

Basin Conditions Update

LCRA Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2024



U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

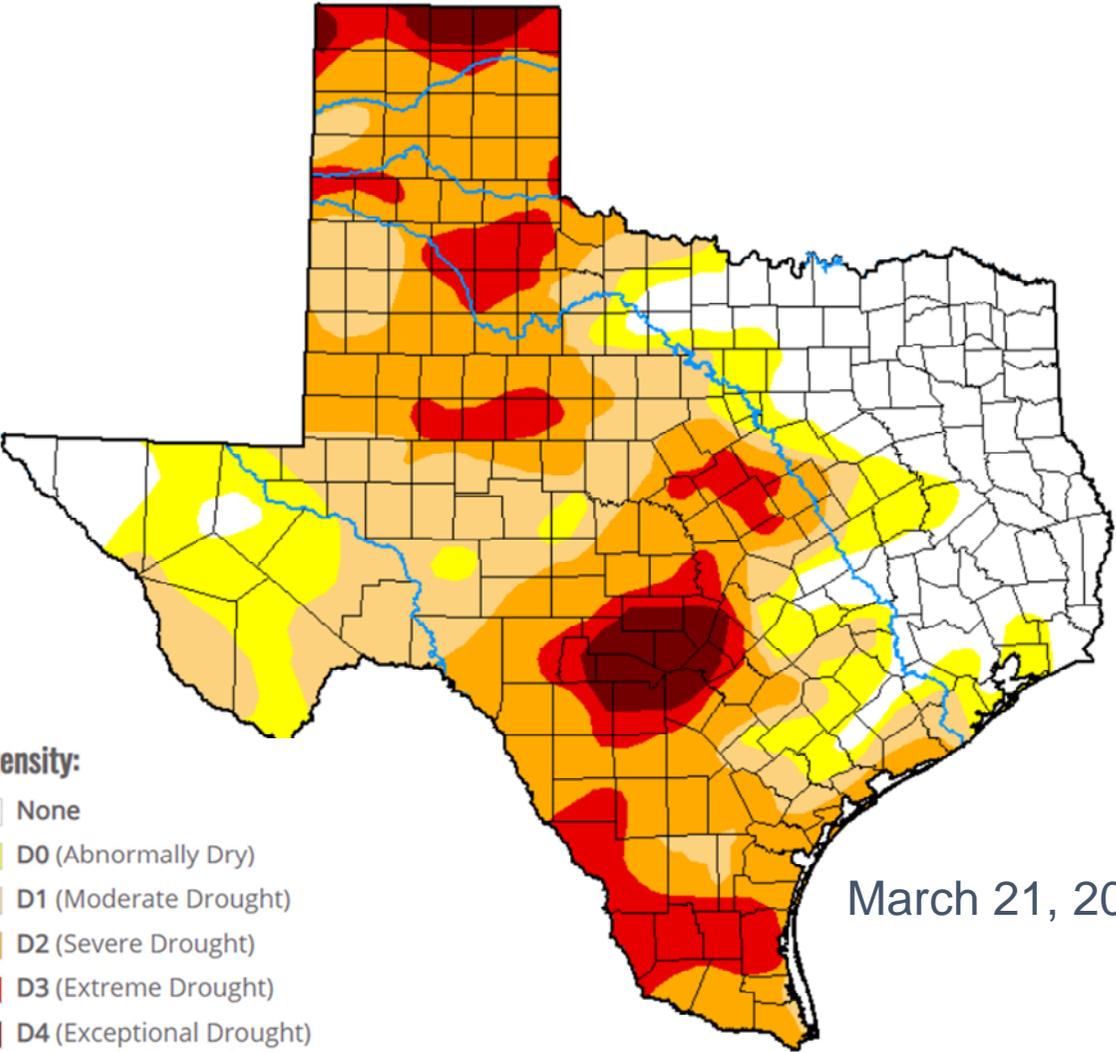
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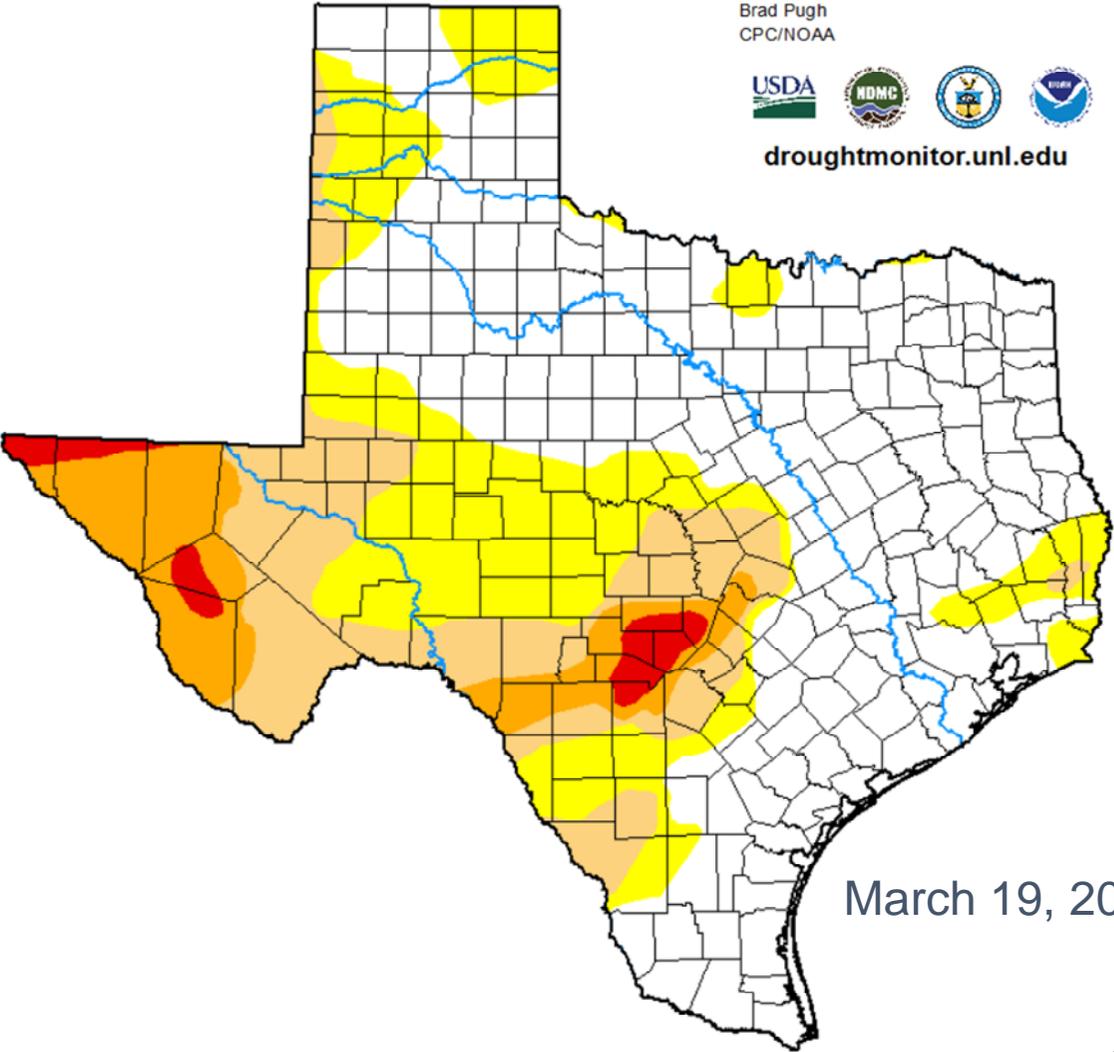
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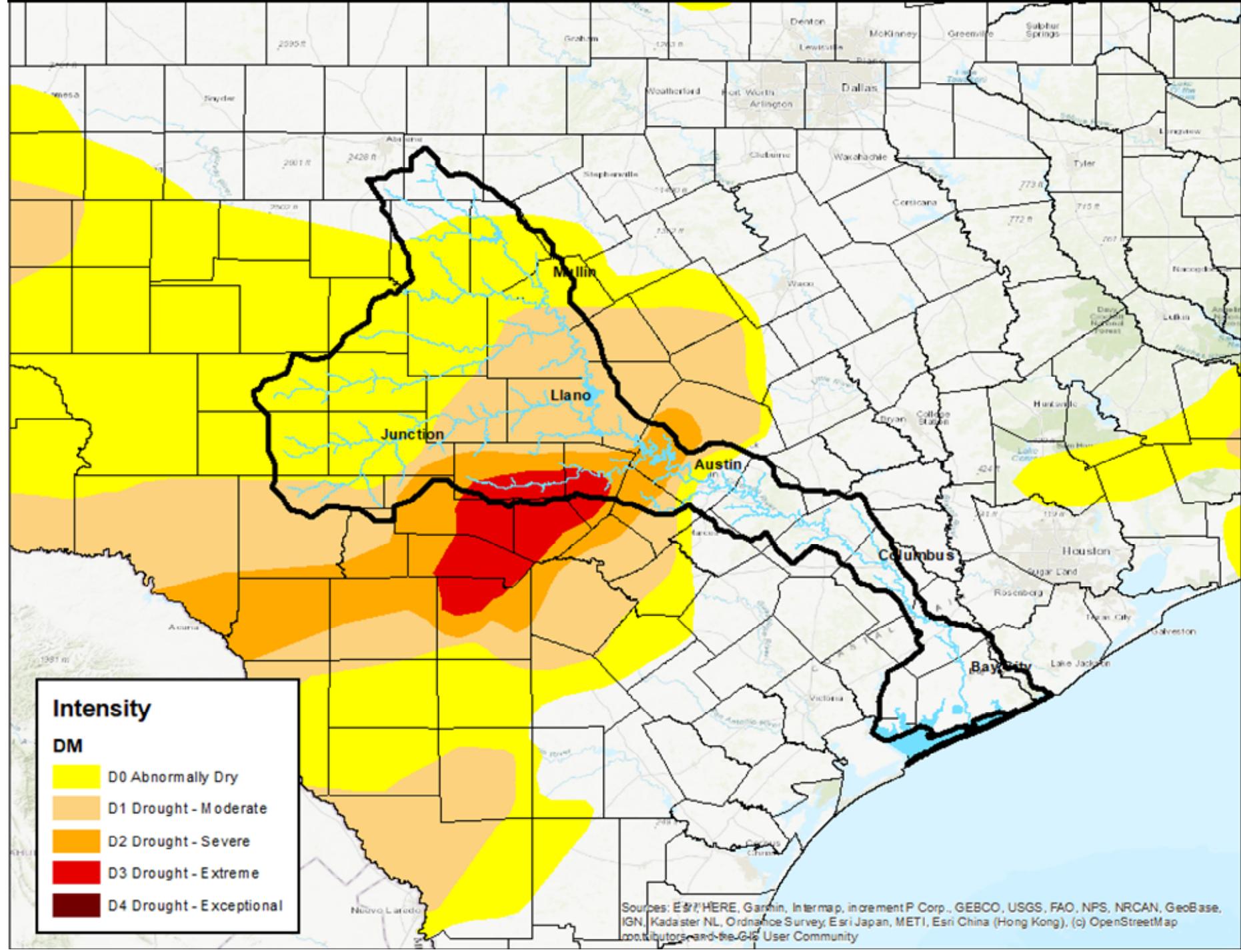
March 19, 2024

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

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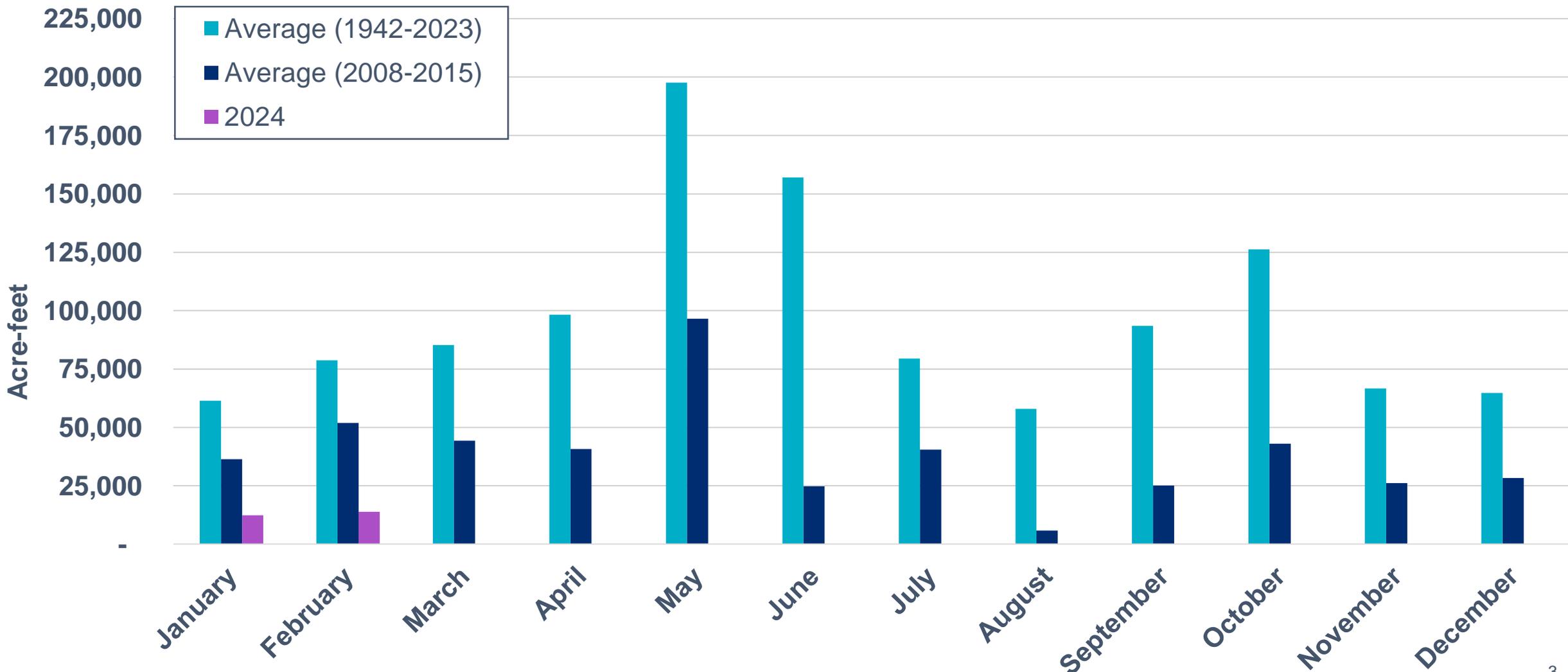
Lower Colorado River Basin

As of March 19, 2024

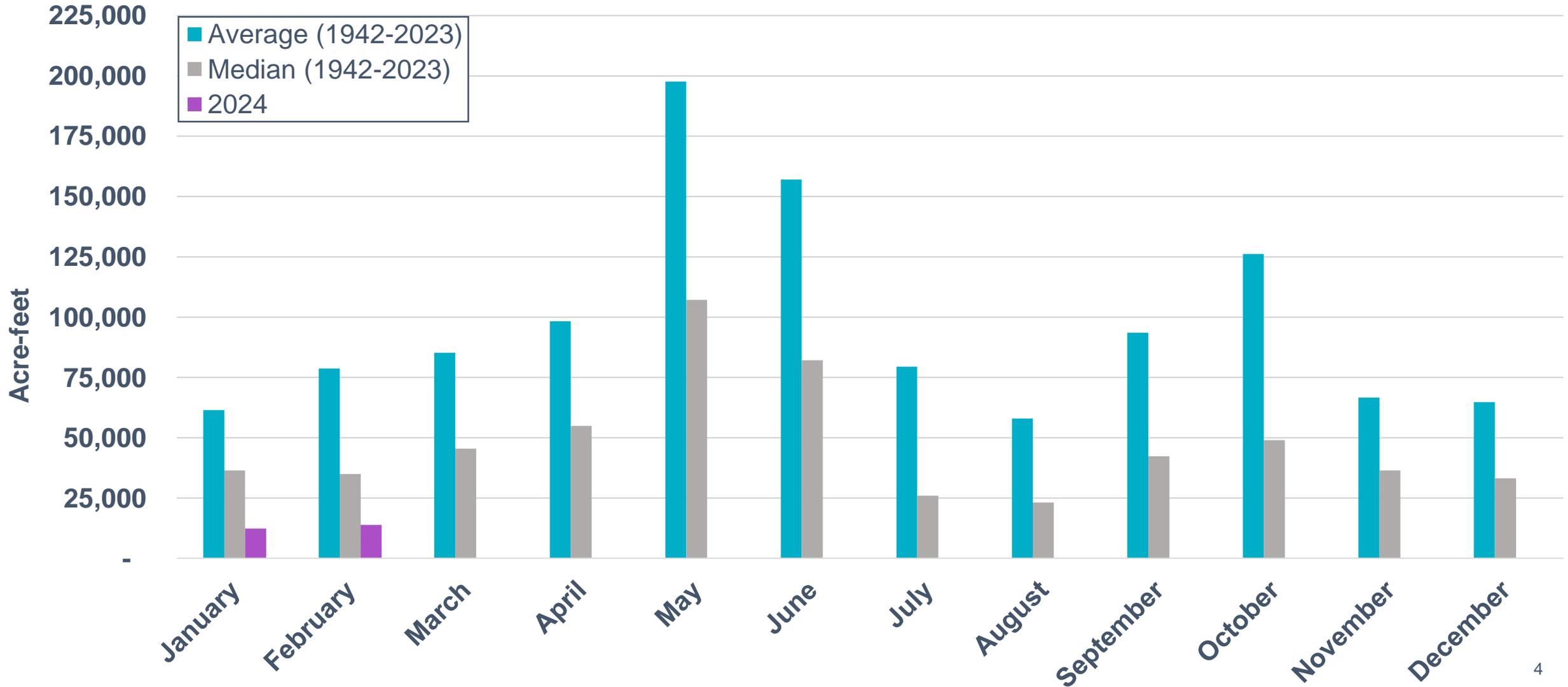


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Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis

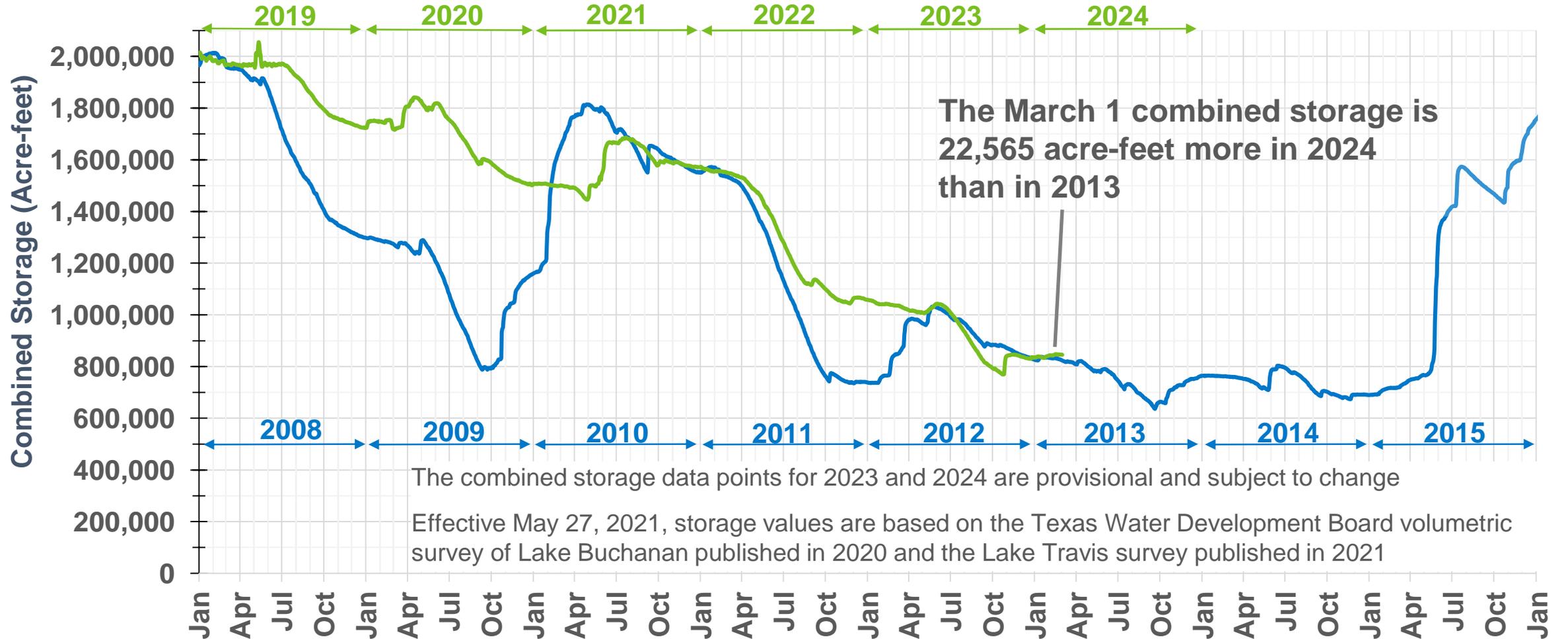


Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis – Median



Combined Storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis

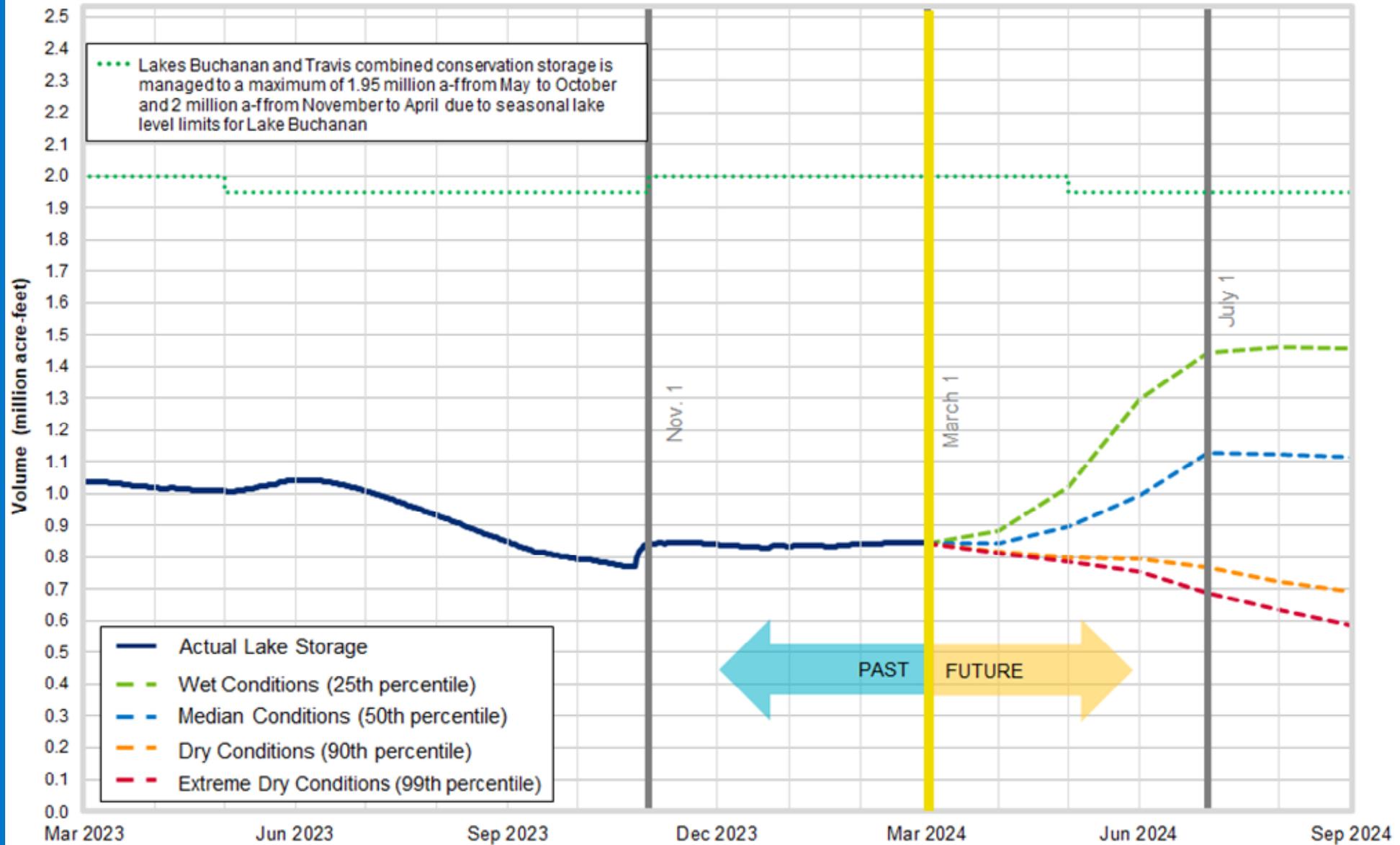
Comparison of 2019-2024 and 2008-2015



The combined storage data points for 2023 and 2024 are provisional and subject to change

Effective May 27, 2021, storage values are based on the Texas Water Development Board volumetric survey of Lake Buchanan published in 2020 and the Lake Travis survey published in 2021

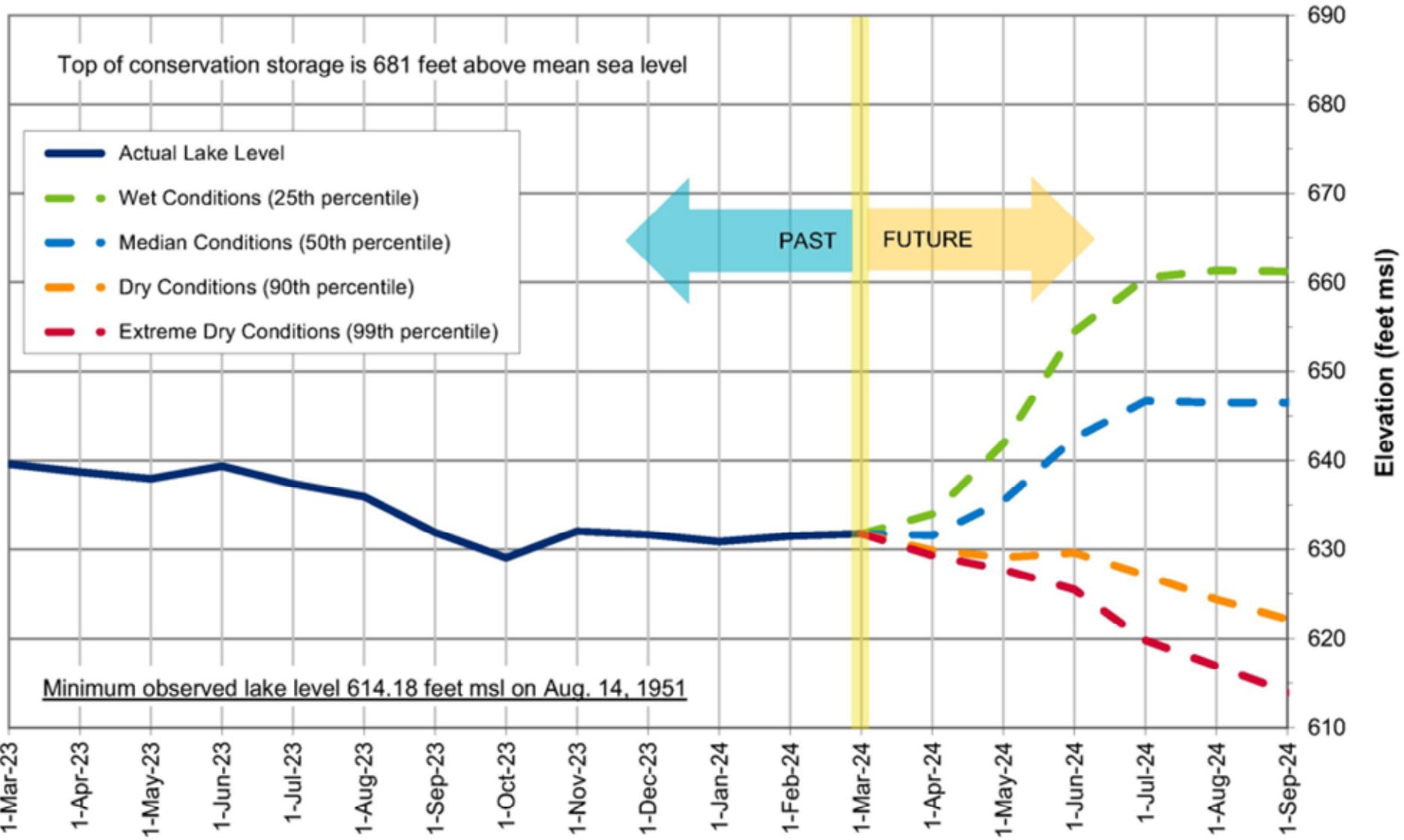
Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections



Date: March 1, 2024

Note: One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons

Lake Travis Level Projection*

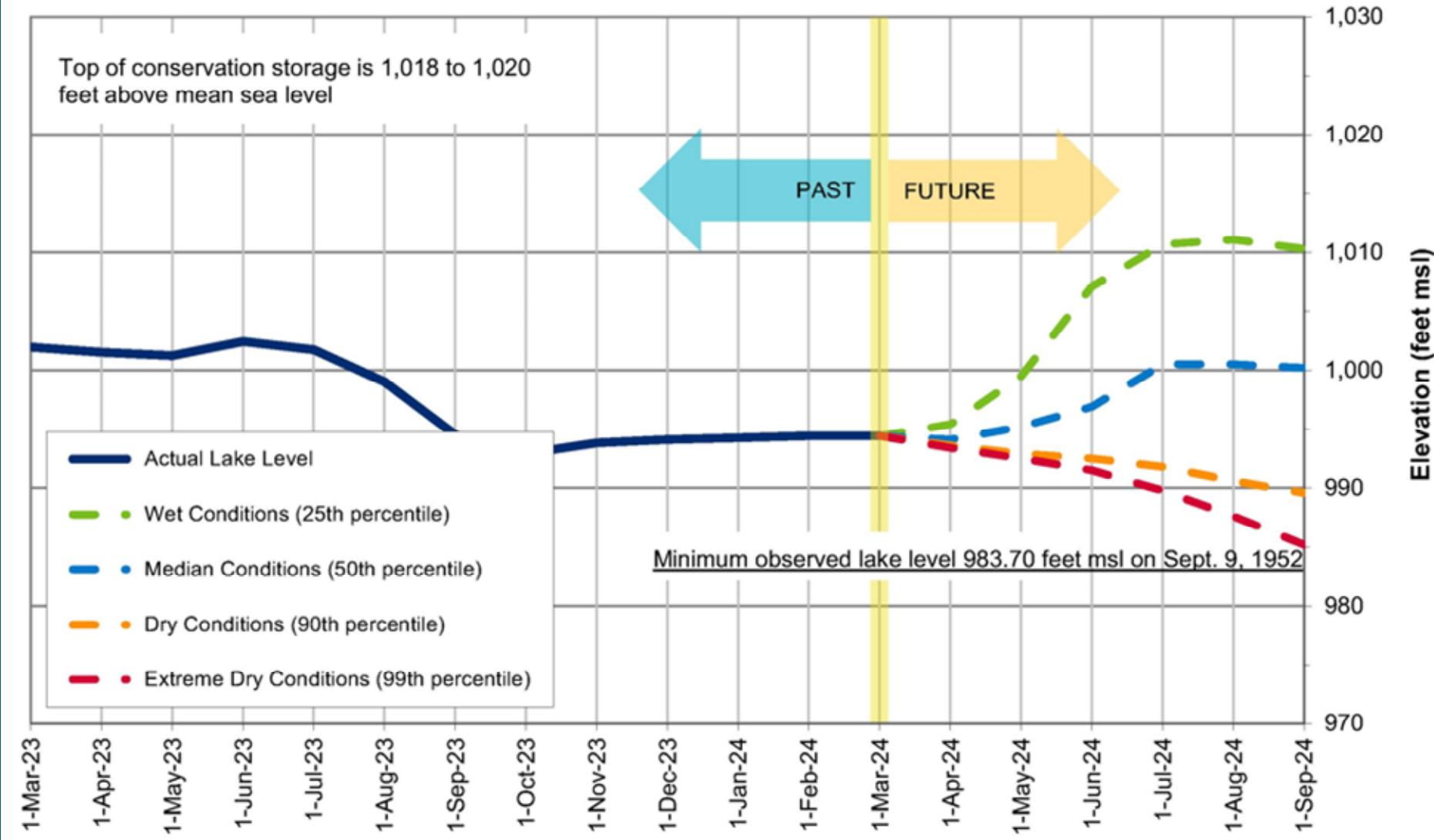


**Average for March:
668.74 feet msl**

**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 March:
1,011.51 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

	March 1, 2023	March 1, 2024
Lake Travis (feet msl)	639.55	631.78
Lake Buchanan (feet msl)	1,001.92	994.42
Combined storage* (a-f)	1,036,507	845,086

*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 1,018 feet msl in the months of May through October or above 1,020 feet msl in the months of November through April and any water in Lake Travis above elevation 681 feet msl.



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