



Basin Conditions Update

Water Operations Committee Meeting
Oct. 20, 2026

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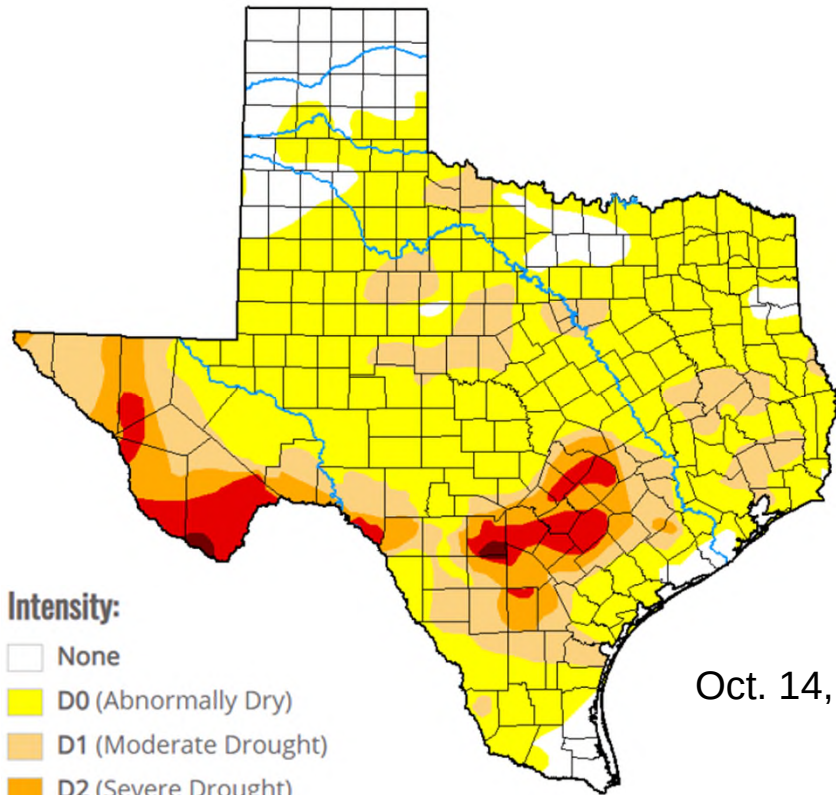
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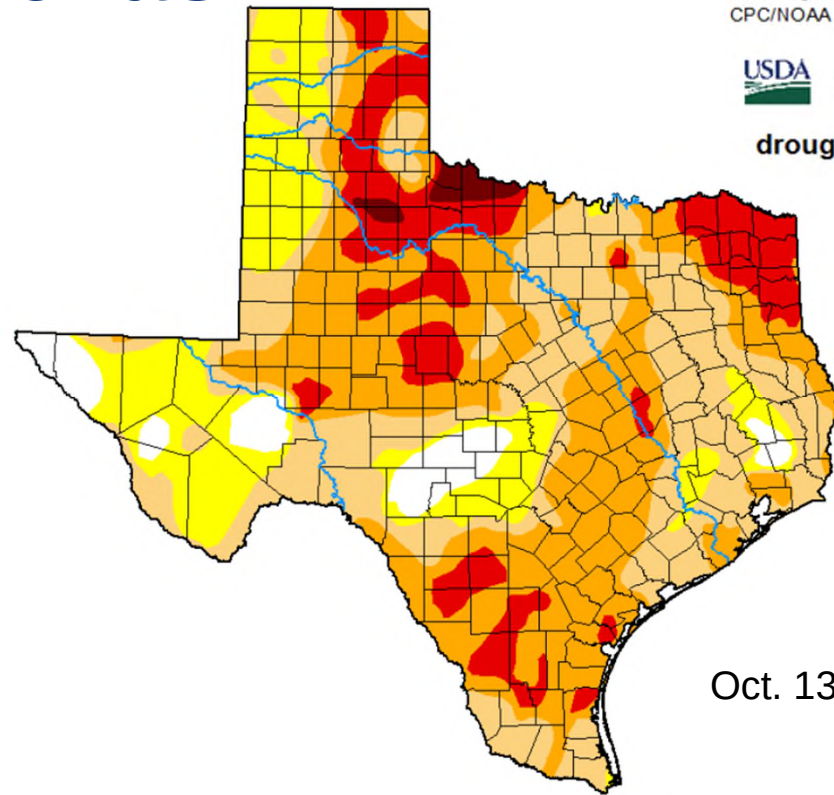
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Oct. 14, 2025



Oct. 13, 2026

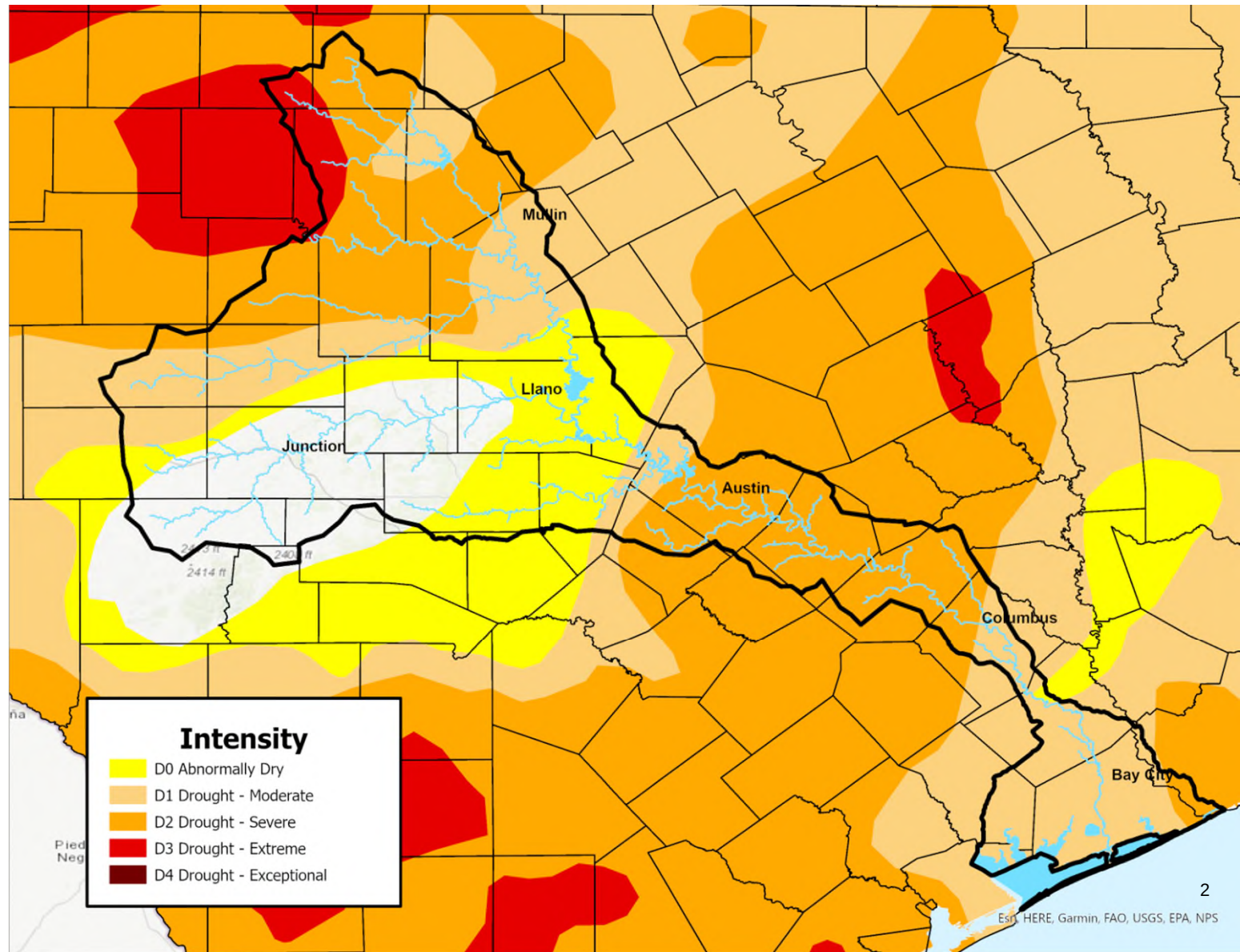
Intensity:

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

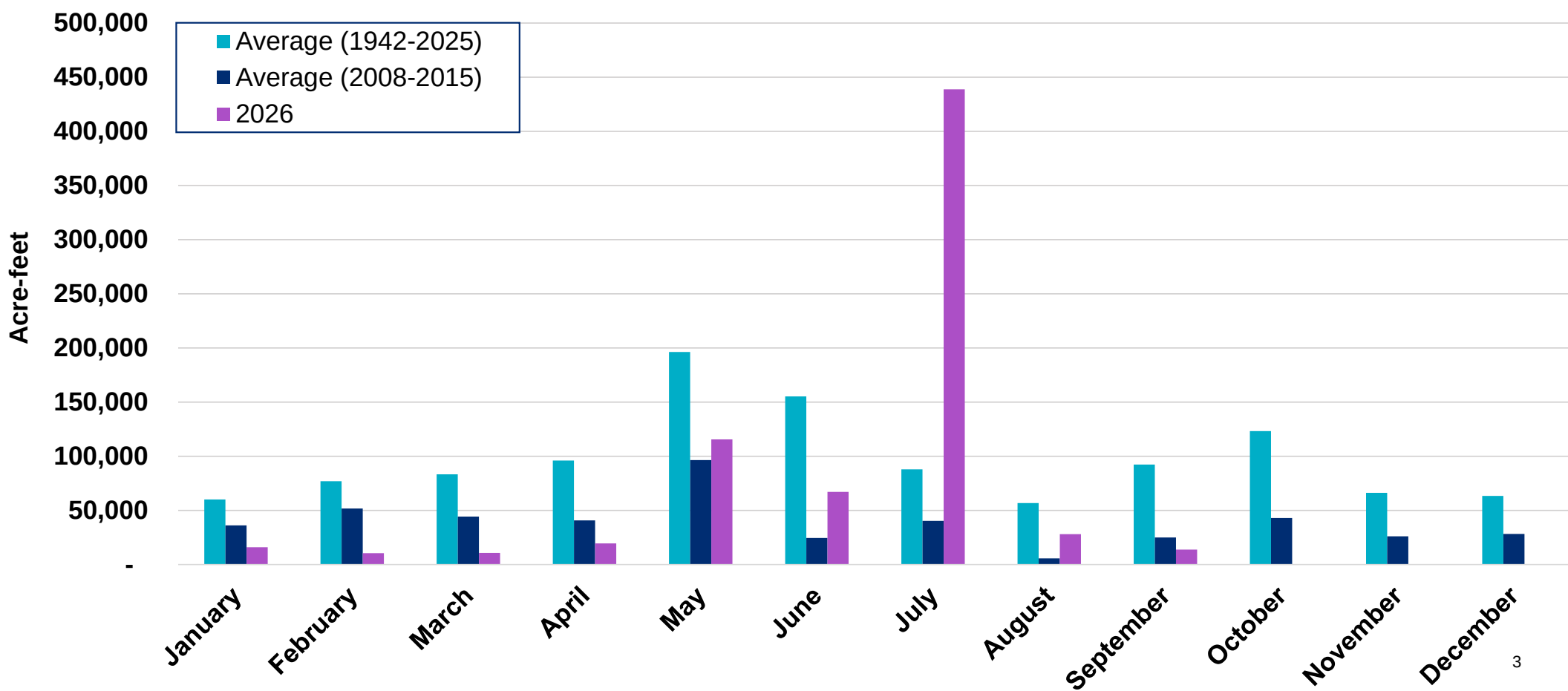
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Lower Colorado River Basin

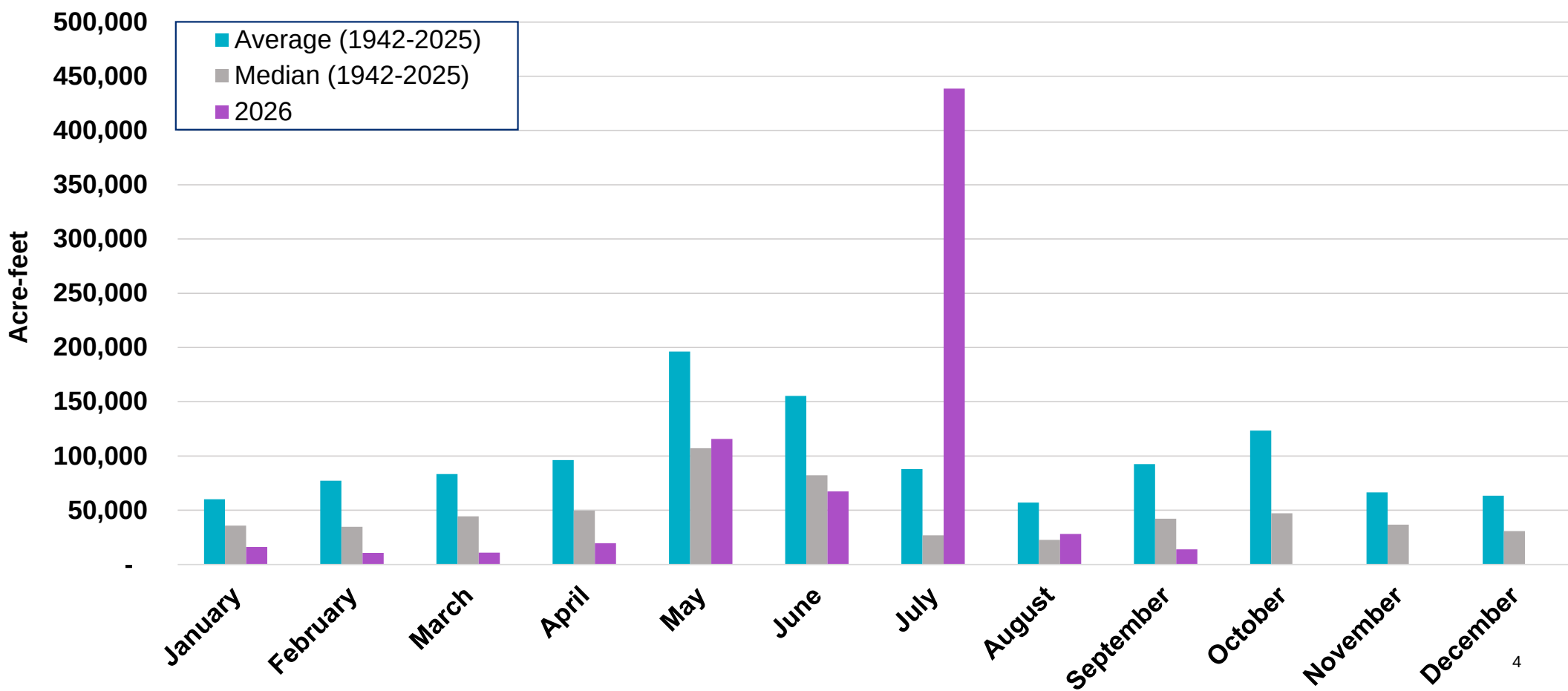
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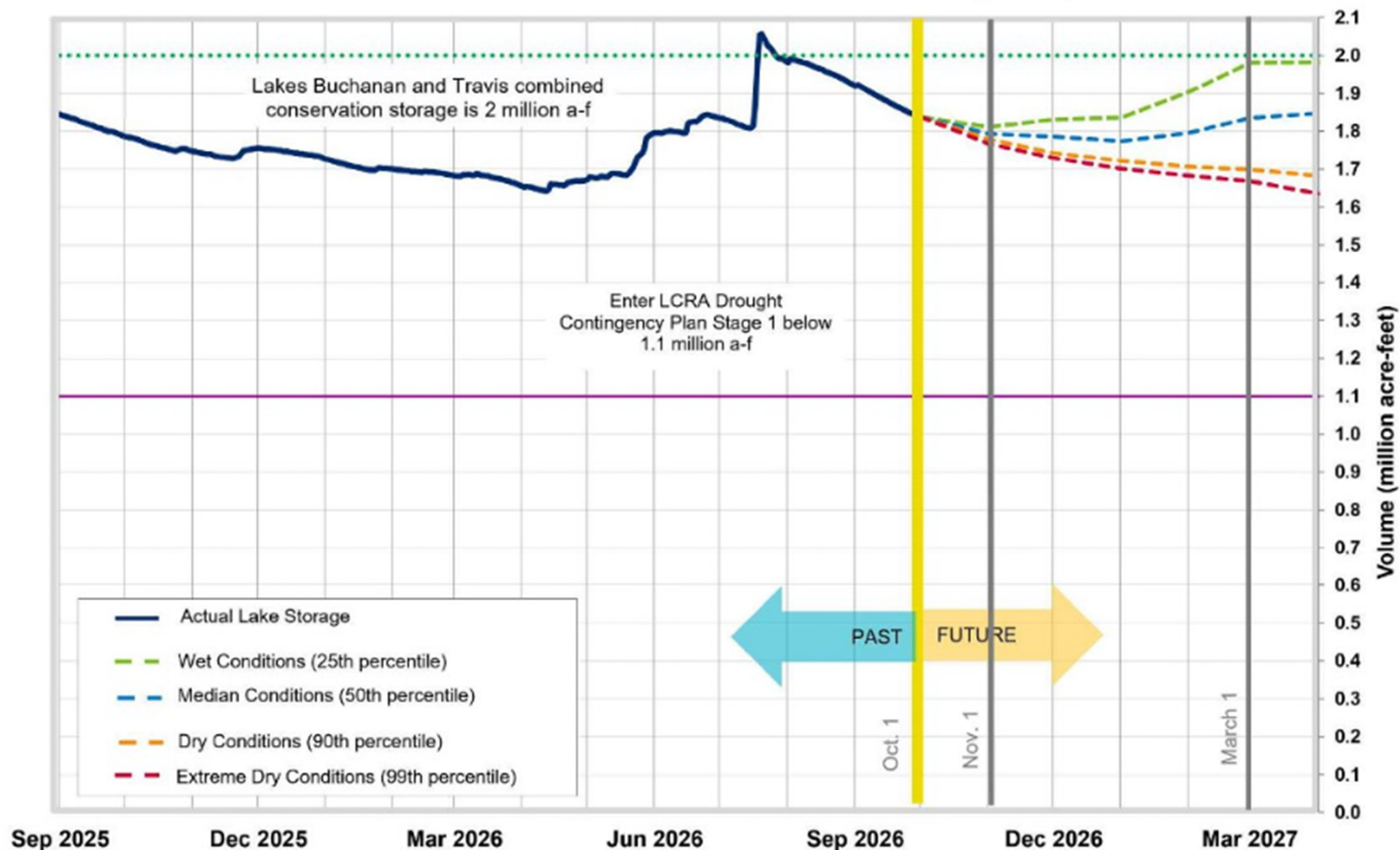
Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis



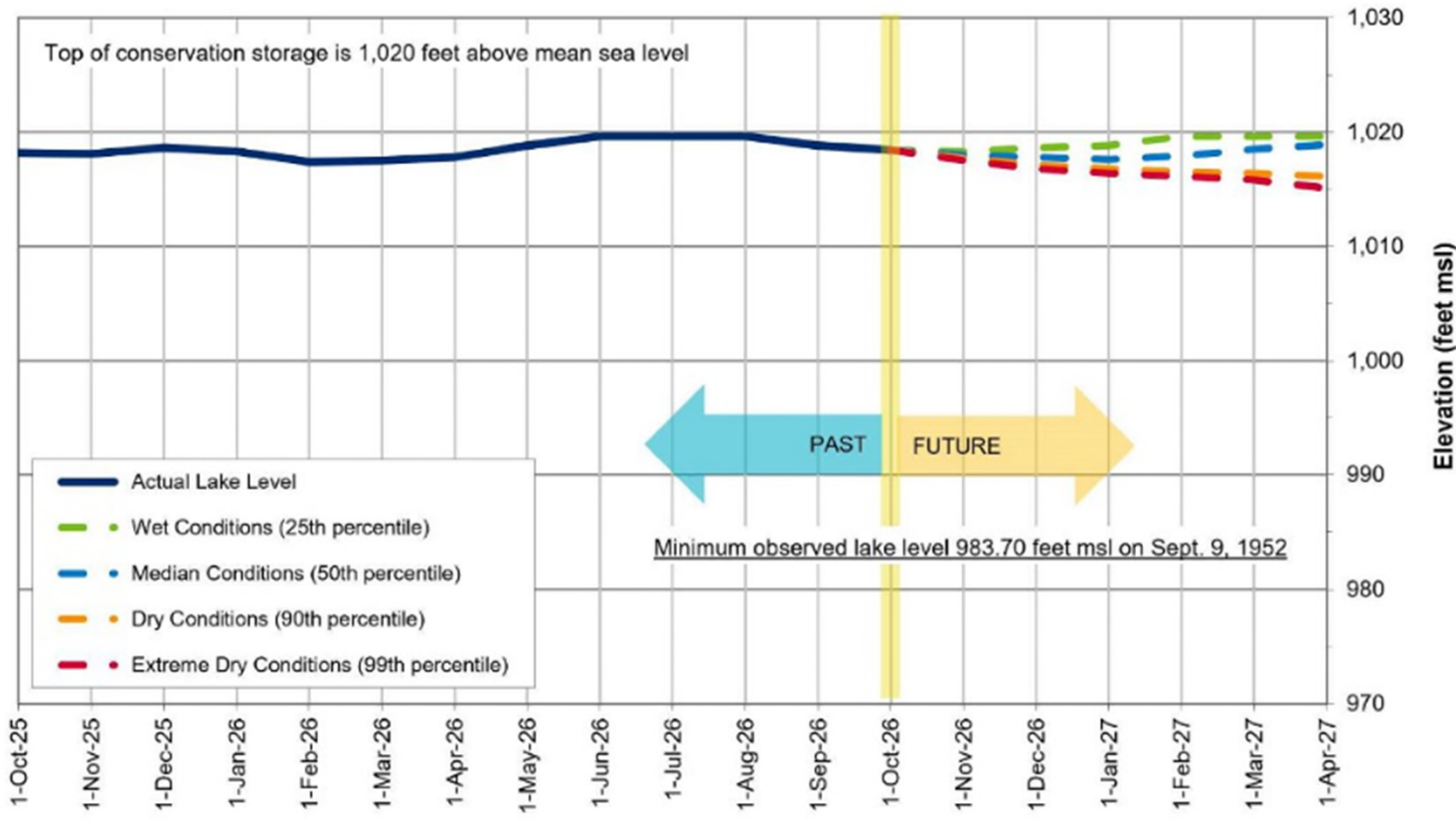
Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis – Median



Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections



Lake Buchanan Level Projection*

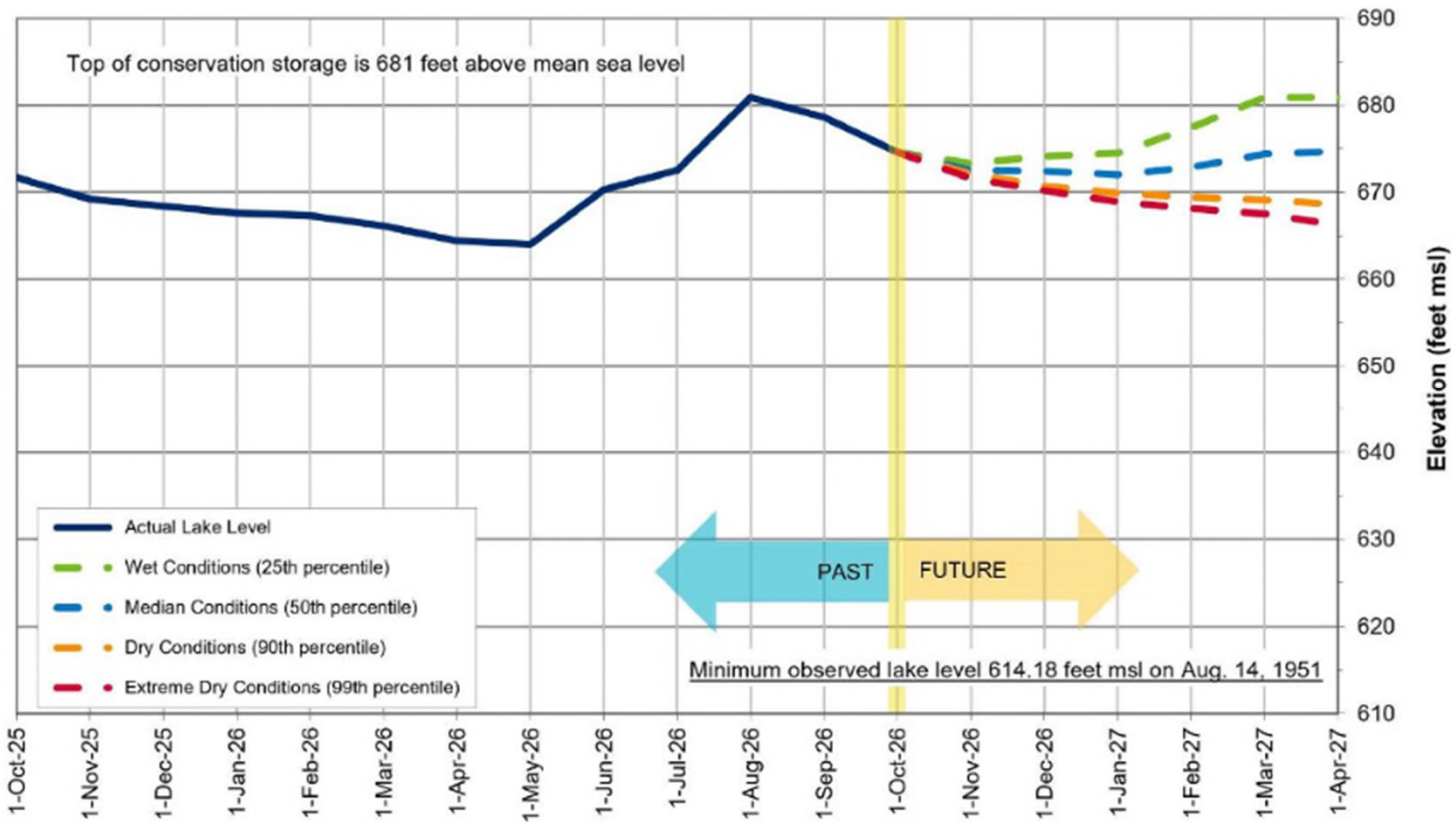


Average for
October:
1,010.23 feet msl

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 Travis Level Projection*

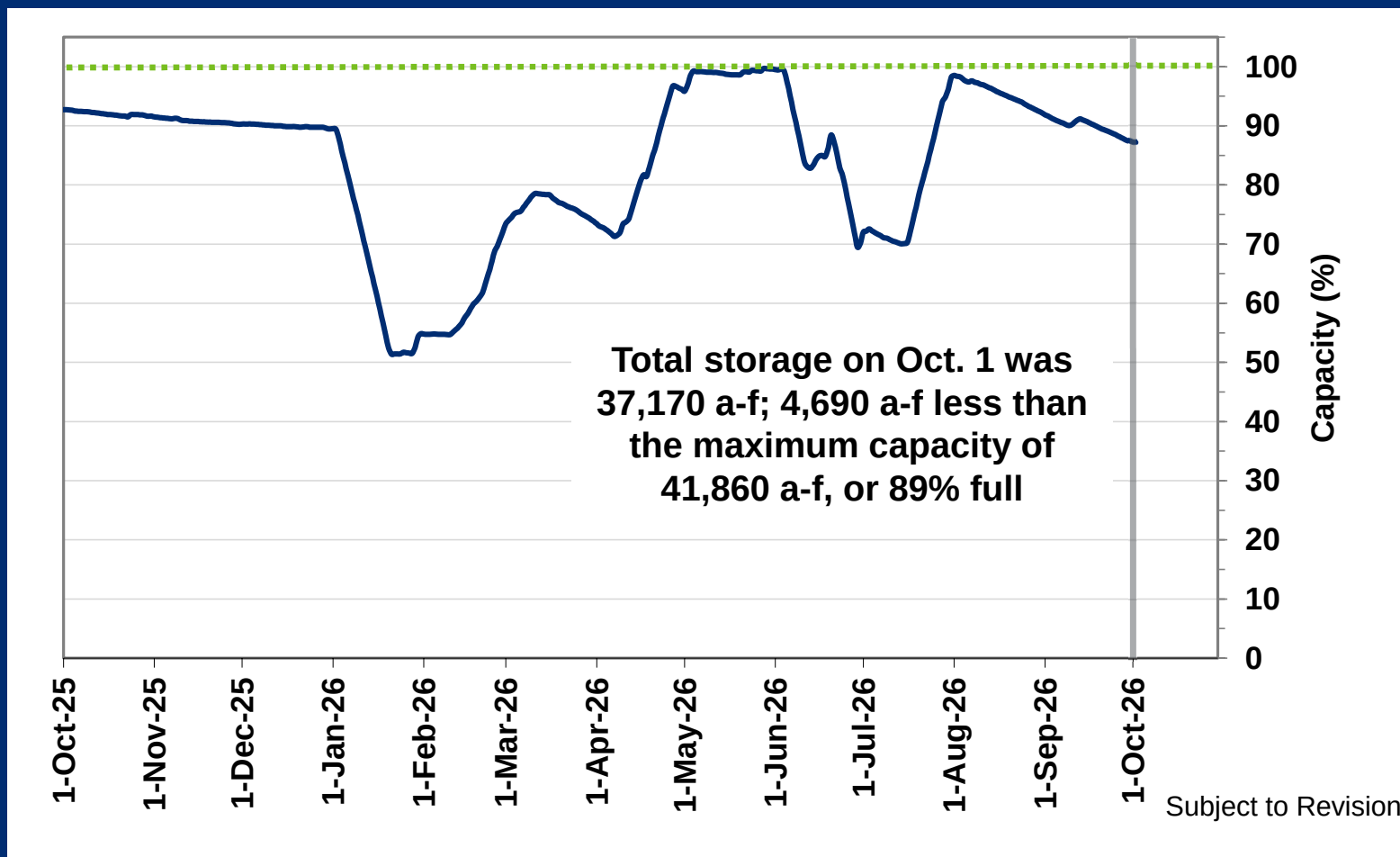


Average for
October:
663.70 feet msl

Historic low
(1951):
614.18 feet msl

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Arbuckle Reservoir Percent Full



Lake Level Comparisons

	Oct. 1, 2025	Oct. 1, 2026
Lake Travis (feet msl)	671.56	674.85
Lake Buchanan (feet msl)	1,018.19	1,018.48
Combined storage* (a-f)	1,784,656	1,843,569

*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