

Water Year 2023

SWP Planning and Operations

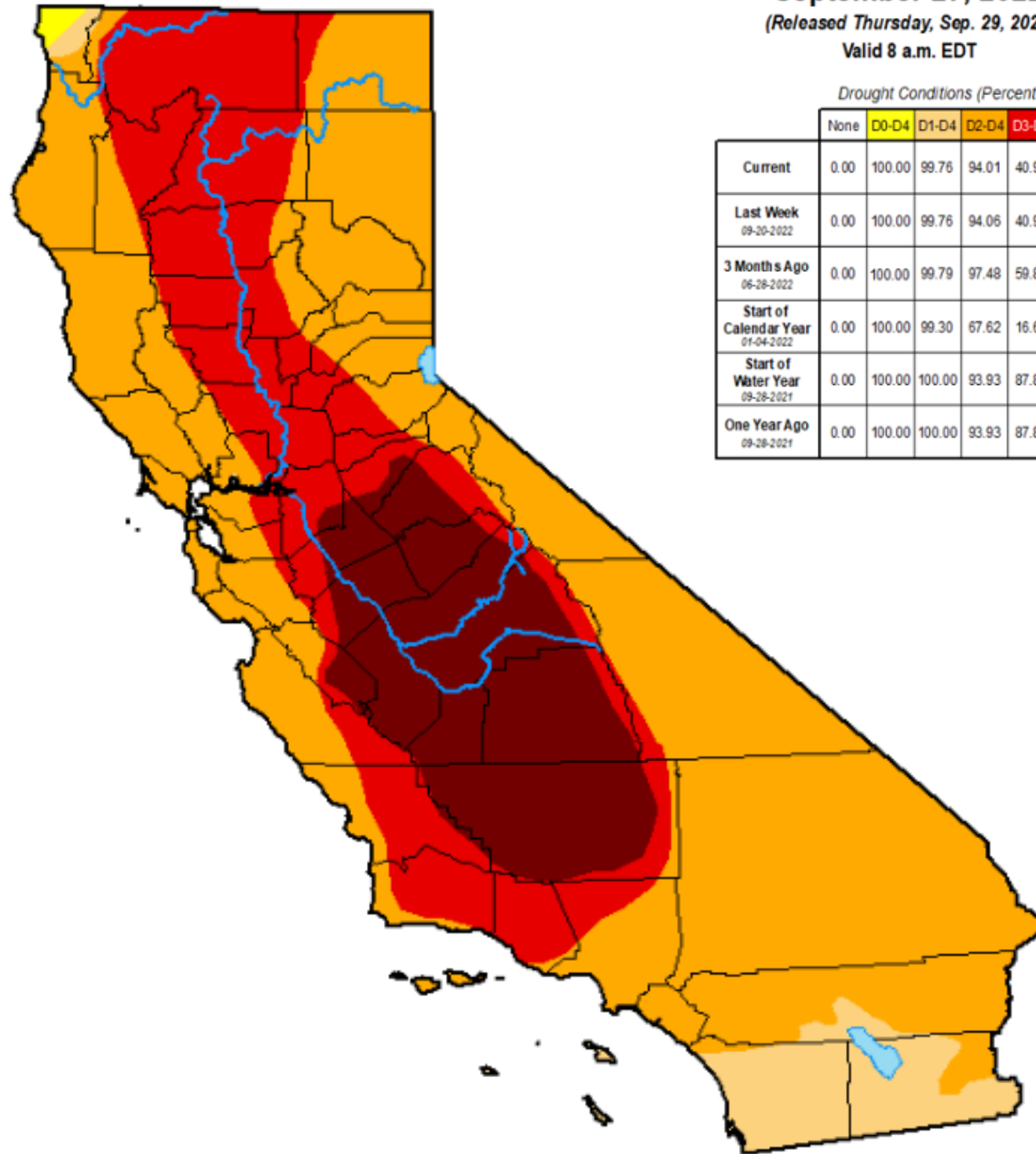


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Beginning of WY 2023 Conditions

U.S. Drought Monitor California

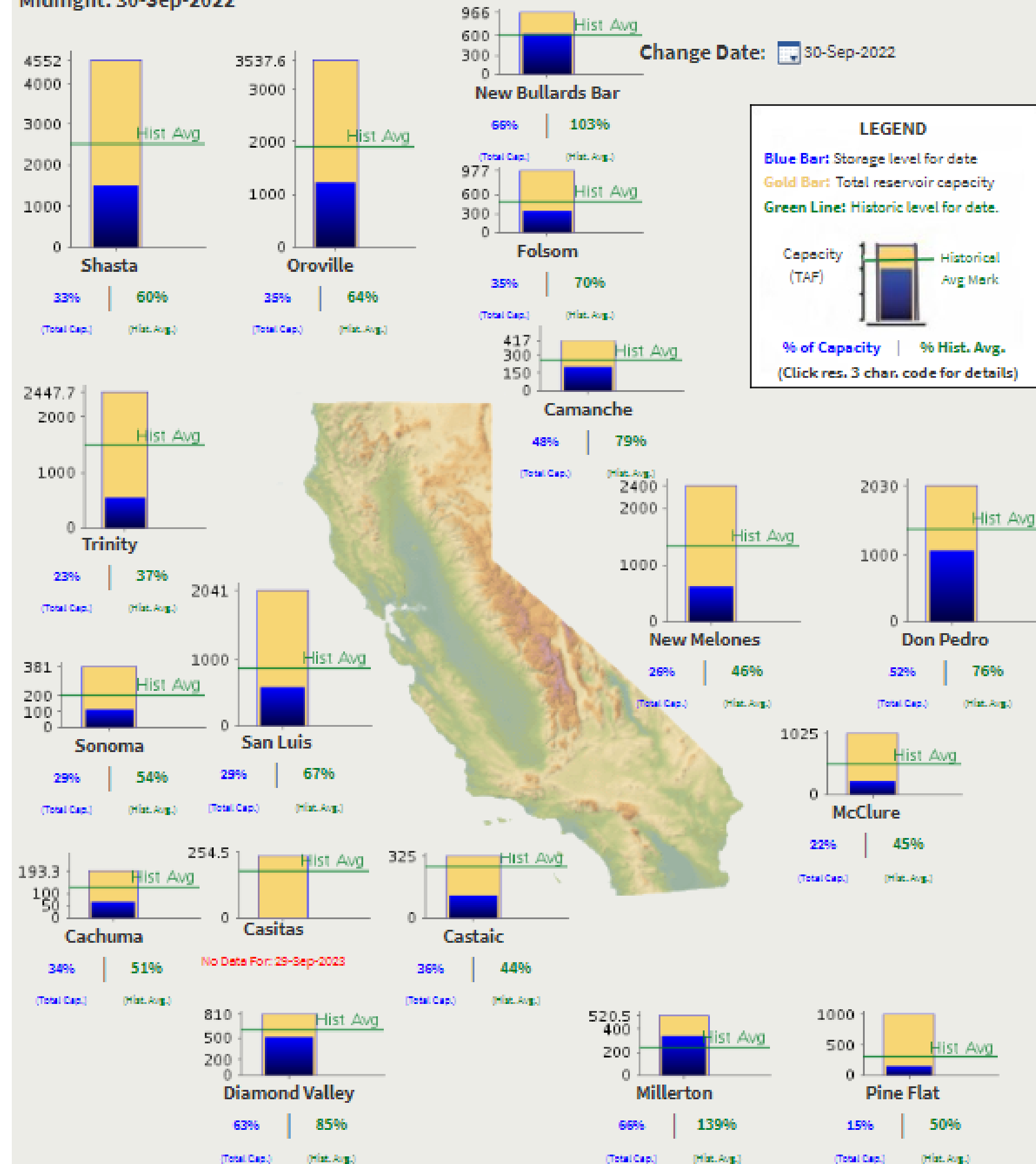


September 27, 2022
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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.76	94.01	40.91	16.57
Last Week 09-20-2022	0.00	100.00	99.76	94.06	40.91	16.57
3 Months Ago 06-28-2022	0.00	100.00	99.79	97.48	59.81	11.59
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	0.00	100.00	99.30	67.62	16.60	0.84
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66
One Year Ago 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66

CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:30-SEP-2022

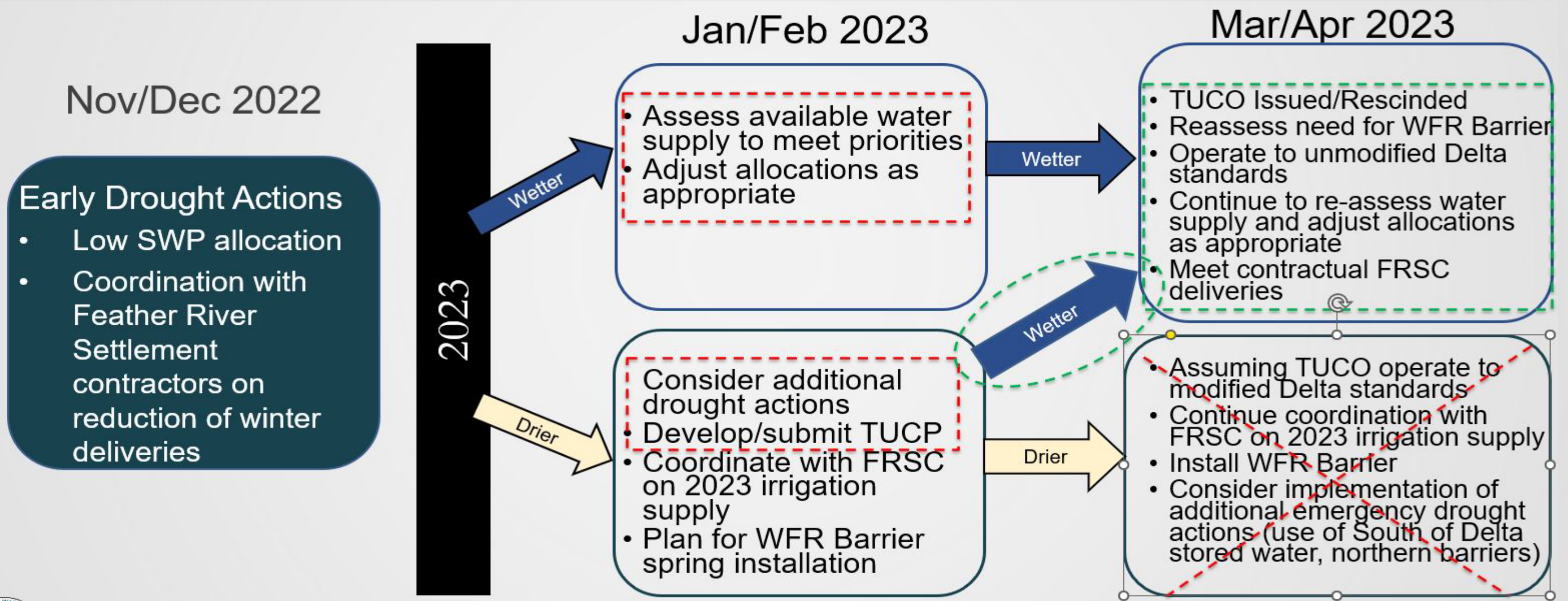
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SWP ALLOCATION AND DROUGHT ACTION DECISION PROCESS



SWP Contractors and Water Supply Allocation

- 29 State Water Contractors have long-term water supply contracts
- Total Table A: ~4.17 million acre-ft (MAF)
- Allocation—percentage of Table A the SWCs receive each year (monthly updates) – initial issued Dec 1, final issued May/June
 - Key Assumptions/Inputs:
 - Conservative dry hydrology (90% exceedance—90% chance it will get wetter)
 - Storage conditions
 - SWC Demands
 - Delta water quality and flow criteria
 - ESA and CESA requirements

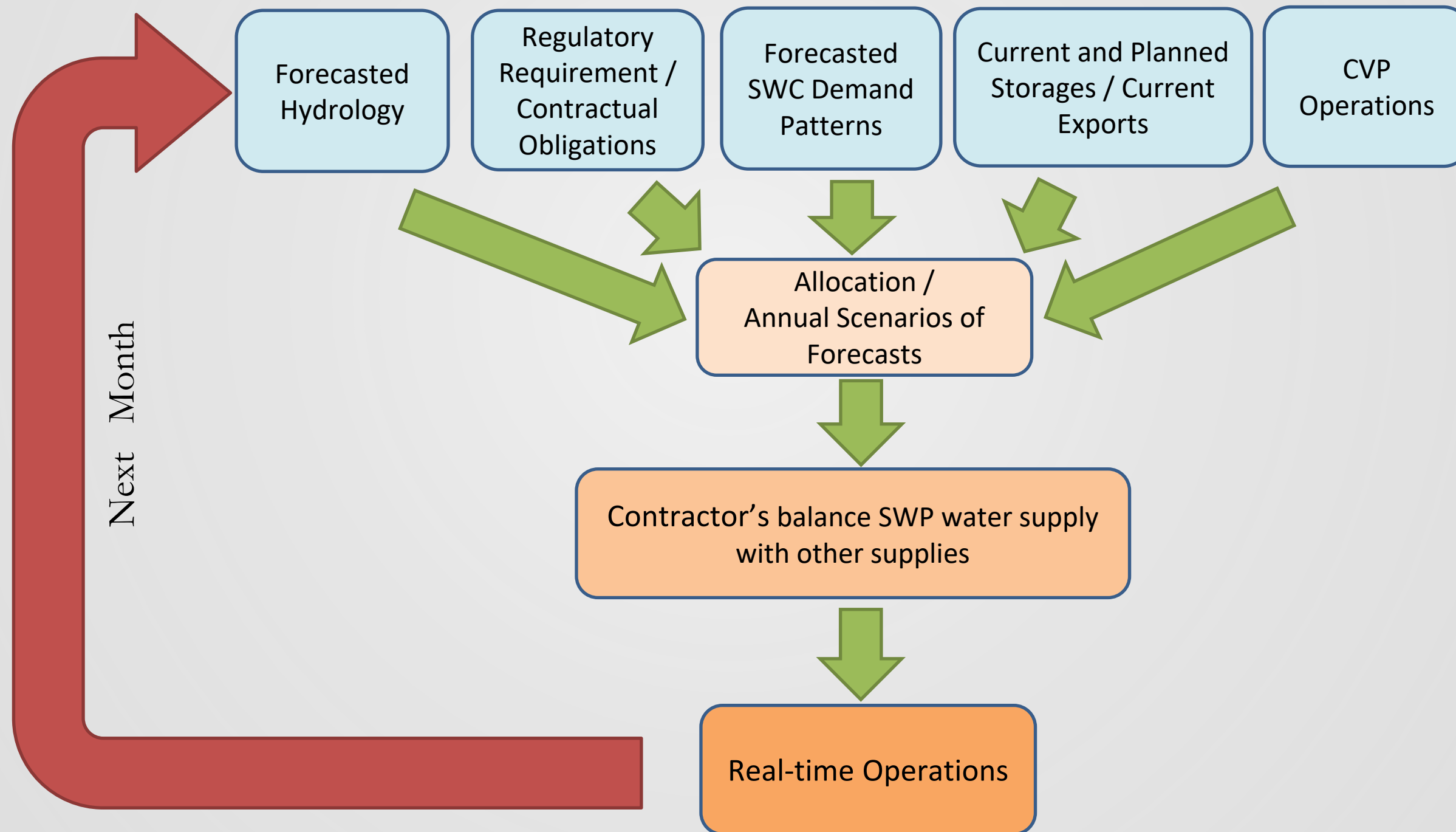


SWP Water Supply Objectives

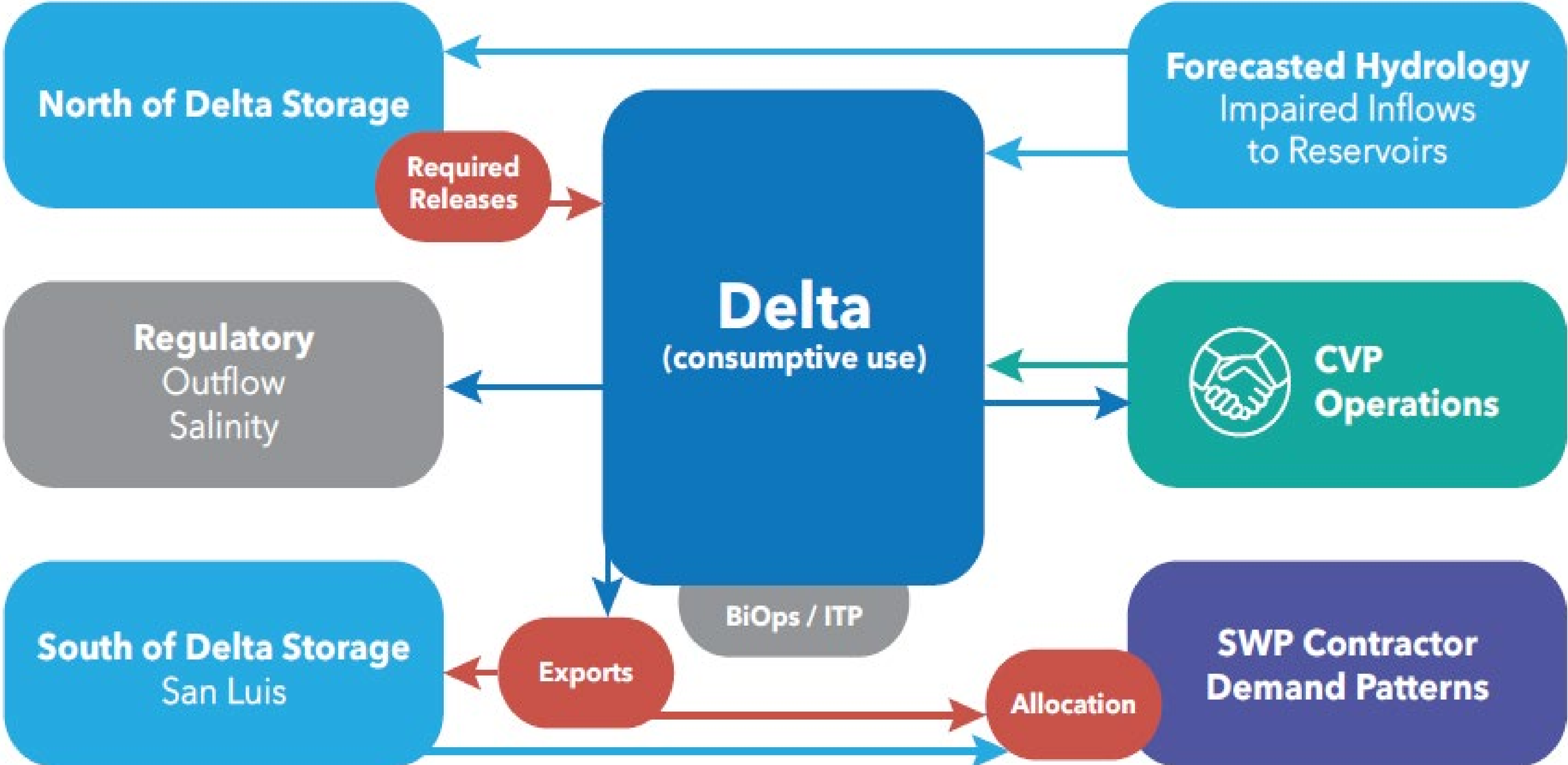
- Provide minimum health and safety needs
- Maintain Delta water quality
- Meet environmental needs to protect endangered species
- Conserve water storage to meet future critical needs
- Deliver water based on priority



SWP Allocation Process and Forecasted Operations Plan



SWP Operations and Water Supply Allocation Forecasts

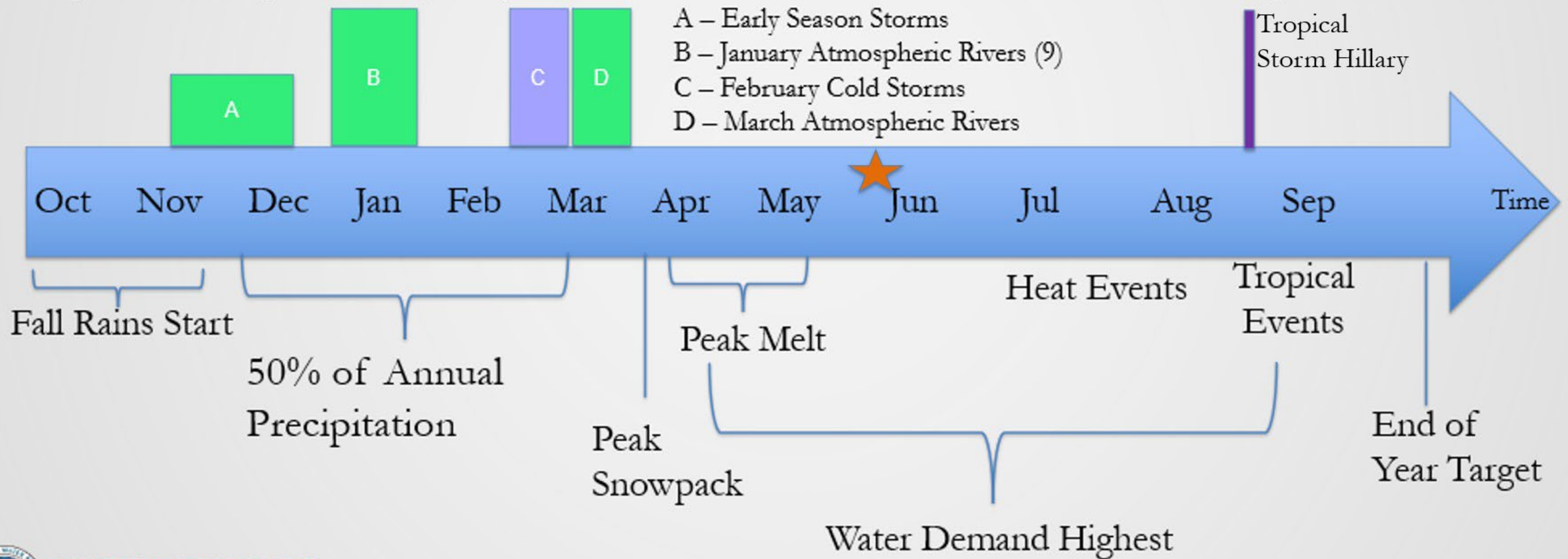


Building a Water Year 2023

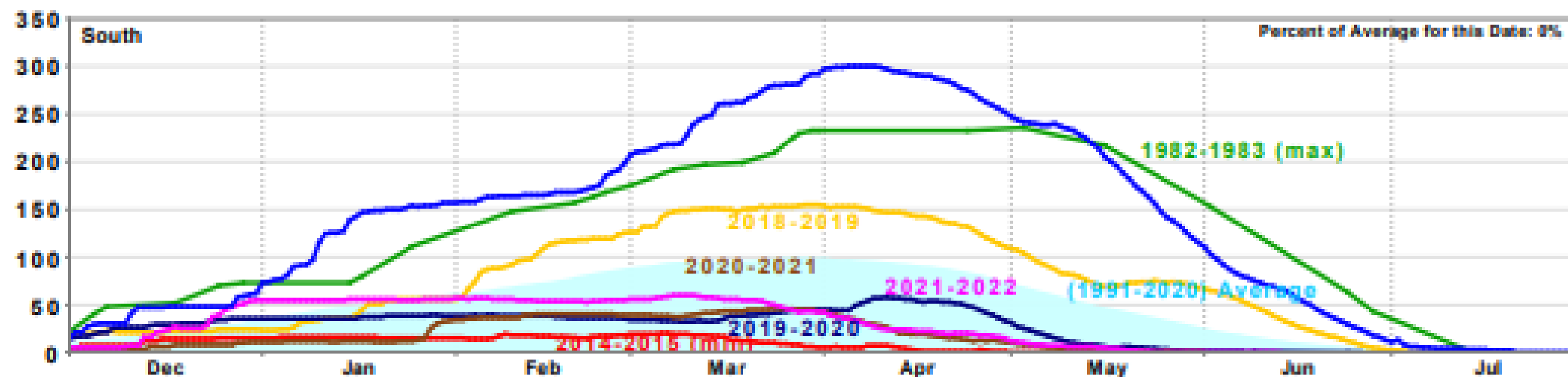
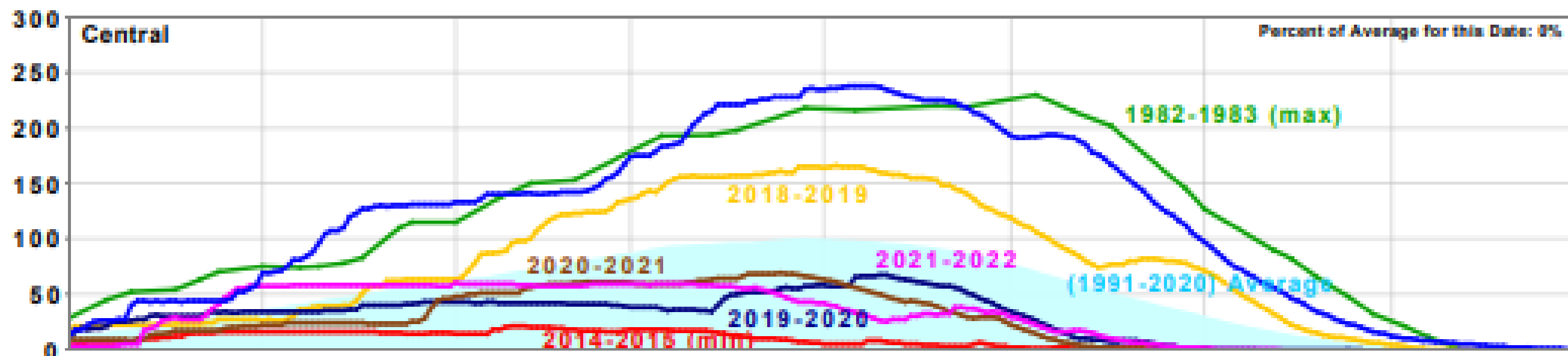
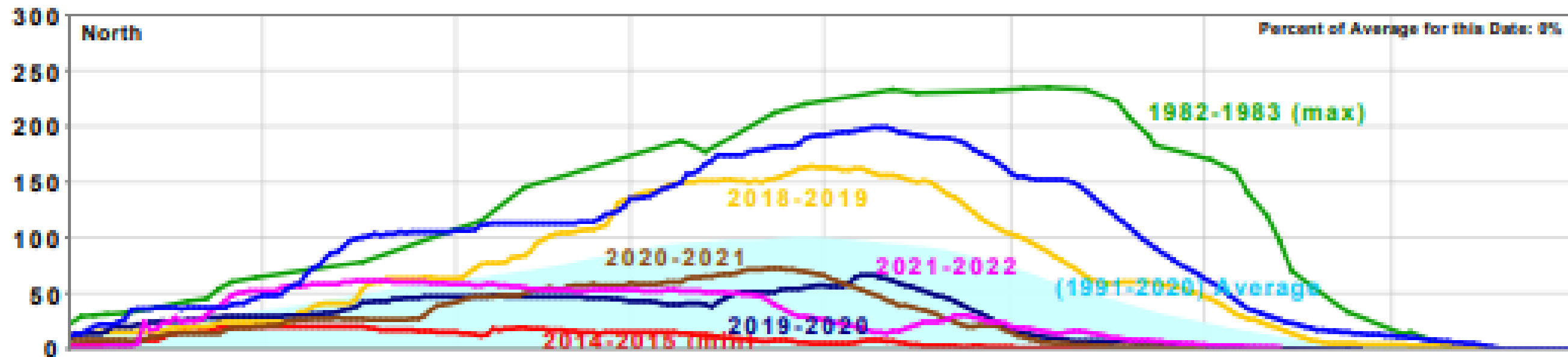
Oct-Mar: 153% of Average Statewide – 6th wettest

Oct-Mar: 199% of Average San Joaquin Climate Division – wettest

April 1 Snowpack: Only 4th year since 1950 with more than 200% of average; 1st since 1983



California Snow Water Content, July 31, 2023, Percent of April 1 Average

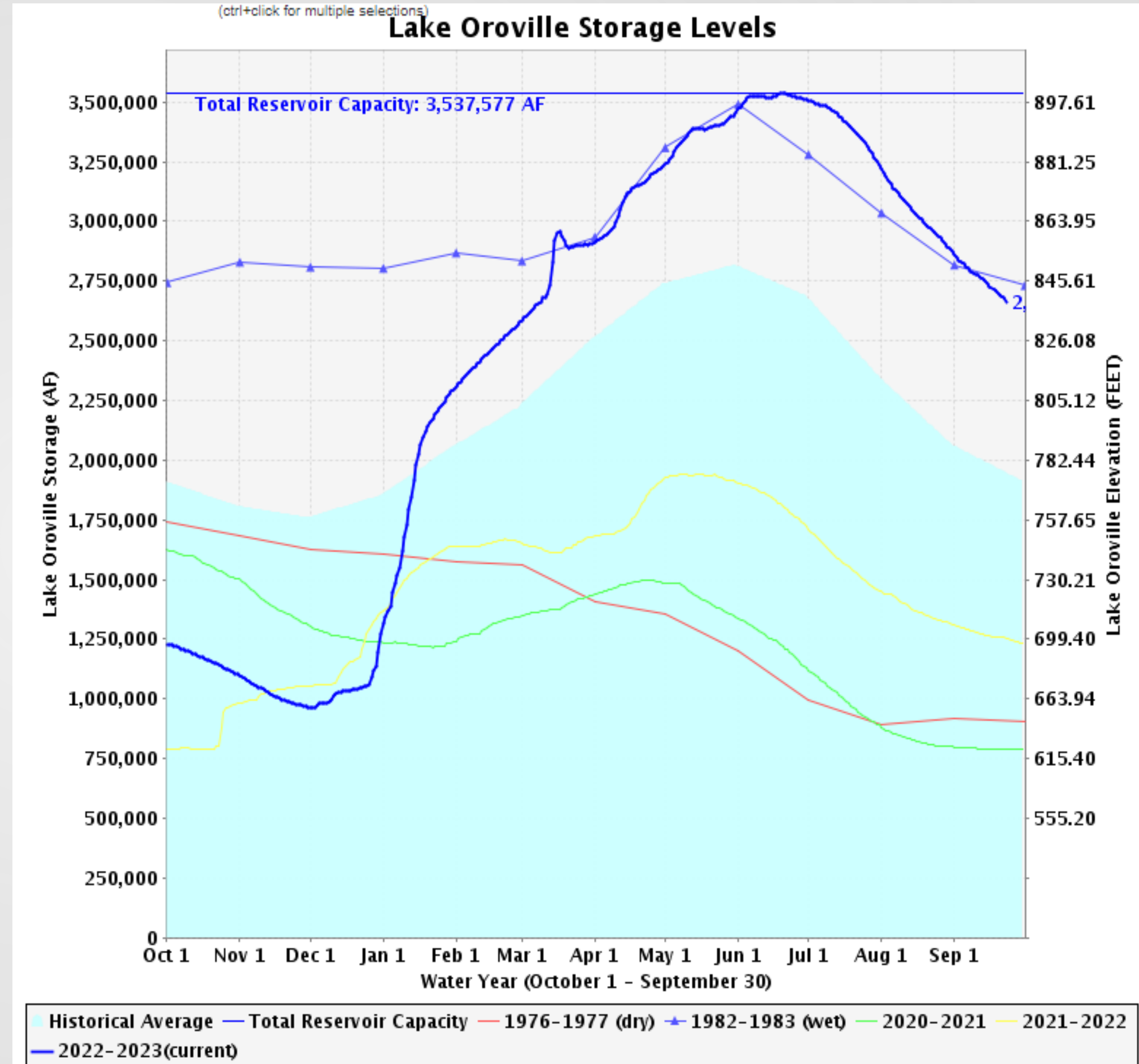


Statewide Percent of April 1: 0%

Statewide Percent of Average for Date: 0%

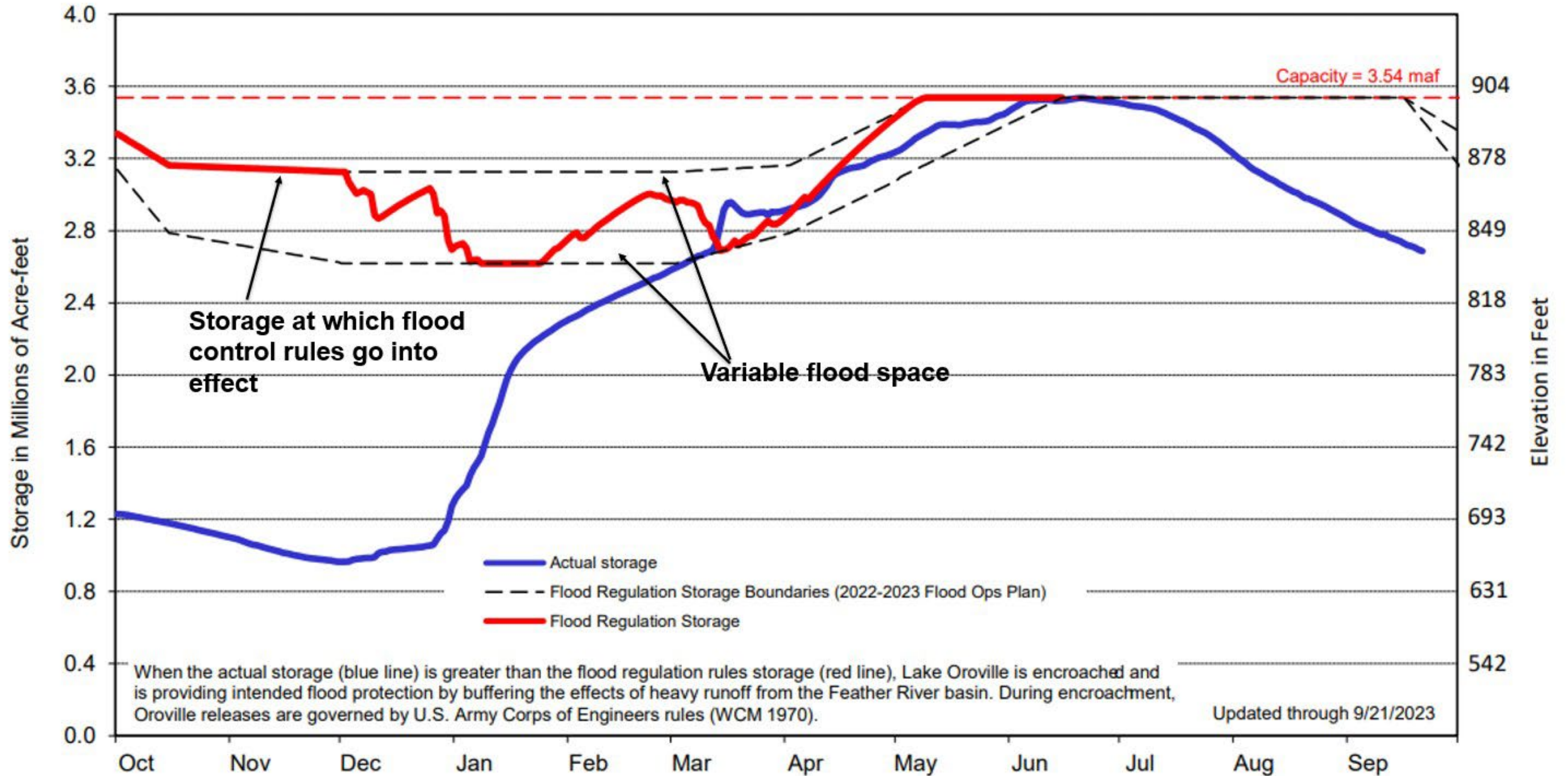
Lake Oroville WY '23

- Total WY inflow: ~6.3 MAF
- Flood control initiated on 3/10/23
- About 2.4 MAF spilled (3/10-9/1)
- Lake filled early June, ~3.5 MAF
- Projected to have required flood control space available at the beginning of the flood control season (mid-October, per USACE Water Control Manual)



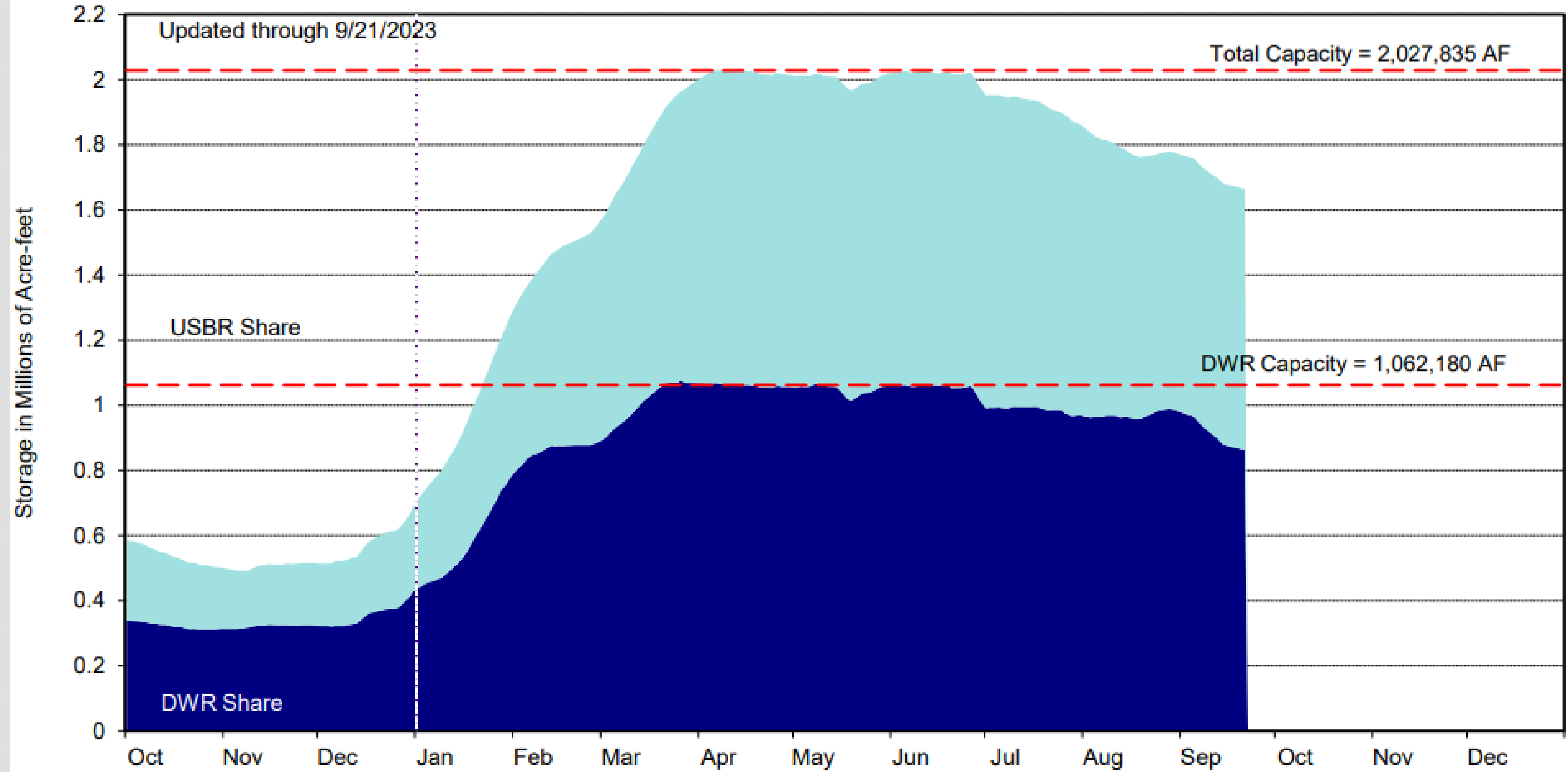
Lake Oroville Storage

October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023



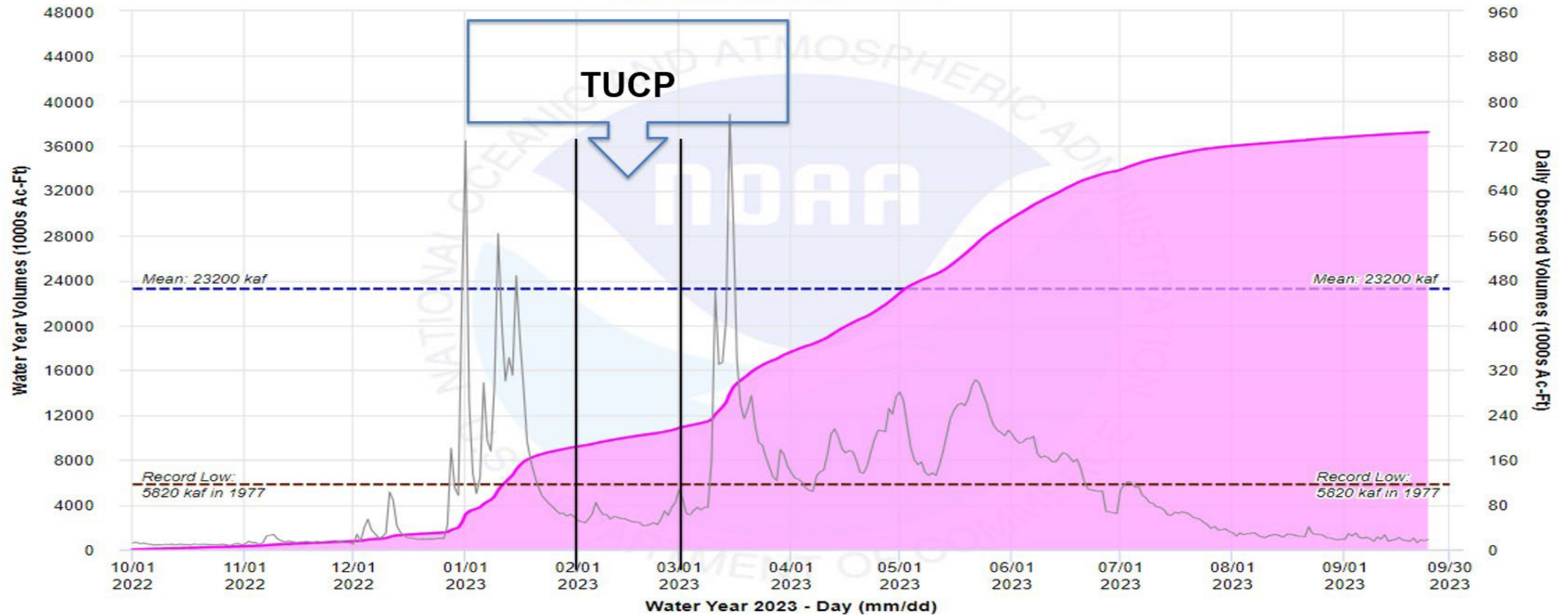
San Luis Reservoir Storage

Combination Water/Calendar Year



CENTRAL VALLEY WSI (MLIC0) 09/24/2023
Median Forecast: 37300 kaf | 161% of Mean | 189% of Median

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**2023 SWP
Allocation
Progression**

DEC (Initial)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR (FINAL)
5%	30%	35%	75%	100%

Annual SWP Operations Strategy

- During periods of excess natural flows:
 - Maximize Delta exports while providing flows for fisheries
 - Minimize Oroville releases to build storage for future dry conditions (within flood control constraints)
- Fill San Luis Reservoir and southern reservoirs
- During summer months:
 - Maximize release of storage water for water supply purposes when Delta constraints are at a minimum
 - End of water year carryover storage target (currently 1.6 MAF) may control the amount of water moved during the summer



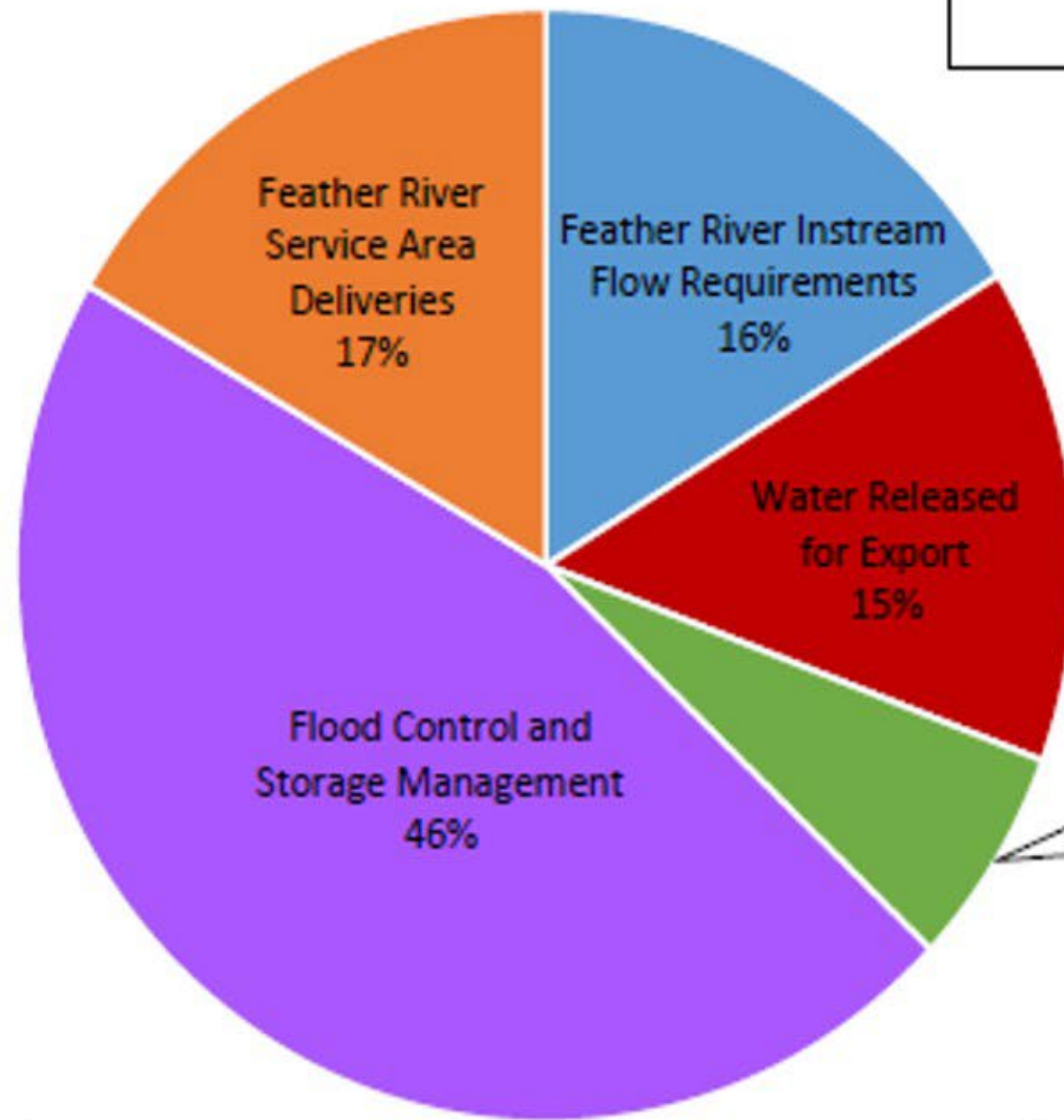
Real-Time Decision-Making

Flows	Water Quality	Fishery
Hydrology	Current and projected conditions	Salvage
Valley depletions	Tides	Real-time monitoring
Delta consumptive use	Wind	Smelt monitoring team
Reservoir operations	Delta Consumptive use	Salmon monitoring team
Exports		Water operations management team

Primary Reasons for Lake Oroville Releases (WY 2023)

Total Release: 4.9 MAF

SVI Water Type:
Wet



Feather River Instream Flow Requirements	16%	794 TAF
Water Released for Export	14%	704 TAF
Delta Requirements	6%	312 TAF
Flood Control and Storage Management	46%	2,258 TAF
Feather River Service Area Deliveries	17%	810 TAF

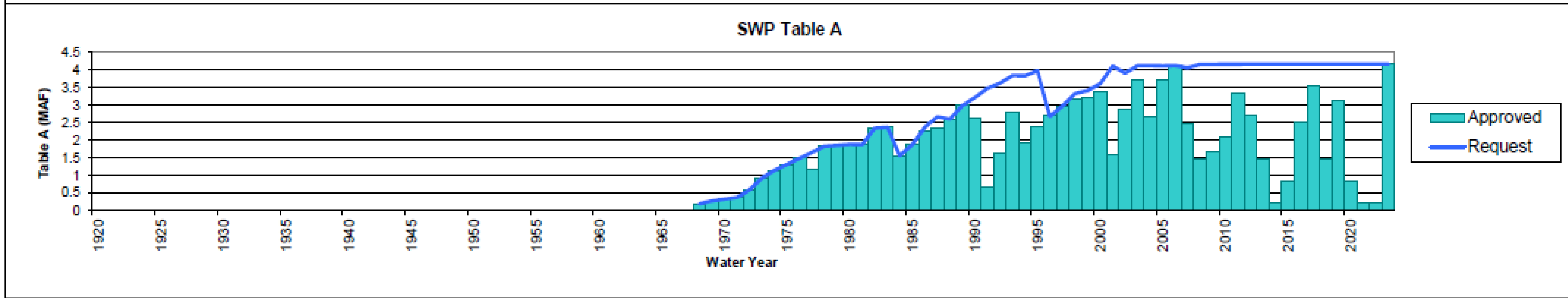
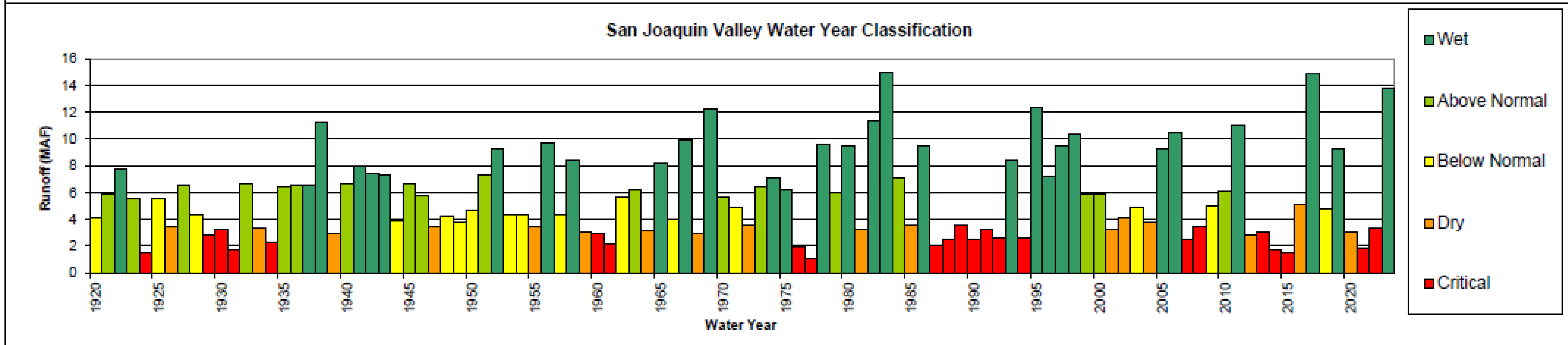
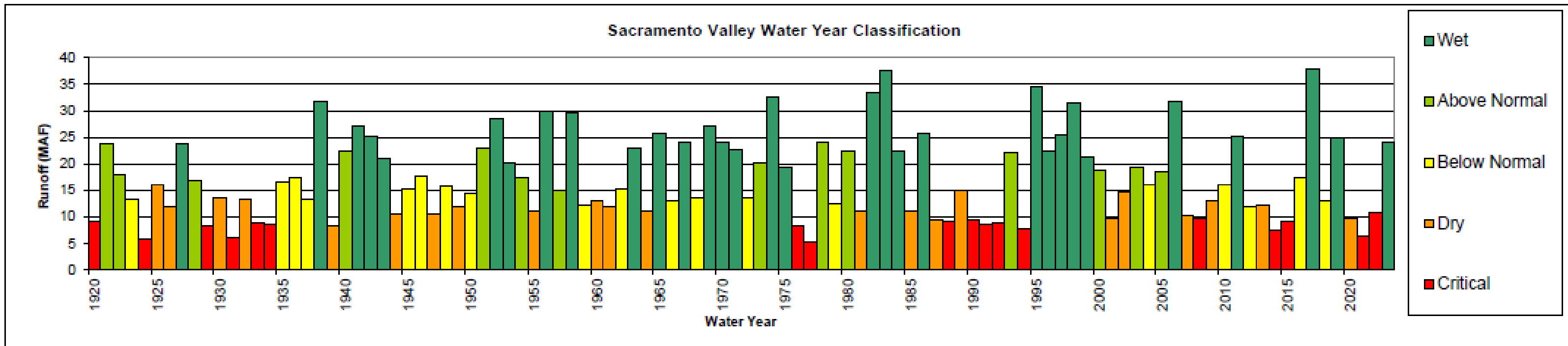
Delta
Requirements
6%

PRELIMINARY - SUBJECT TO REVISION

WY 2023 Highlights

- Re-directed flood flows through the Kern River Intertie into the CA Aqueduct
 - 5/21 to 6/12 about 25 TAF
- Provided about 400 TAF of surplus flows to SWP contractors to replenish local storage (surface and groundwater)
- Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoir filled to capacity
- Achieved water supply objectives
 - 100% SWP allocation, first since 2006
- Excess flows in the Delta much of the spring and summer
 - Provided beneficial flows for listed and endangered species



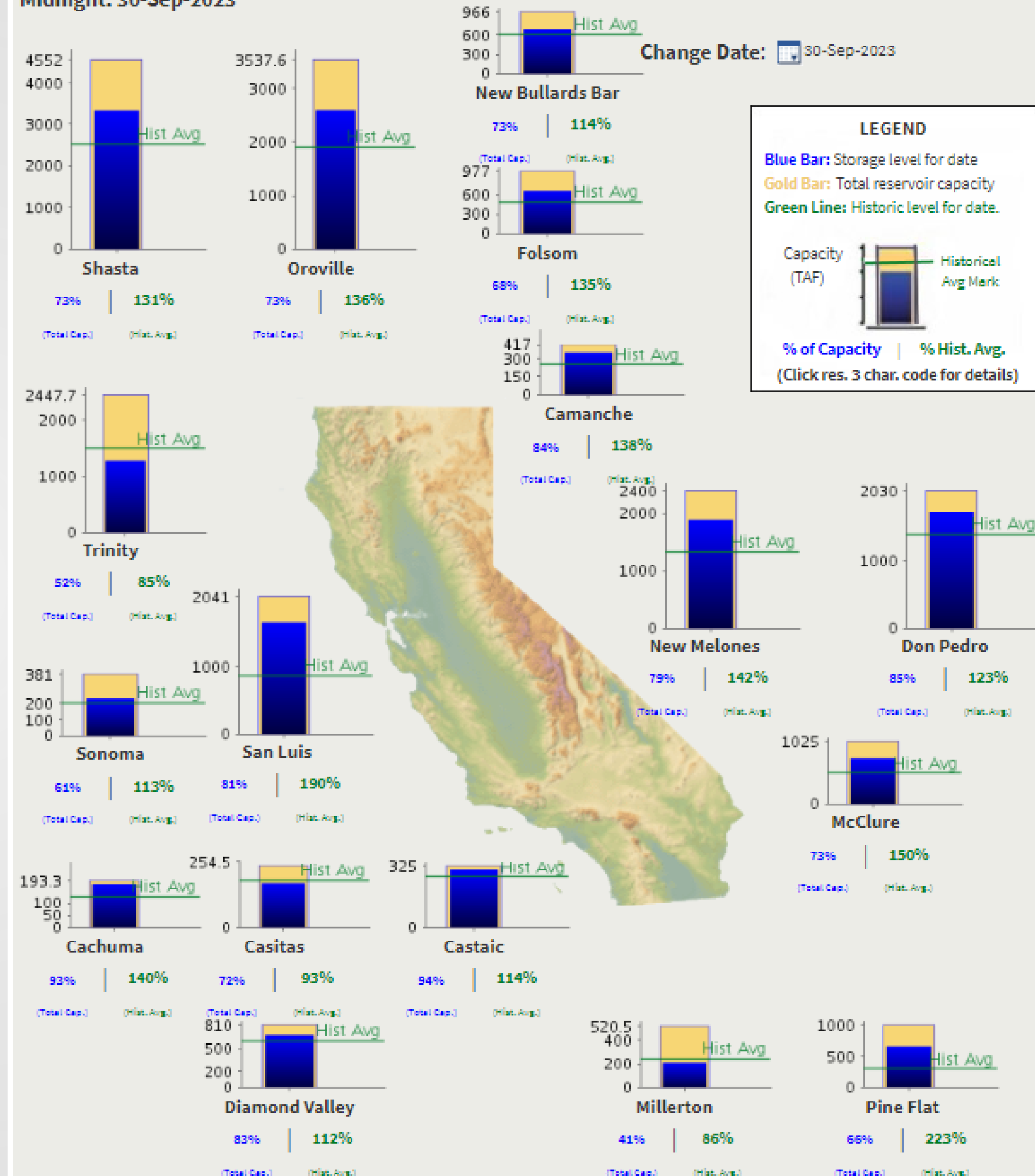


Planning for 2024

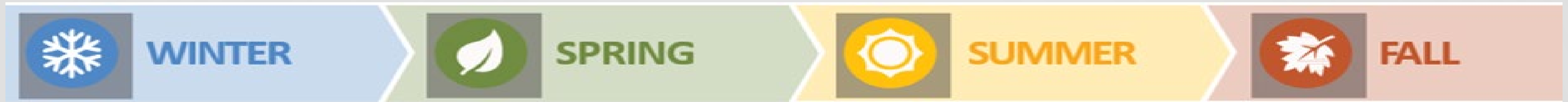
- Much improved surface storage going into WY 2024
- Continue to plan and prepare for extreme dry or wet conditions
- Planning cycle for 2024 SWP allocations begins in November
- Ongoing coordination with Local, State and Federal agencies



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2024 SWP Planning and Operations



December through June

Allocation:

Initial 2024 Allocation (December) and reassess monthly, final issued May/June

Reservoir Operations:

Instream flow and Delta requirements, Flood control (wet), reduce for storage conservation (dry)

Export Operations:

Increase to capture storm flows for storage for later in the year and adjust for Delta requirements and ESA/CESA fisheries protections

July through September

Reservoir Operations:

Release water for export and instream flow and Delta requirements, target end of year carryover storage

Export Operations:

Adjust for Delta requirements, water supply, and 3rd party transfers, if applicable

October and November

Reservoir Operations:

Ramp down releases for fisheries and storage conservation

Export Operations:

Adjust for Delta requirements



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Thank You

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