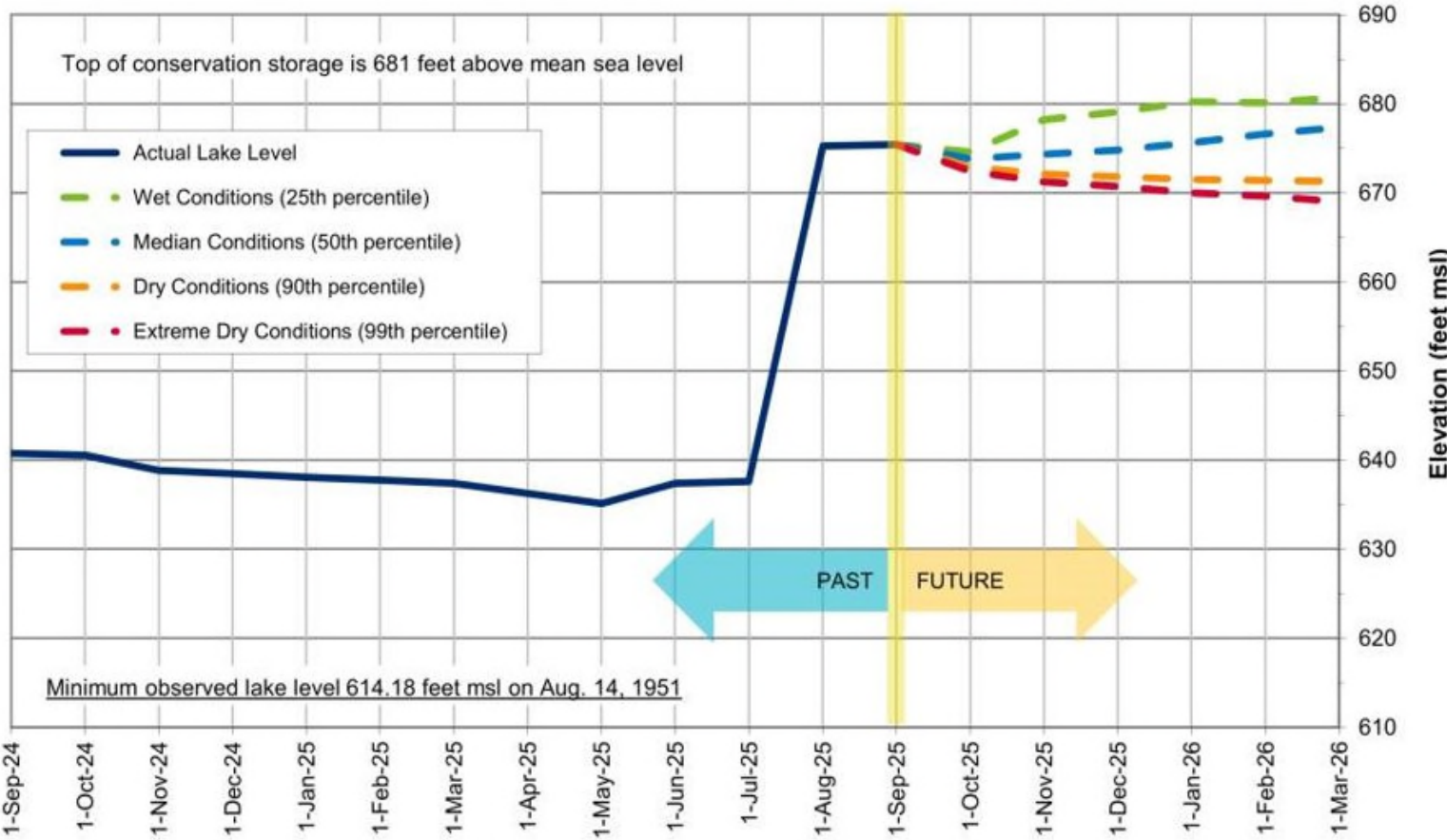


As of Sept. 1, 2025

Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections



Lake Travis Level Projection*

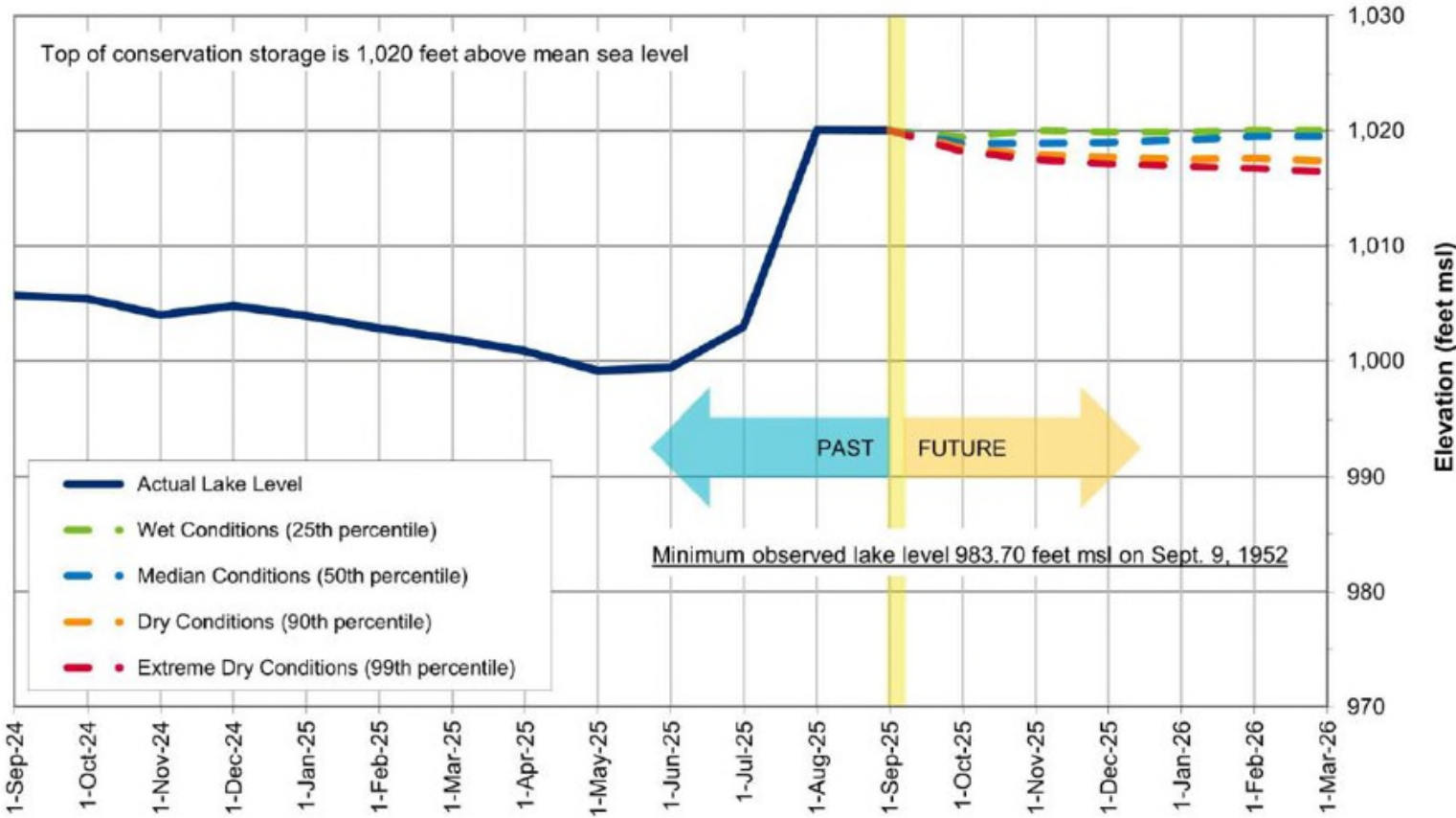


Average for September:
662.24 feet msl

Historic low (1951):
614.18 feet msl

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

Lake Buchanan Level Projection*



**Average for September:
1,009.63 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

Lake Level Comparisons

	Sept. 1, 2024	Sept. 1, 2025
Lake Travis (feet msl)	640.69	673.75
Lake Buchanan (feet msl)	1,005.40	1,019.15
Combined storage* (a-f)	1,108,546	1,842,099

*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.



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