



SWP Planning and Operations

Water Year 2025
to Date

California Water
Commission

February 19, 2025

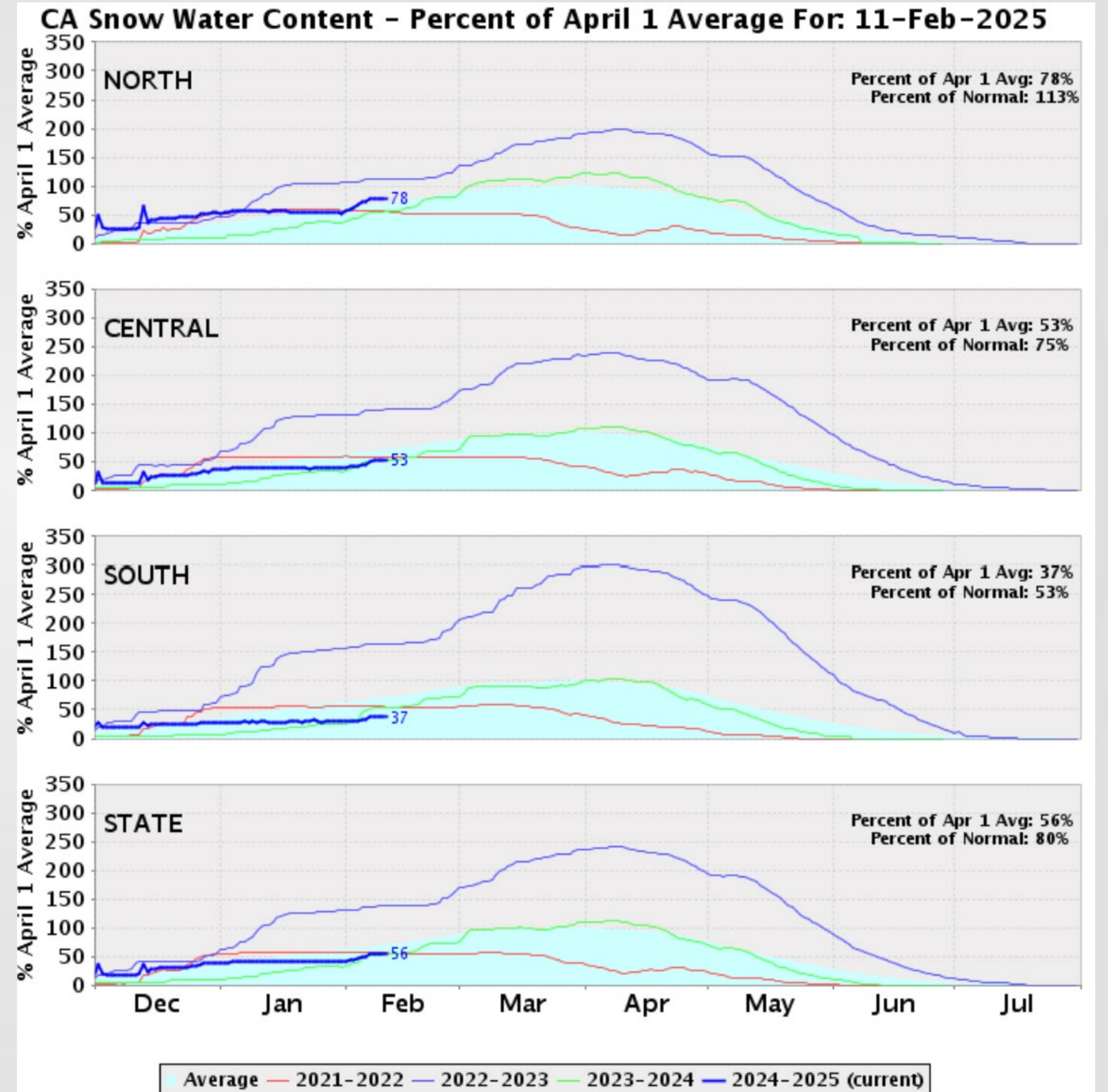
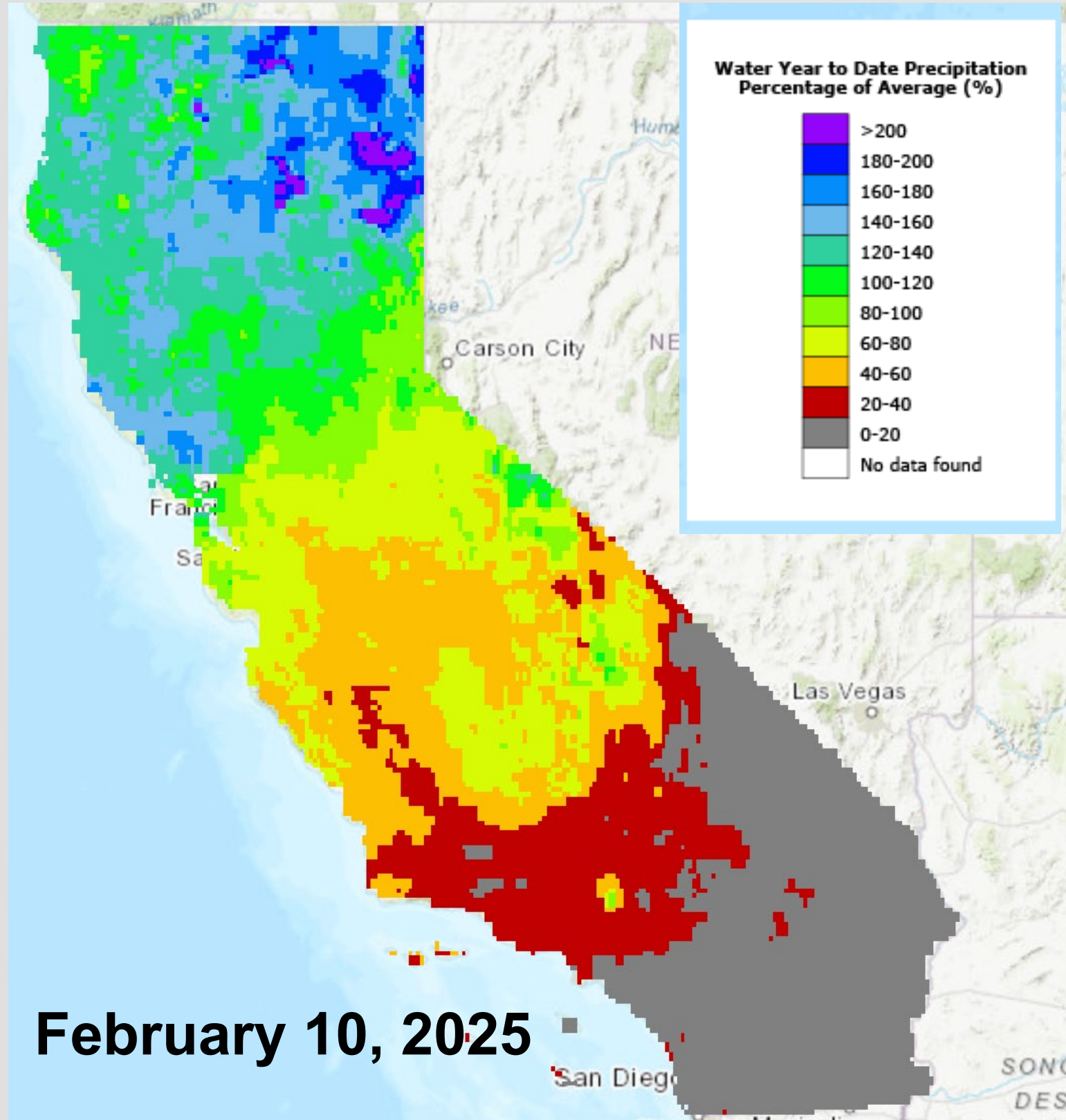
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SWP Water Supply Objectives

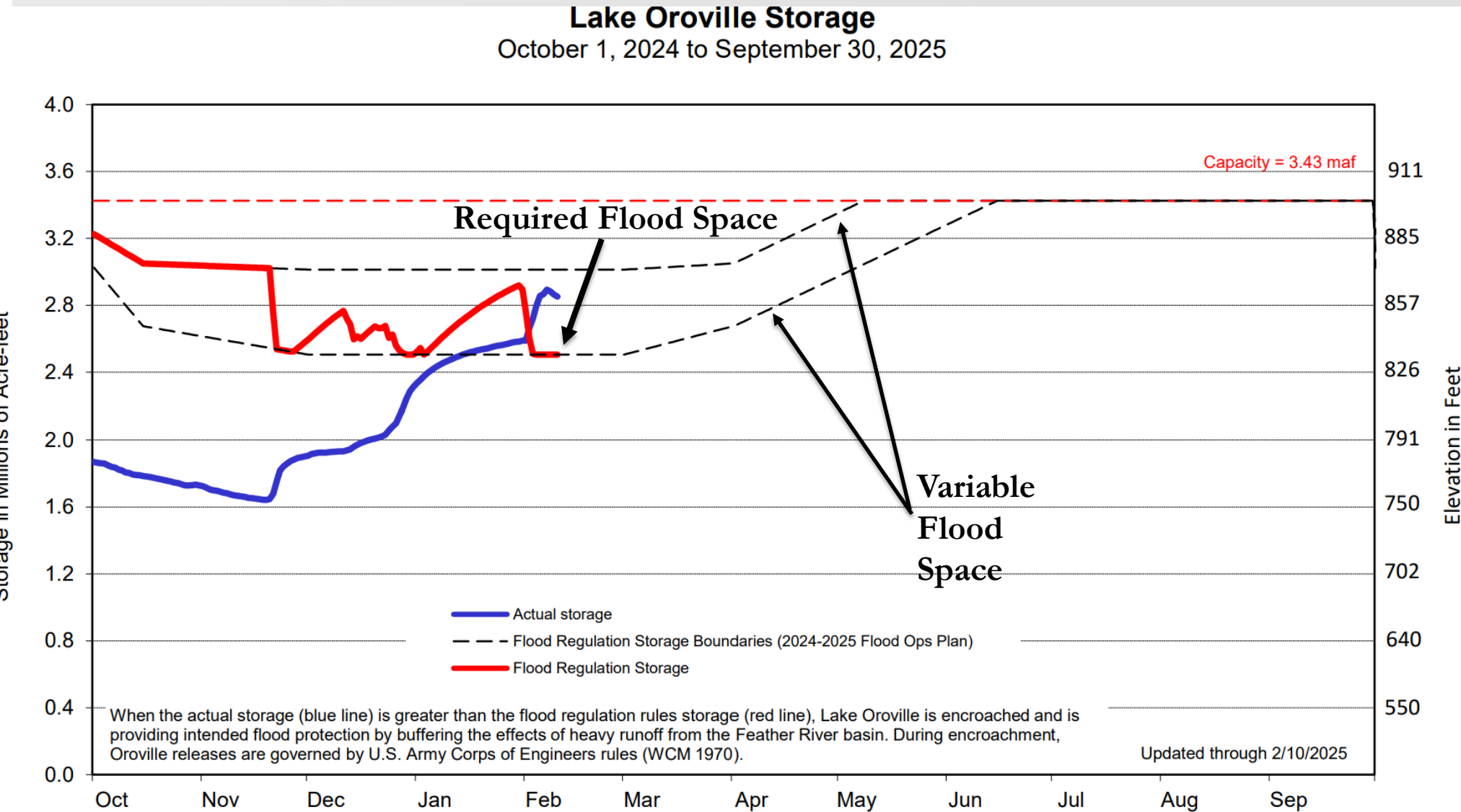
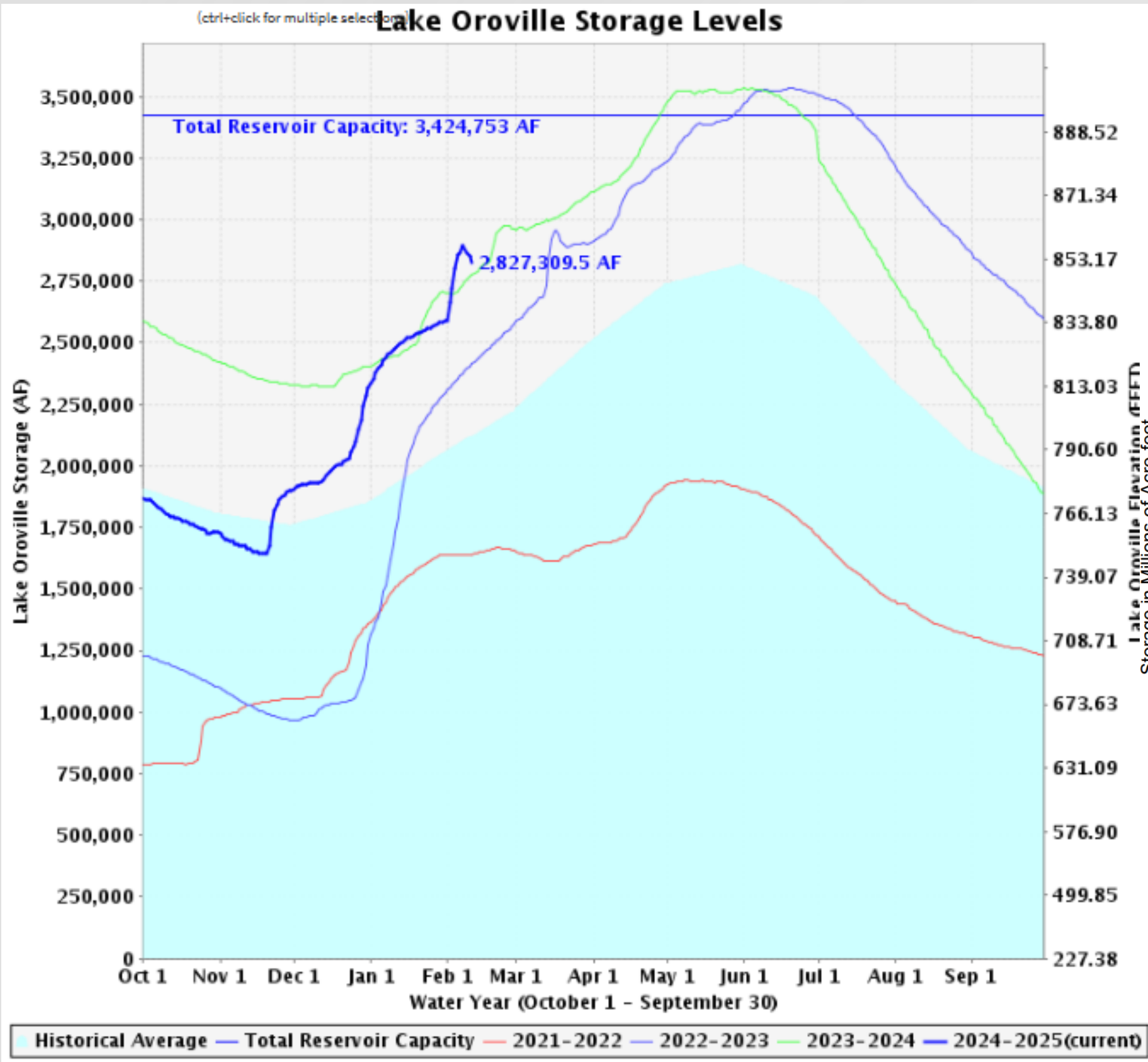
- Delivering water to meet minimum health and safety needs
- Preserving upstream storage for future dry year and drought protection
- Meeting regulatory requirements
- Delivering water based on priority, and
- Maximizing diversion to storage and delivery of water supply



Precipitation and Snowpack Conditions



Lake Oroville Water Year 2025

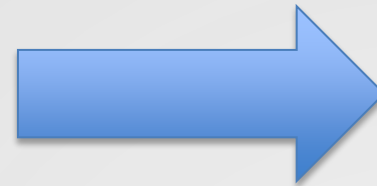


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December through June

SWP Allocations:

Initial 2025 Allocation (December) and reassess monthly, final allocation issued May/June

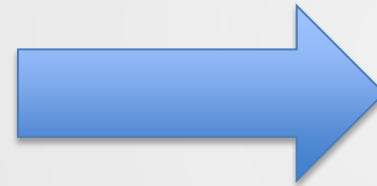


Actions to Date

- ❖ December 1 – issued initial allocation of 5%
- ❖ Continue to reassess, latest allocation is 20% State Water Contractor coordination ongoing

Reservoir Operations:

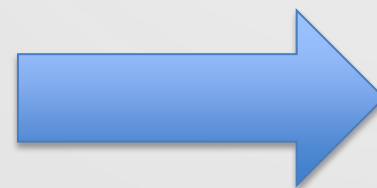
Instream flow and Delta requirements, Flood control (wet), reduce for storage conservation (dry)



- ❖ Increases from required Feather River minimums for flood management
- ❖ Will continue to adjust releases for flood control, storage conservation and downstream needs

Export Operations:

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



- ❖ Dynamic Delta conditions
- ❖ Adjusting exports to increase fisheries flow pursuant to ESA/CESA permits
- ❖ Close coordination with Reclamation, CDFW, NMFS and USFWS on Delta operations **

* Endangered Species Act/California Endangered Species Act

** U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Cal Dept of Fish & Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Reservoir Operations

Water Control Manual (WCM) Update

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will kick off the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process – late Spring 2025
- Analyzing FIRO operations for potential inclusion

Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO)

- 5-year effort to assess the viability of FIRO in the Yuba-Feather watershed
- Final Viability Report to be posted in Spring 2025
- The report is expected to inform the USACE's WCM update process

The seal of the California Department of Water Resources is a circular emblem. It features a central landscape with a winding river, green hills, and a yellow field. The text "DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES" is written in a circle around the top, and "STATE OF CALIFORNIA" is written around the bottom. The seal is rendered in a light blue and green color scheme.

Thank You

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