

Basin Conditions Update

Water Operations Committee Meeting

Jan. 21, 2025



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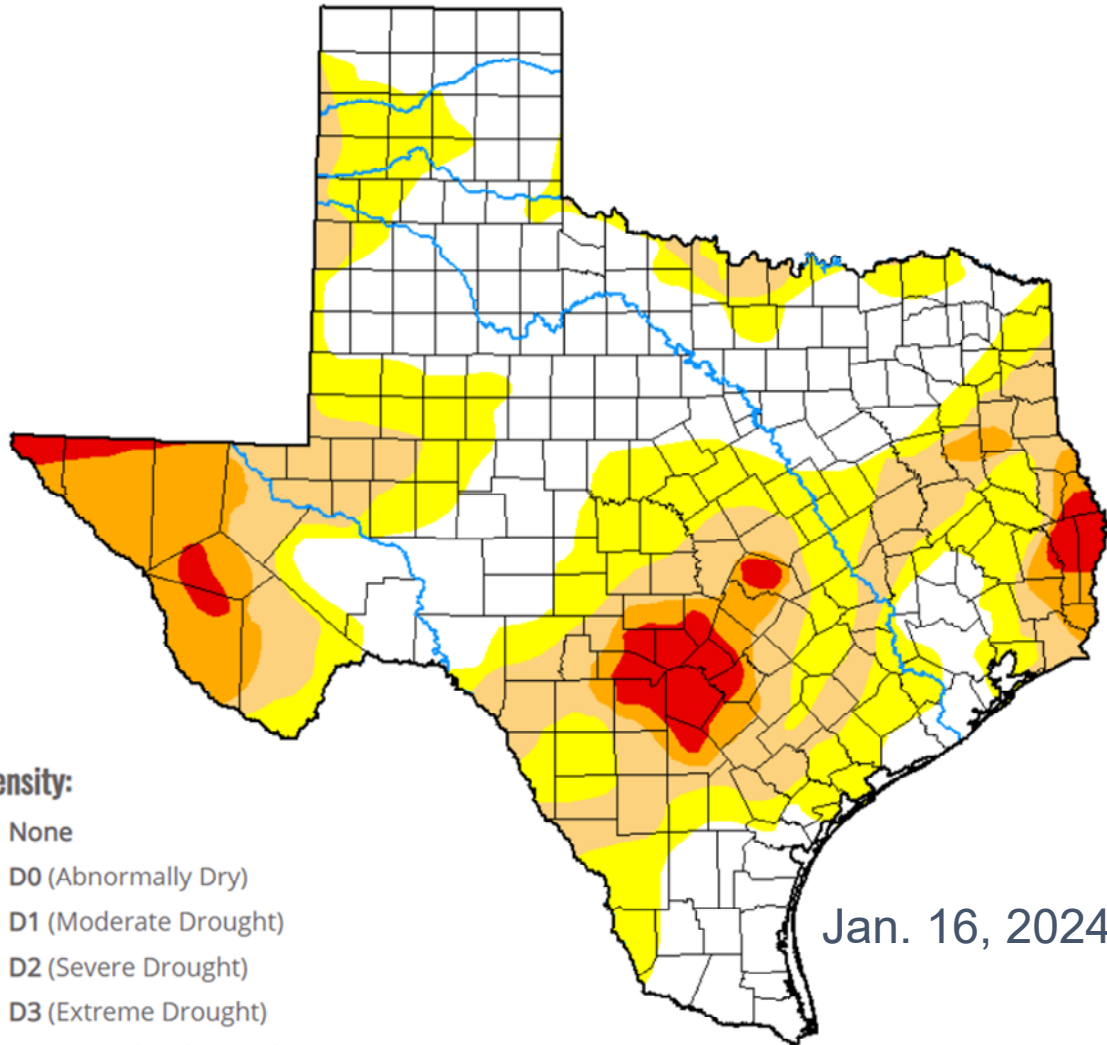
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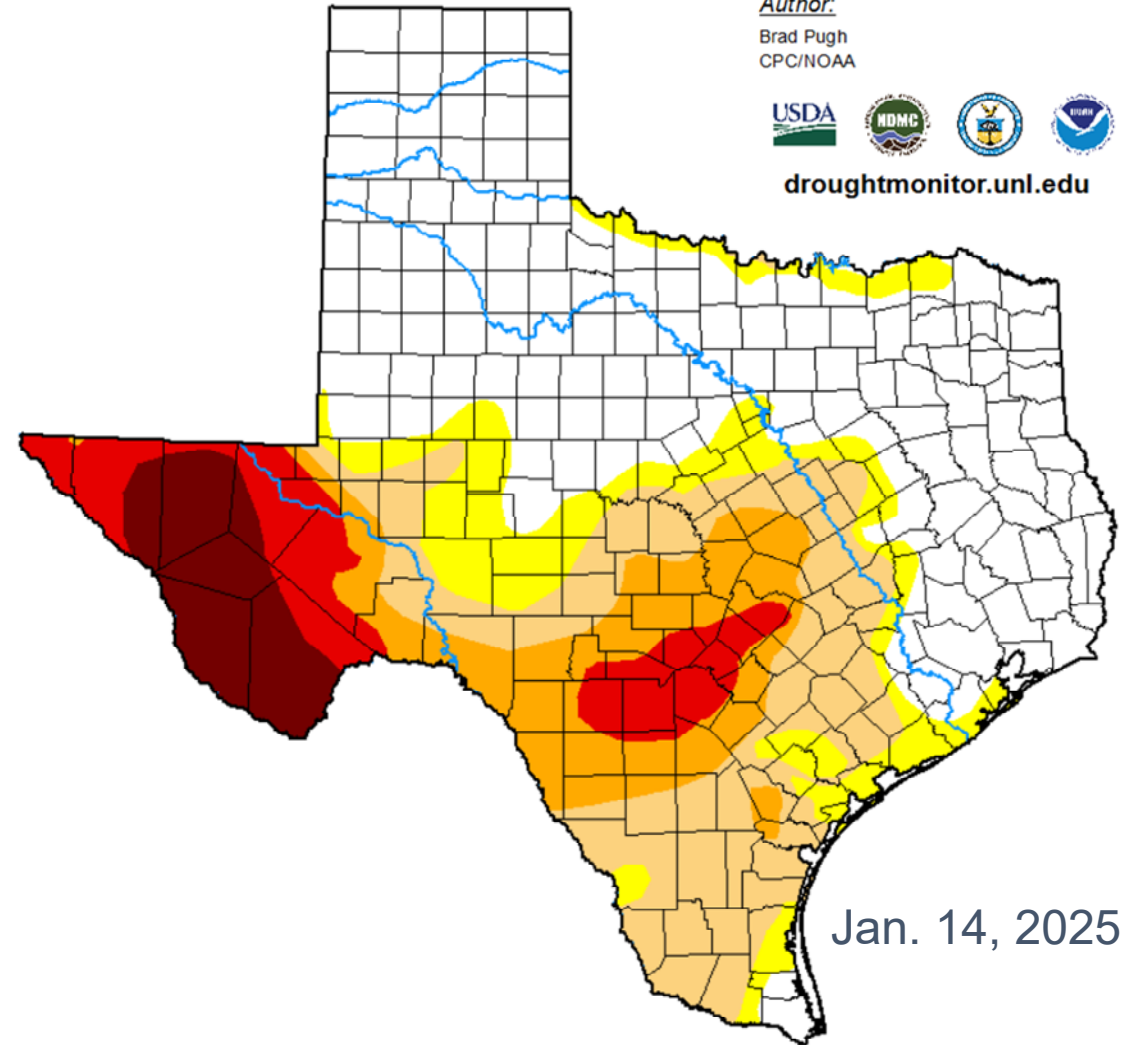
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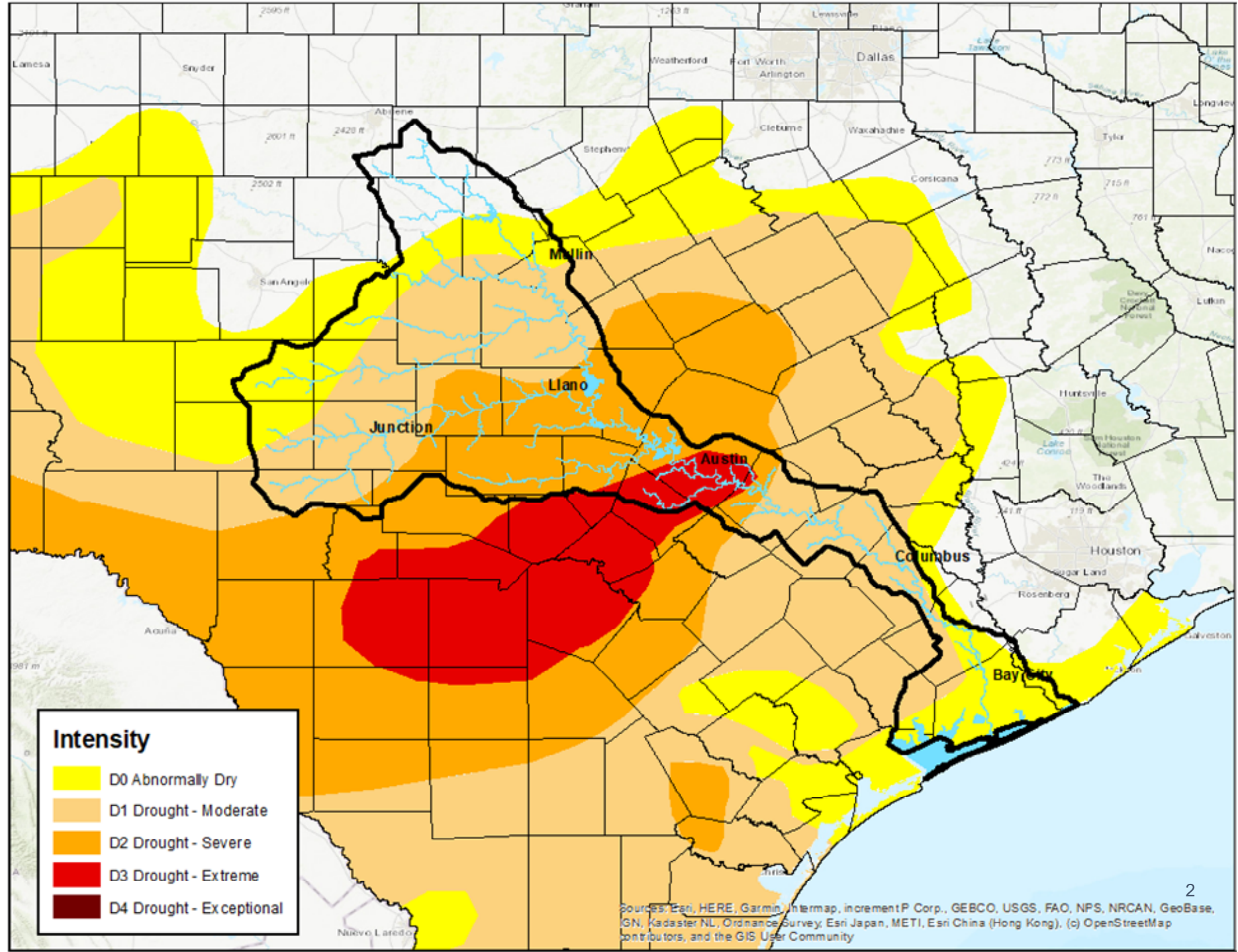
Intensity:

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

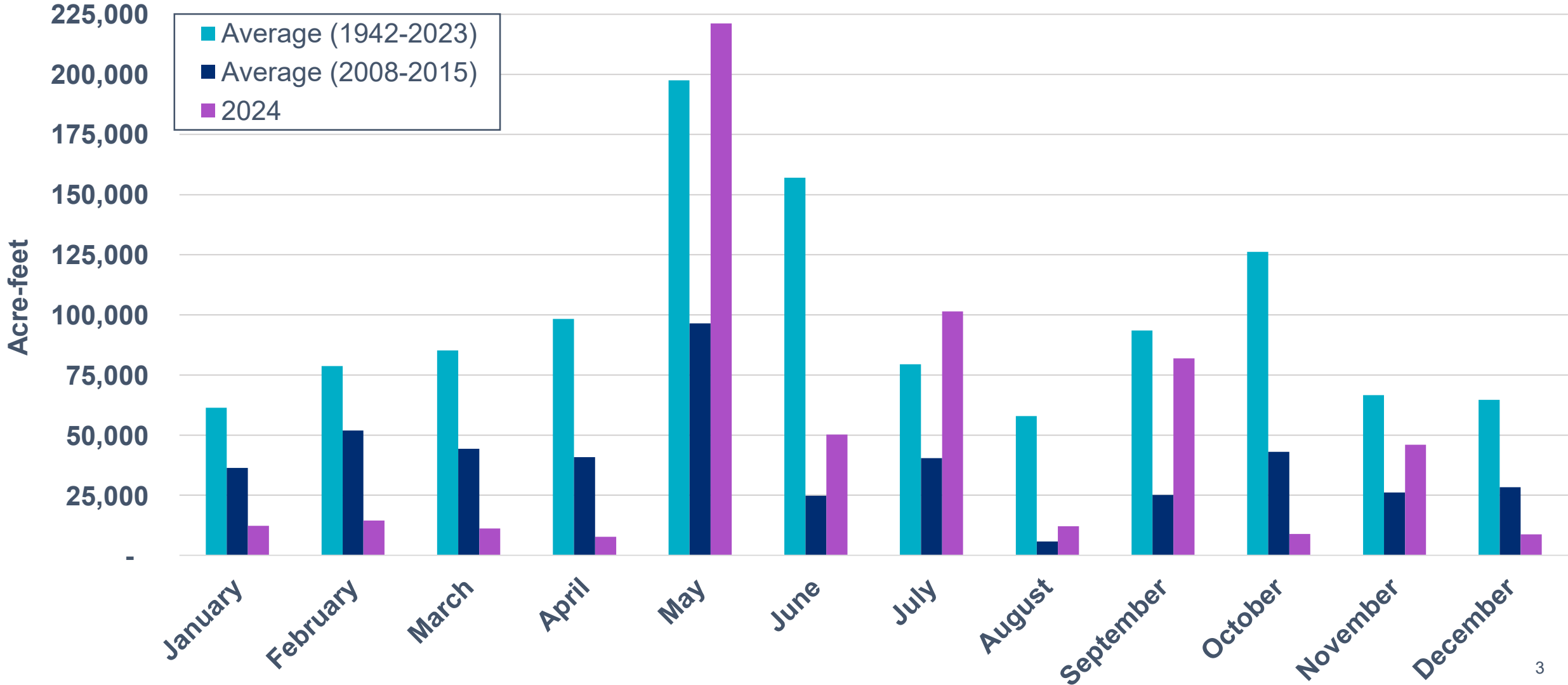
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Lower Colorado River Basin

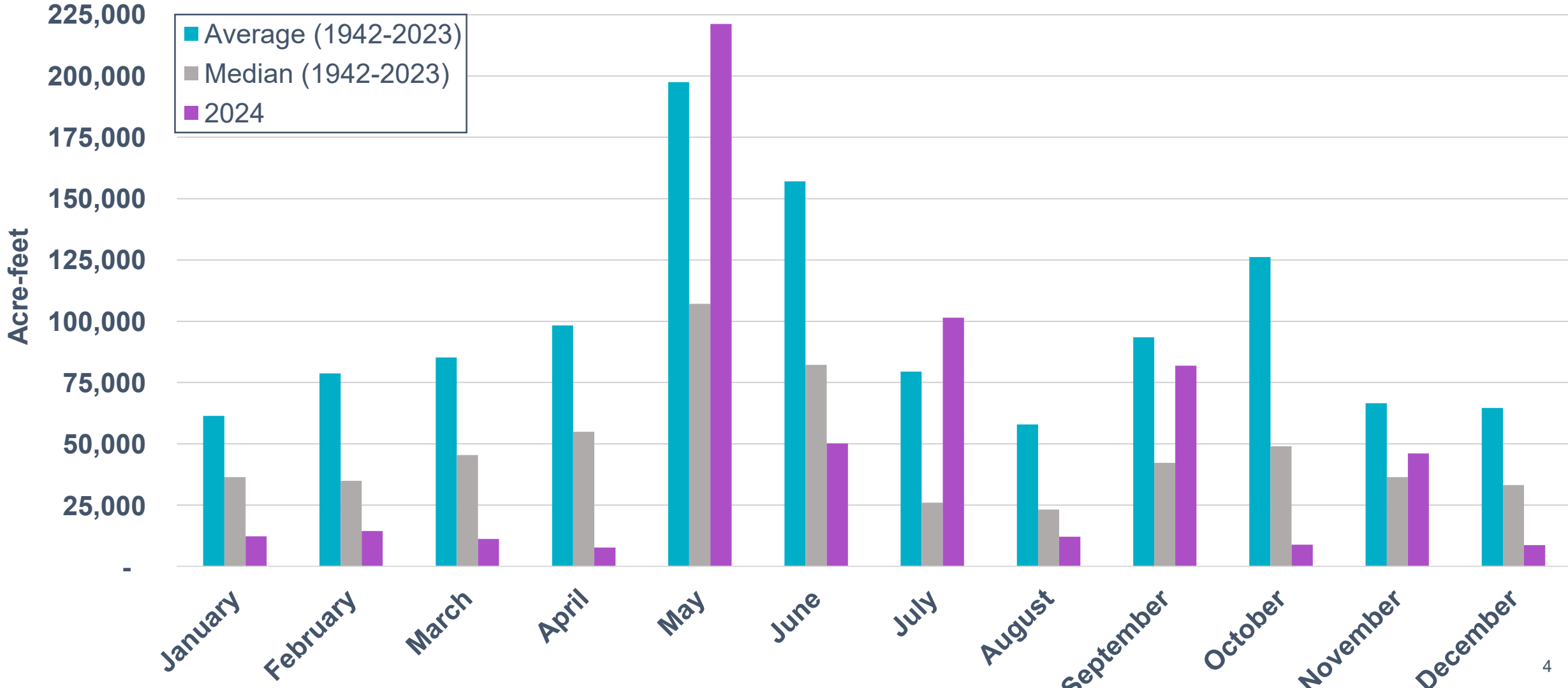
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Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis

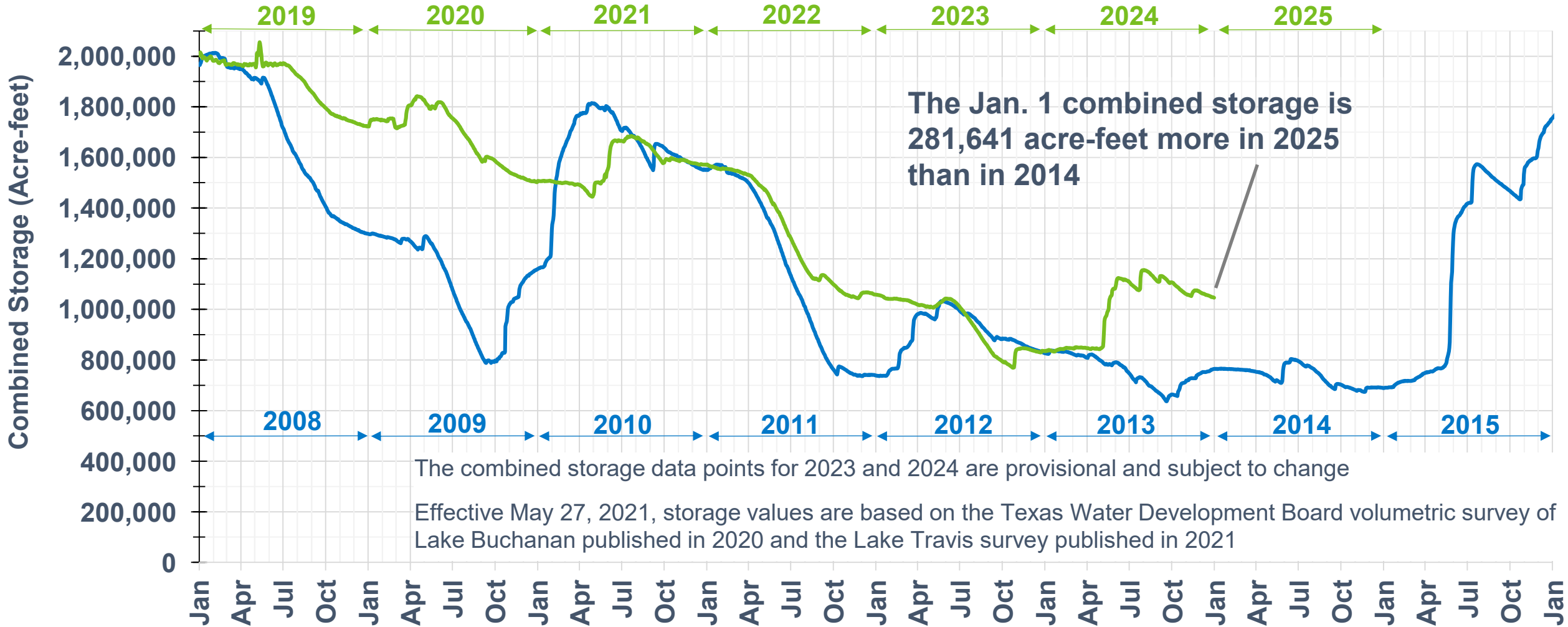


Water Flowing Into Lakes Buchanan and Travis – Median

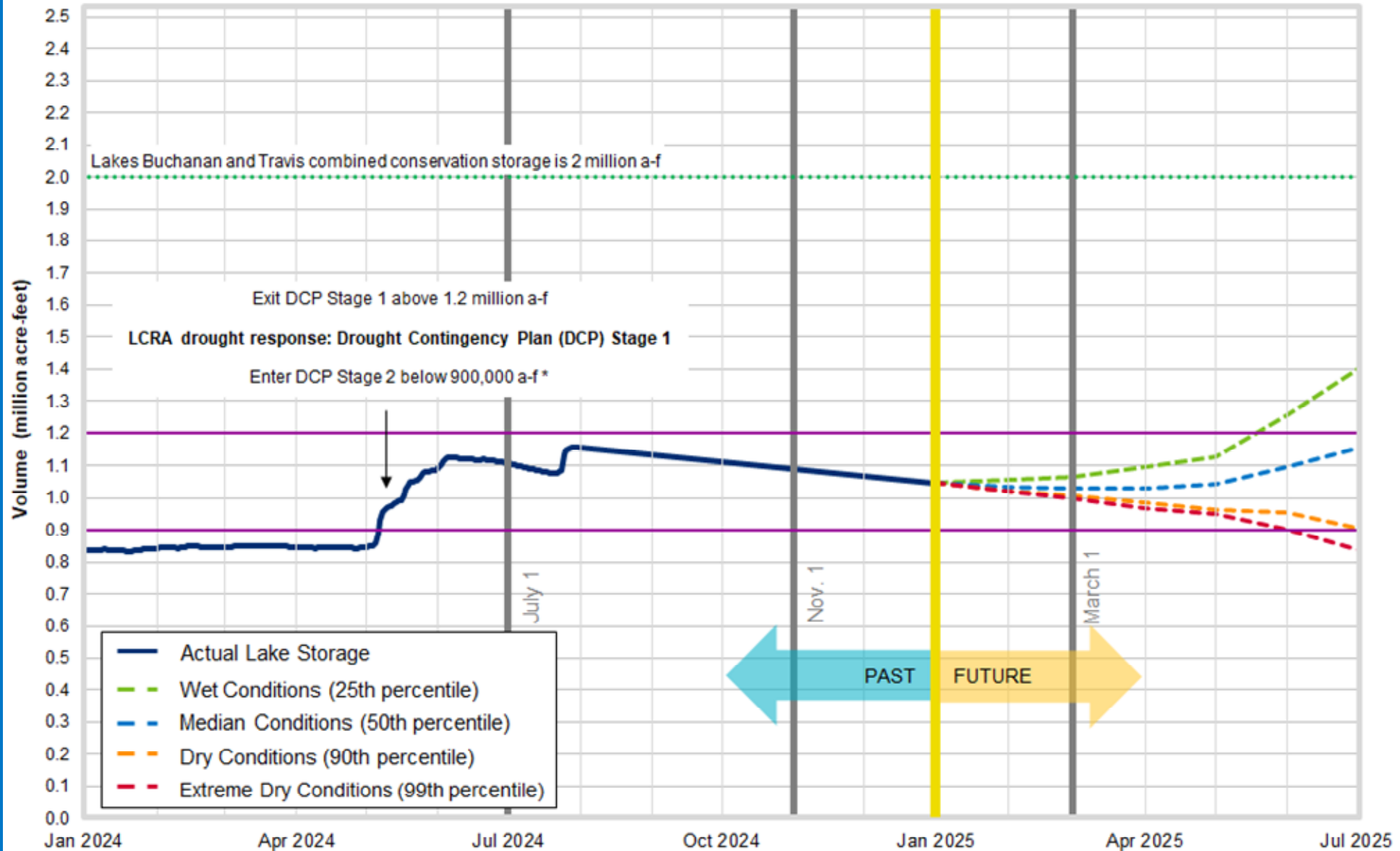


Combined Storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis

Comparison of 2019-2025 and 2008-2015

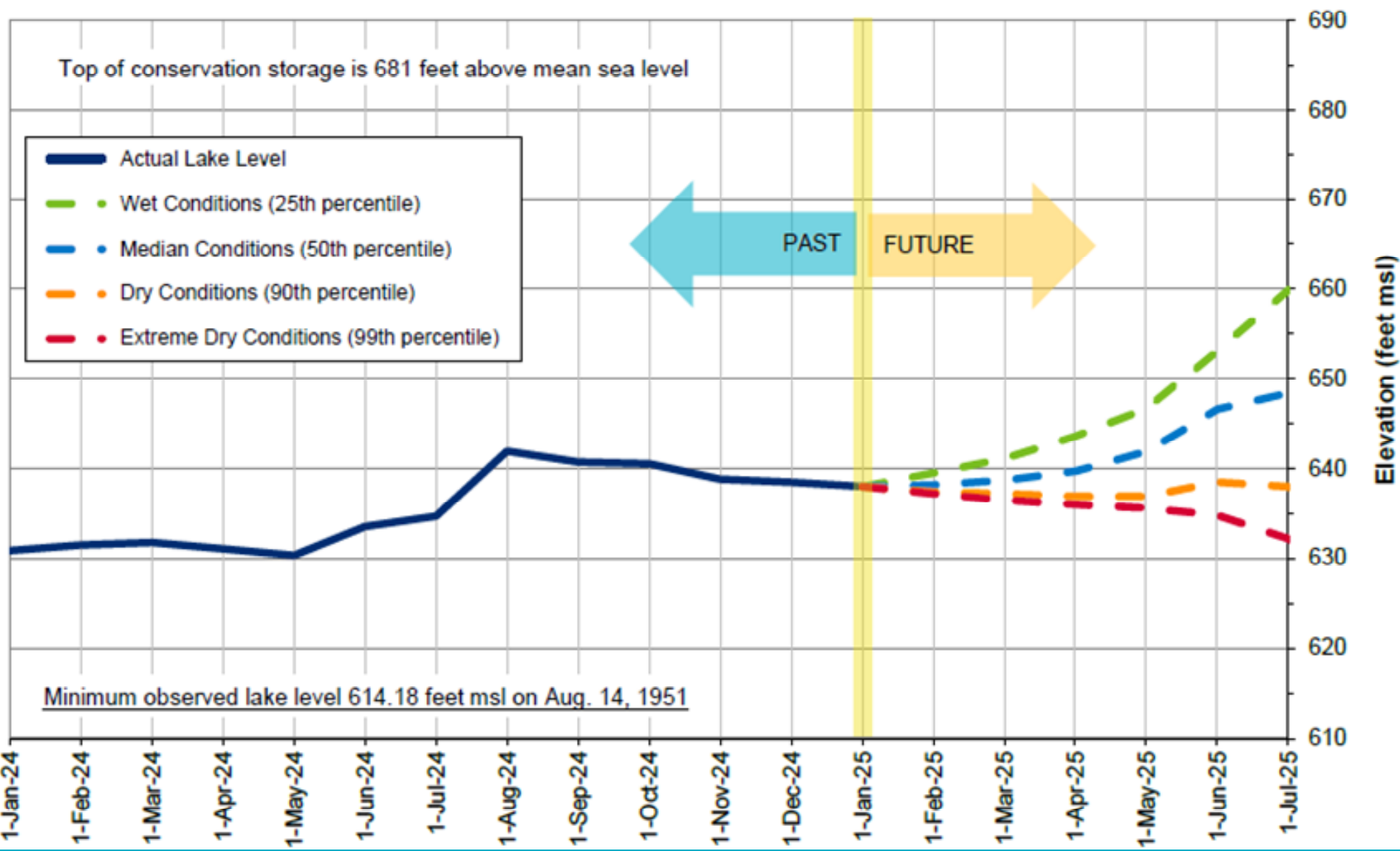


Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections



* LCRA also would enter DCP Stage 2 on March 1 or July 1 if combined storage is below 1.1 million a-f and the prior three-month inflows total is less than the 25th percentile of historic inflows for that three-month period

Lake Travis Level Projection*

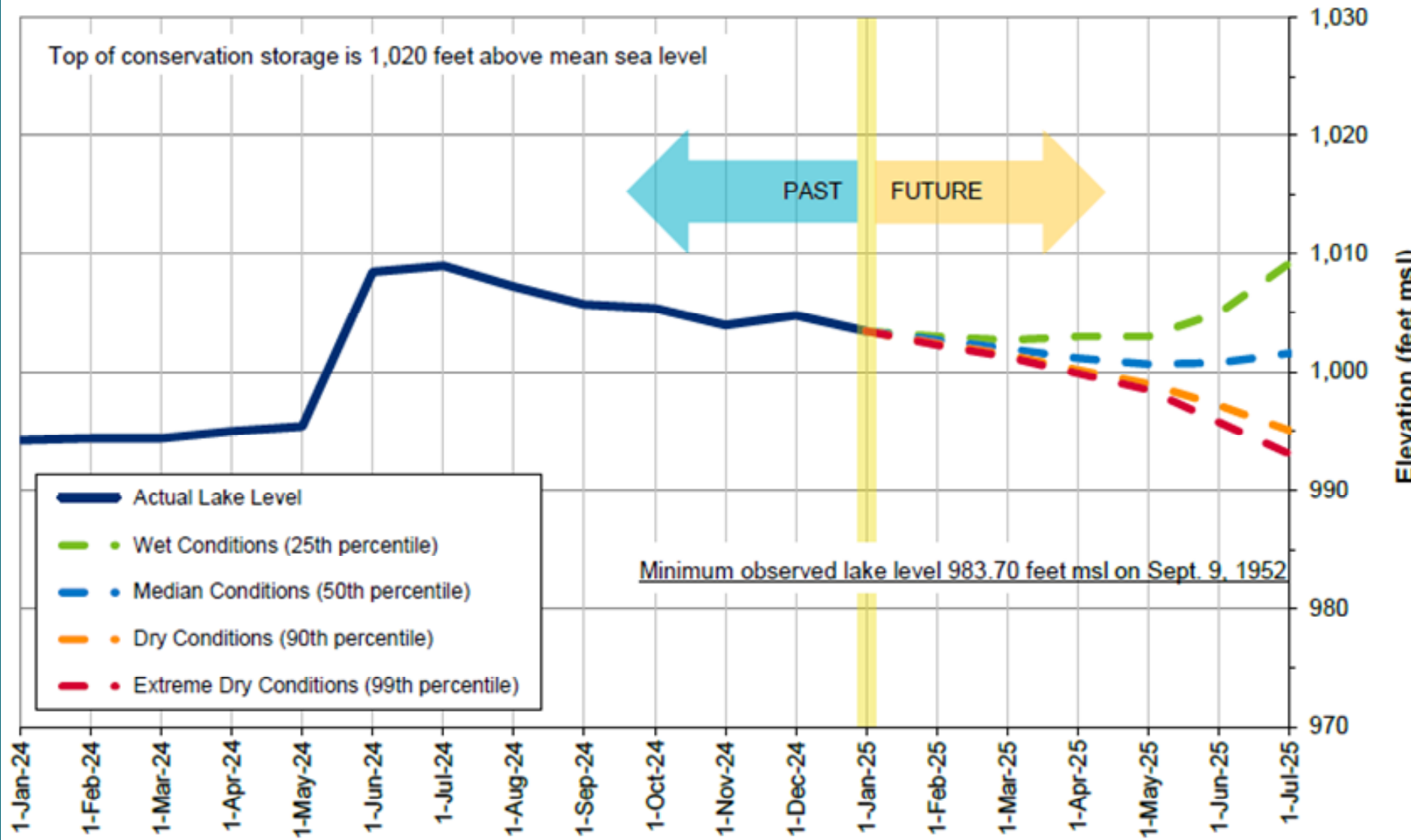


Average for January:
666.68 feet msl

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
January:
1,010.58 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

	Jan. 1, 2024	Jan. 1, 2025
Lake Travis (feet msl)	630.90	637.96
Lake Buchanan (feet msl)	994.24	1,003.40
Combined storage* (a-f)	834,460	1,045,045

*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.

