One Water and Stewardship Committee

Update on WSDM

Item 6c

November 13, 2023

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Subject

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Purpose

Provide updated supply and hydrologic information

Water Year 2023: Drought to Abundance

Shasta Lake (October 2022)

Credit: DWR

Lake Oroville (October 2022)

Credit: DWR

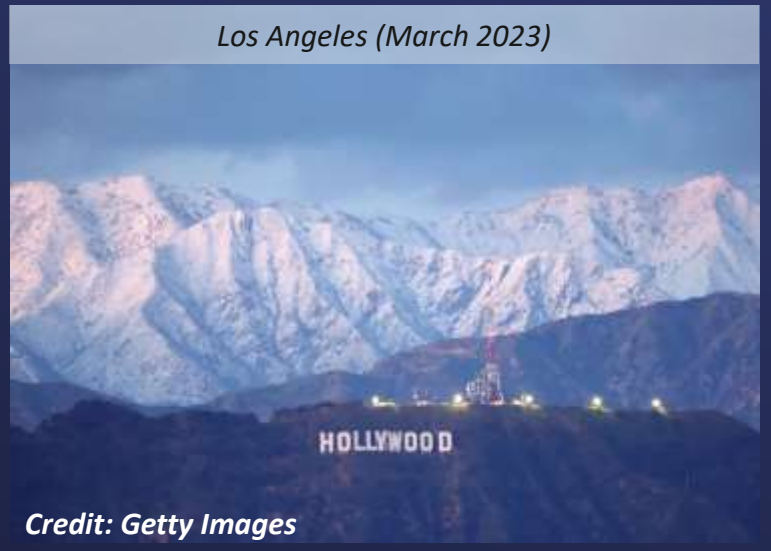
Lake Mead (January 2023)

Credit: Fox News Las Vegas

Tulare Lake (May 2023)

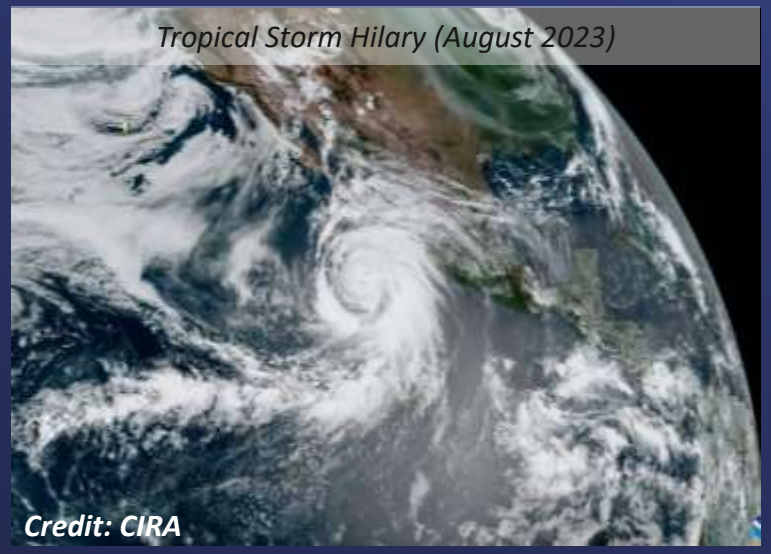
Credit: DWR

Los Angeles (March 2023)



Credit: Getty Images

Tropical Storm Hilary (August 2023)



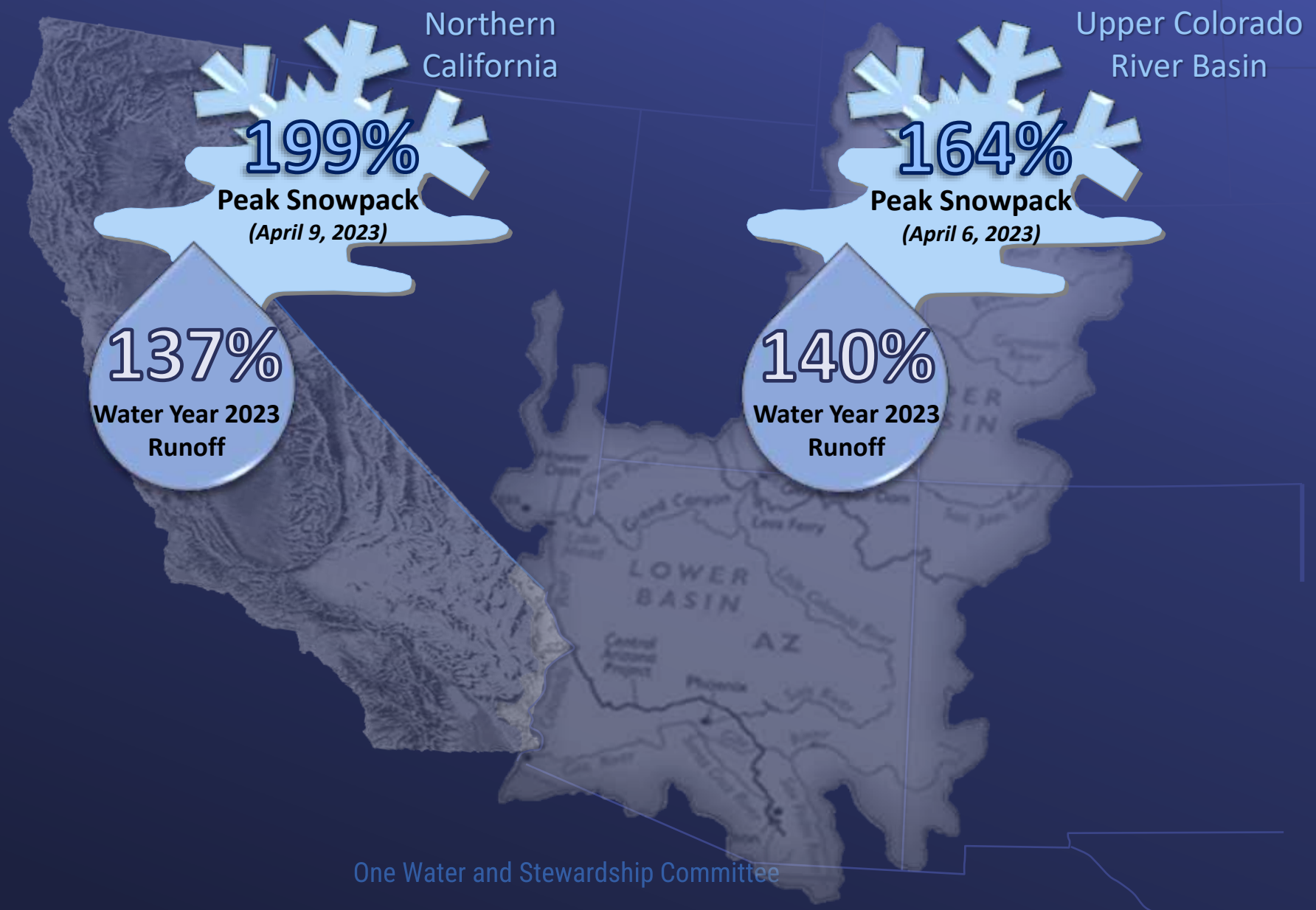
Credit: CIRA

Word of the Water Year: Whiplash

2022

2023

Water Year Hydrologic Conditions: Near-Record Breaking



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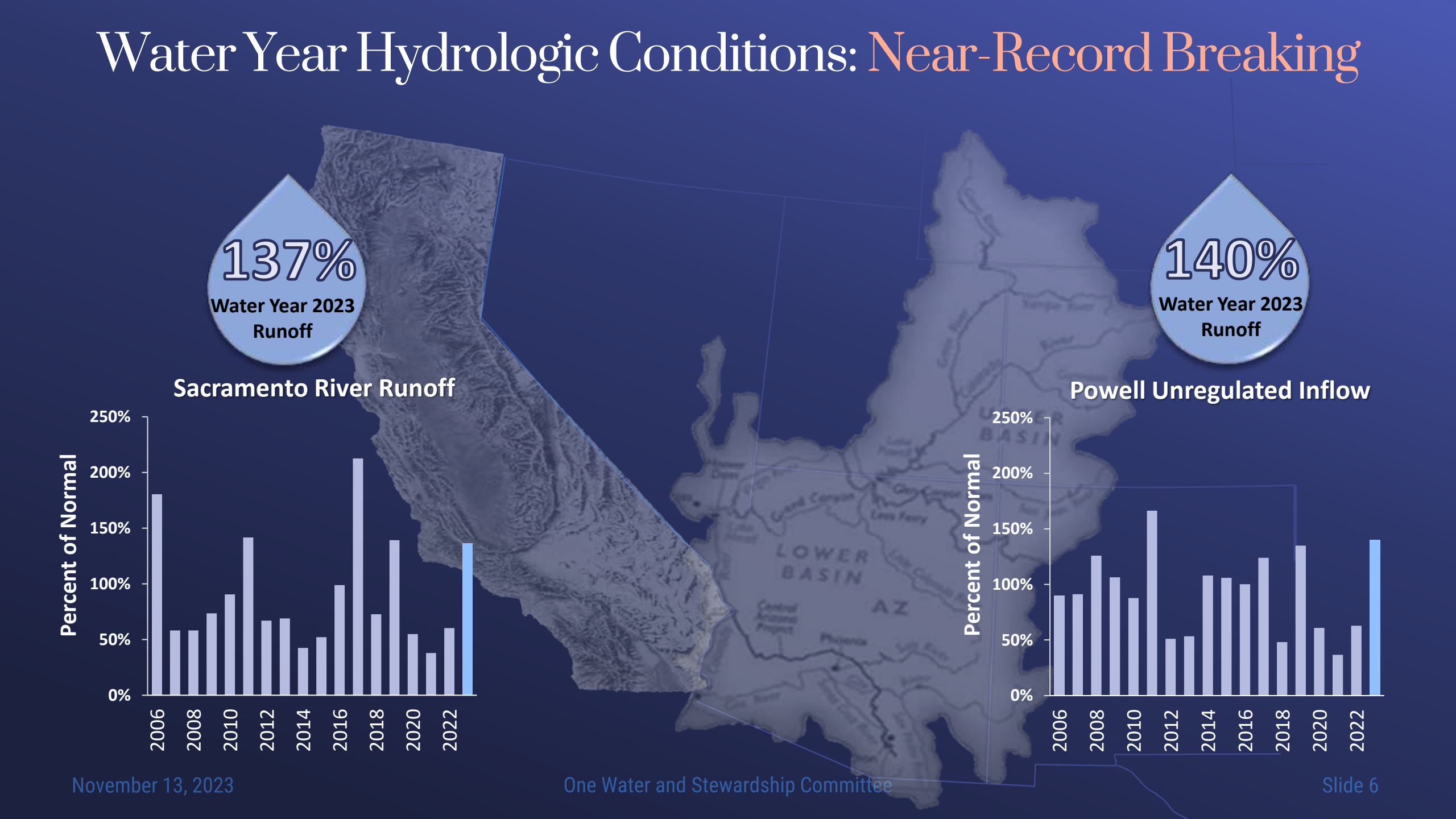

State Water Project

Credit: DWR

Water Year Highlights: State Water Project

- Over 30 Atmospheric Rivers Hit California
- Near-Record Breaking Snowpack
- Allocation Climbs to 100% as Reservoirs Improve
- Reversal in Drought Conditions

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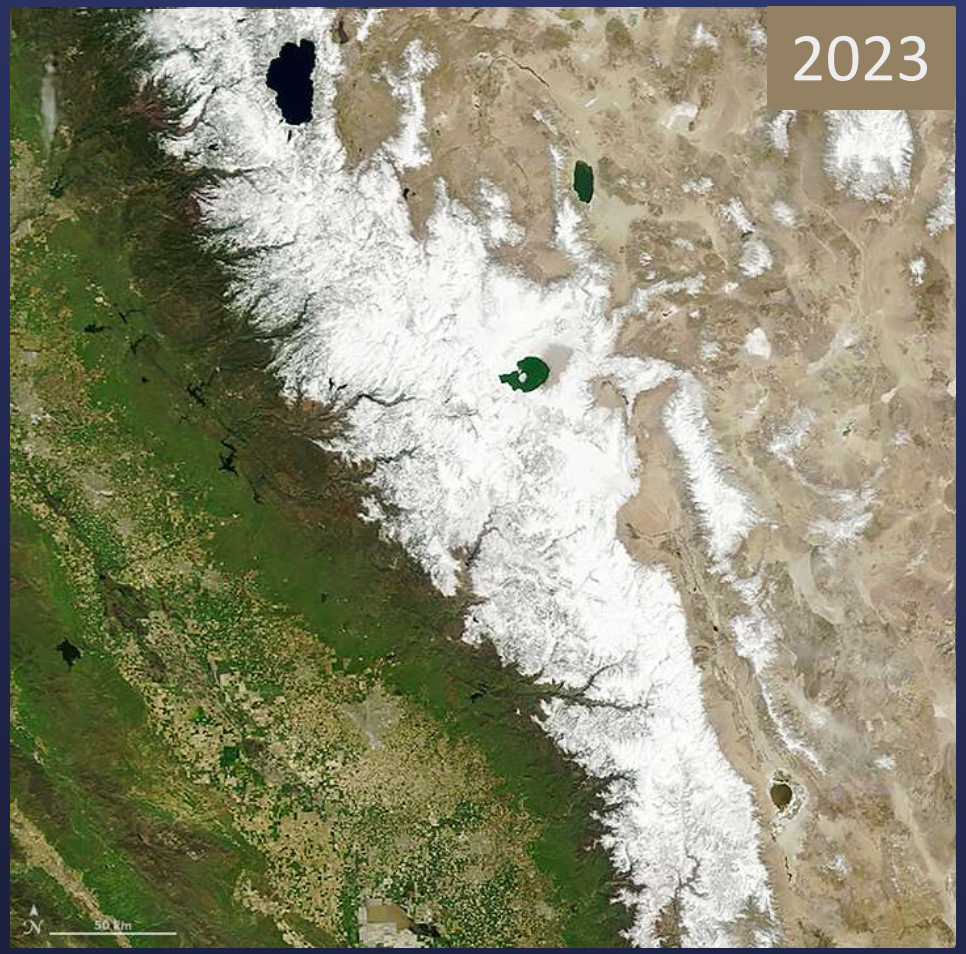
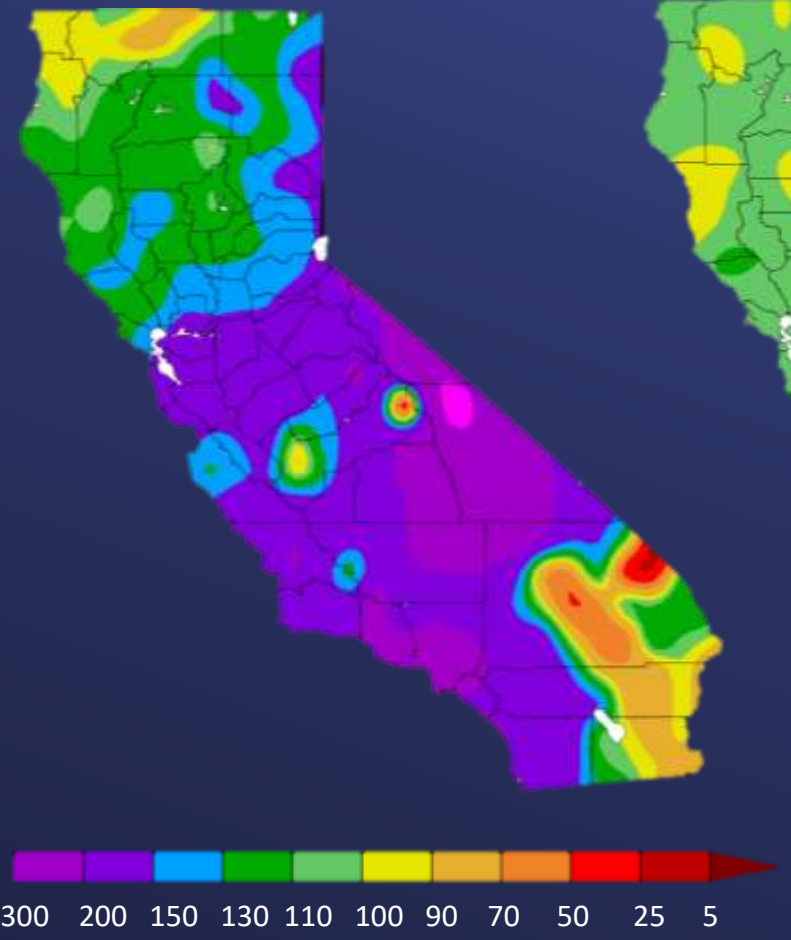
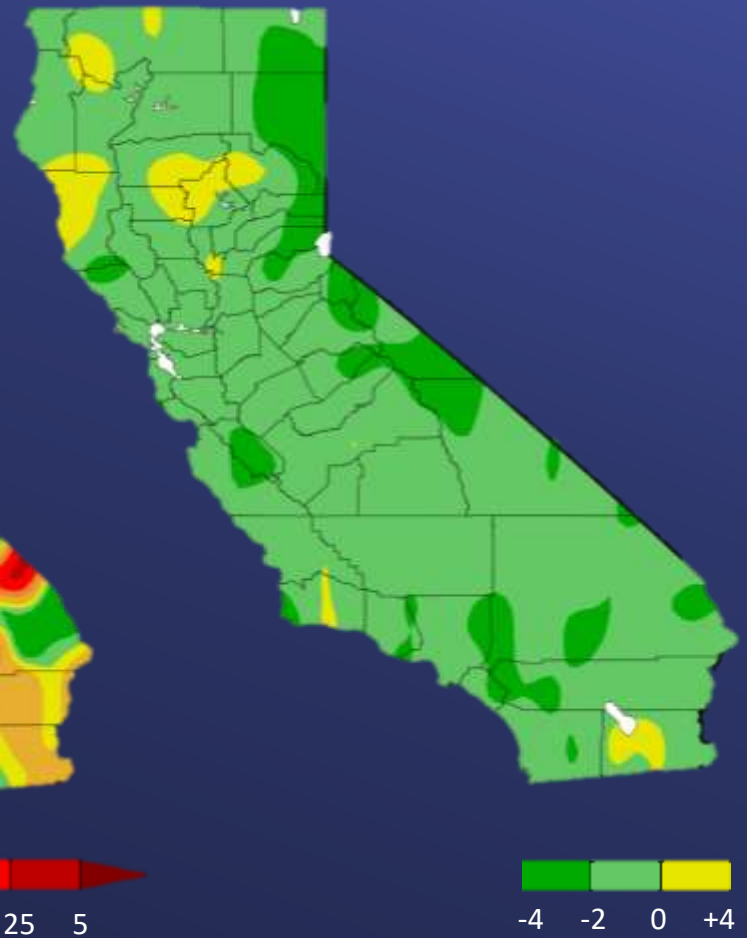


Credit: NASA Earth Observatory

% of Normal Precipitation



Departure from Normal Temperature (°F)



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State Water Project to Further Increase Water Supply Allocation to 100%

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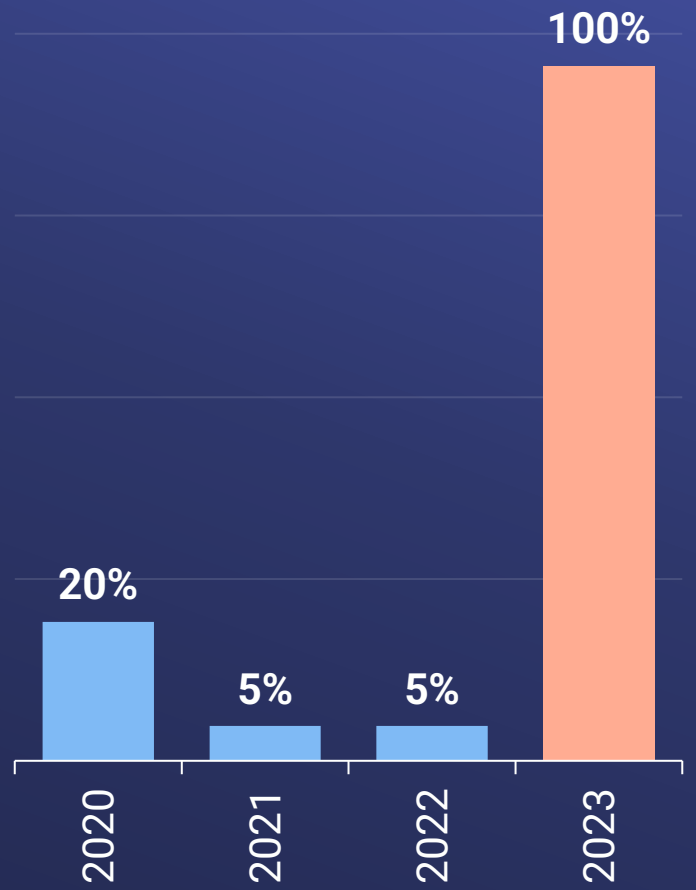

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Lake Oroville

December 2022
30% Full

March 2023
75% Full

June 2023
100% Full

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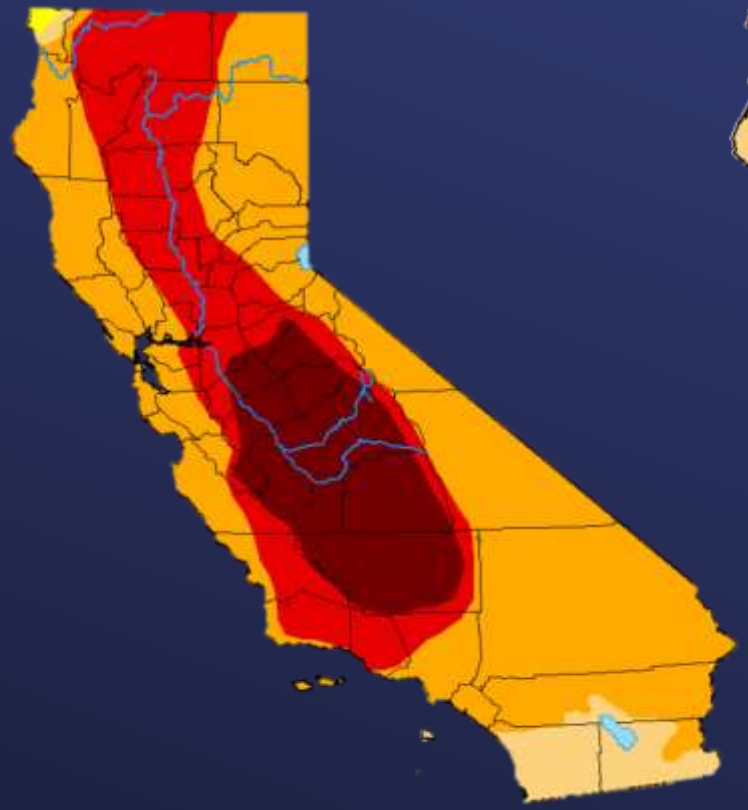
October 4, 2022



January 3, 2023

September 26, 2023

Intensity

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

Colorado River

Water Year Highlights: Colorado River

Conditions & Negotiations

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Spring/Summer 2022
USBR calls for 2-4 MAF of annual reductions in response to historic low reservoir elevations

August 2022
Congress appropriates $4 billion for drought mitigation within Inflation Reduction Act

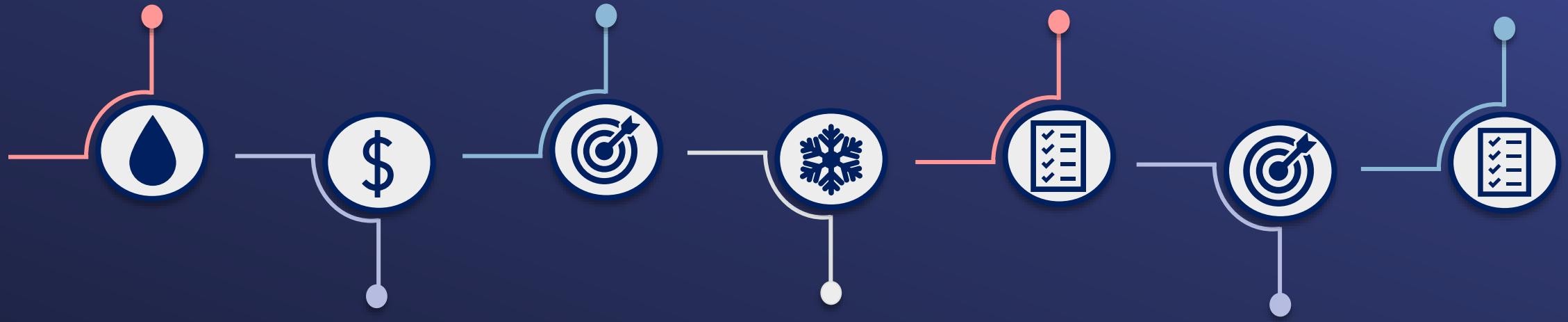
October 2022
California submits proposal to cut 400 TAF each year from 2023-2026

Winter 2023
Upper Colorado River Basin receives near-record snowpack

April 2023
USBR publishes original Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

May 2023
Lower Basin Plan proposes to conserve at least 3 MAF from 2023-2026

October 2023
USBR publishes Revised Draft SEIS; designates Lower Basin Proposal as the "Proposed Action"



Lake Mead

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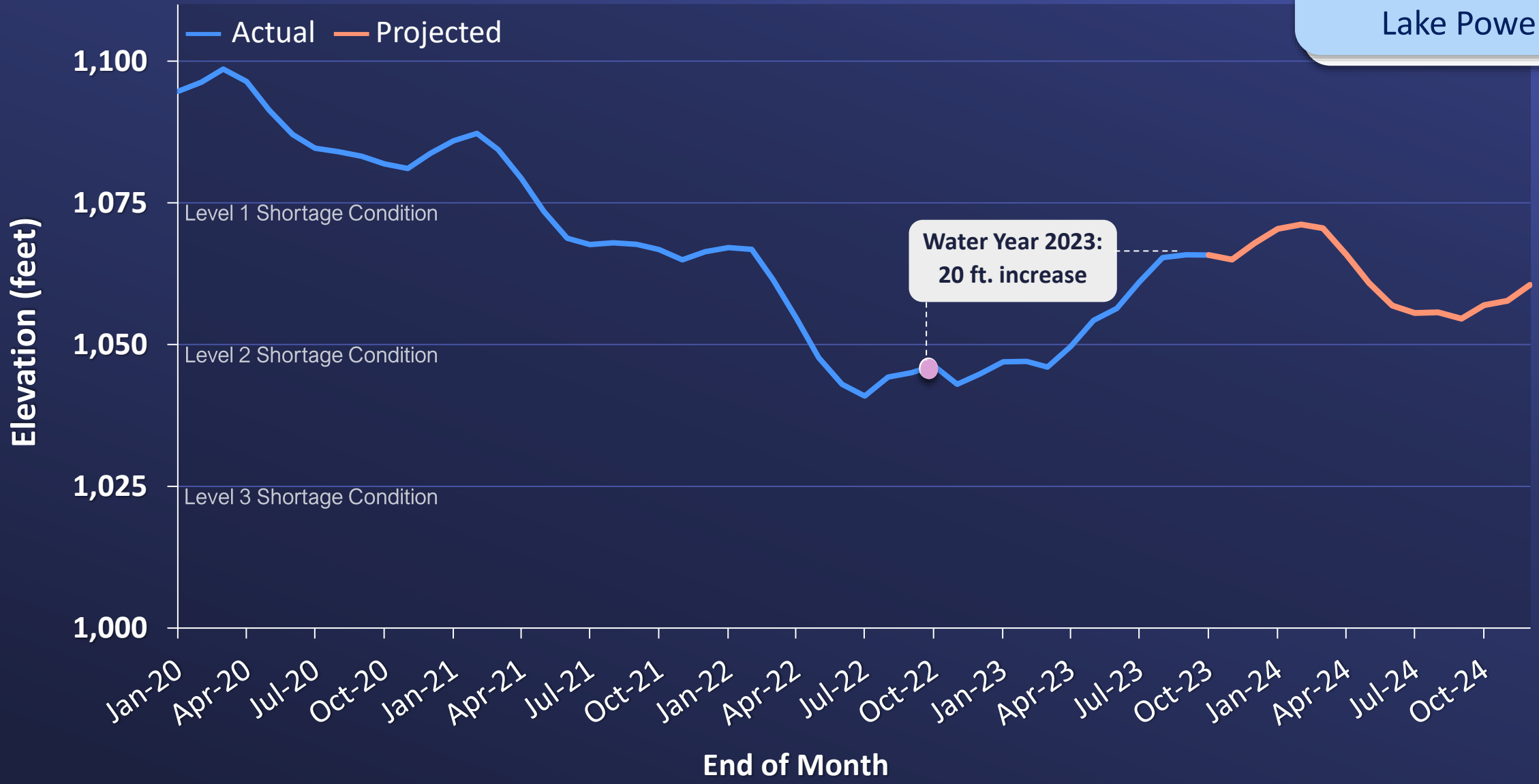

Source: USBR's October 2023 24-Month study

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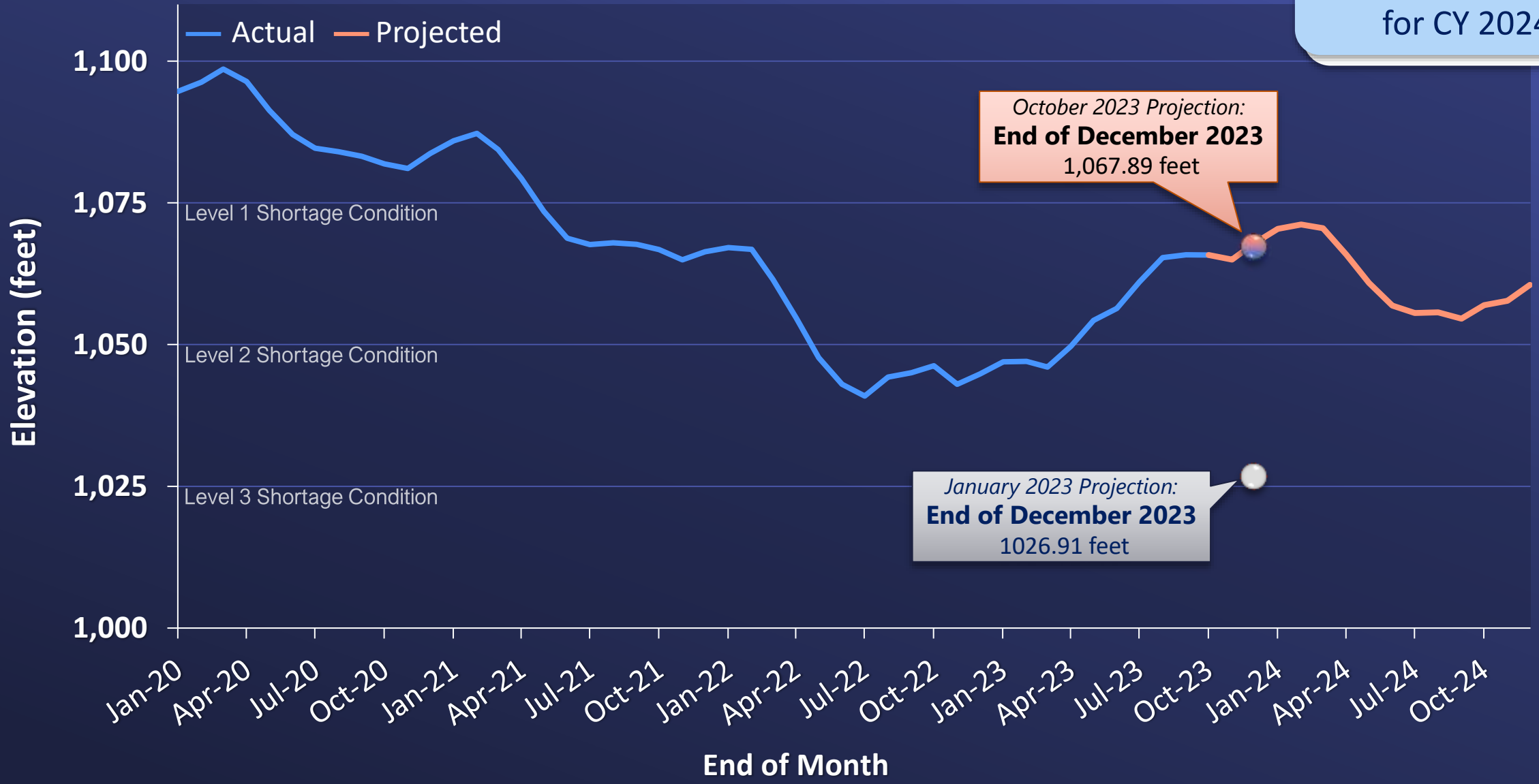

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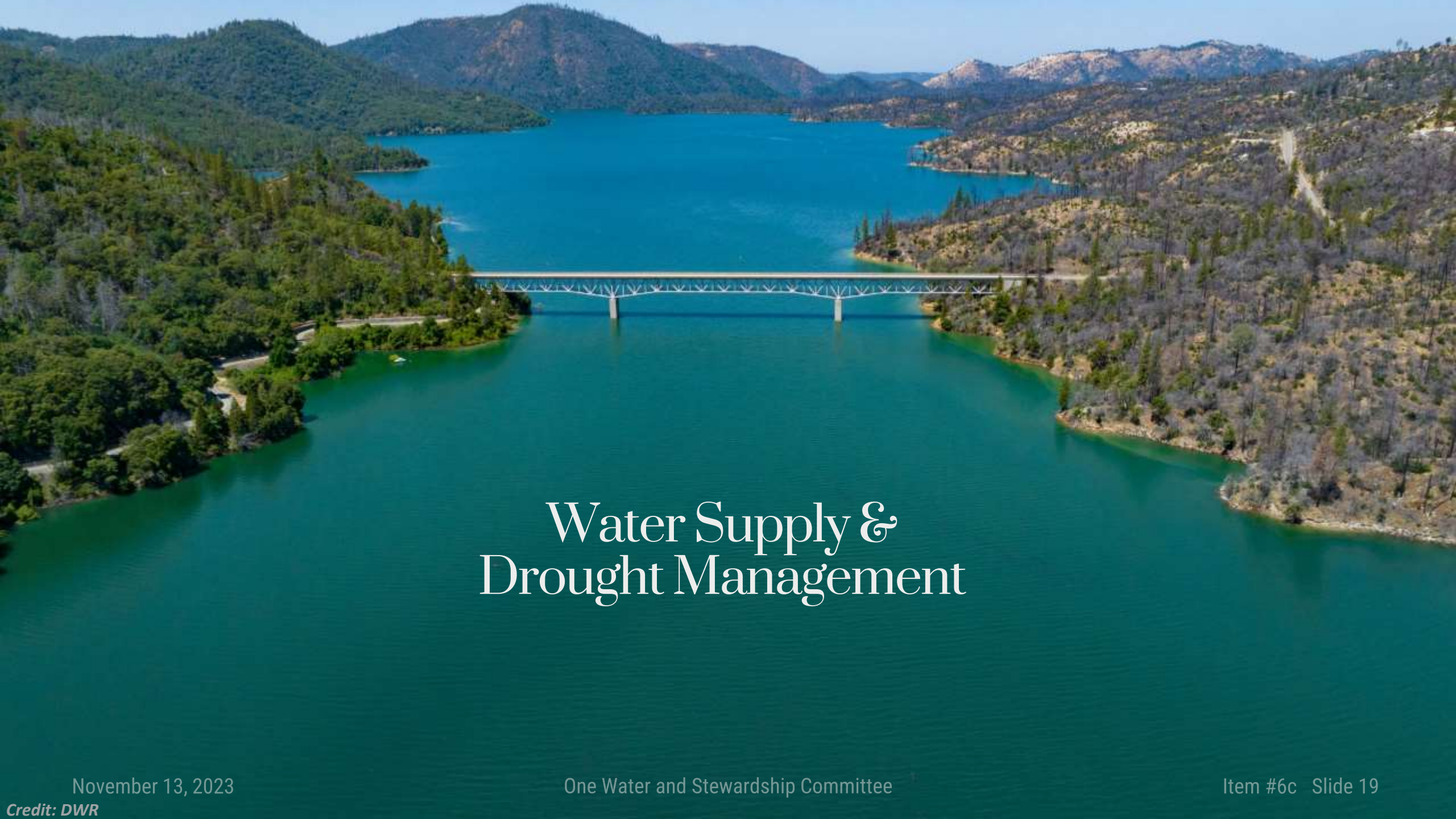
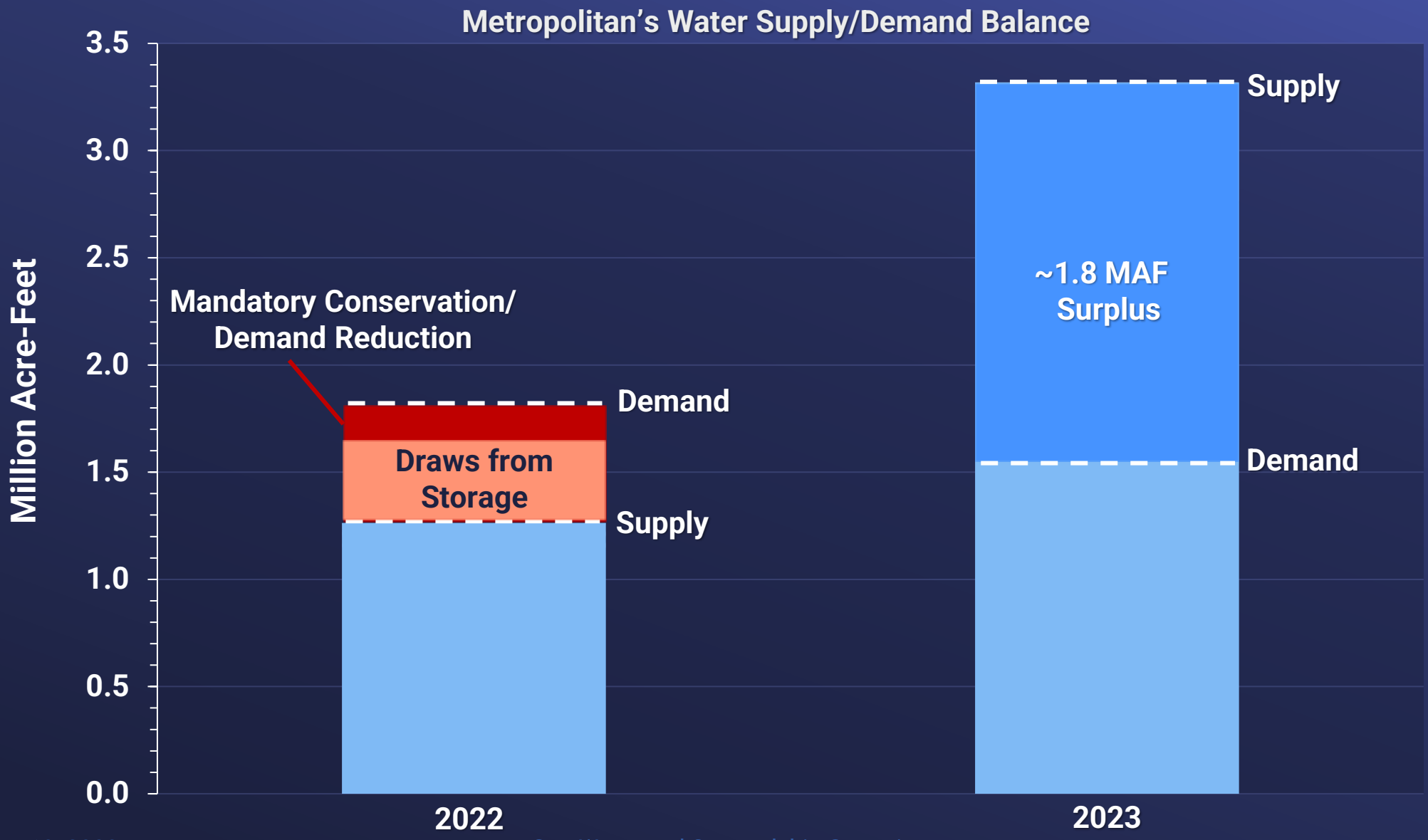


Water Supply & Drought Management

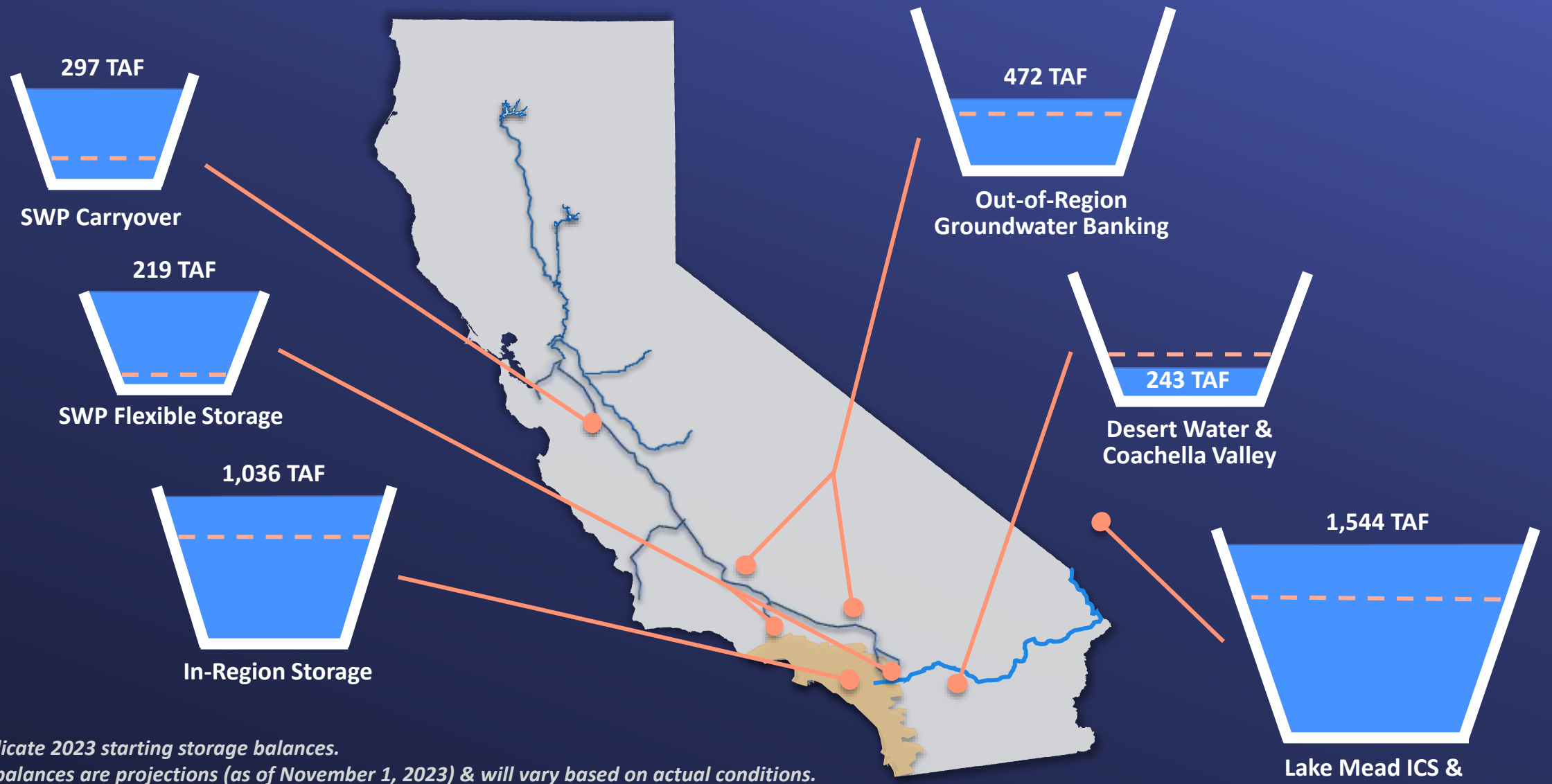
Credit: DWR

The Tale of Two Years: Drought & Abundance



Note: Data as of November 1, 2023.

Metropolitan's 2023 Storage Actions: ~ 1.2 MAF Increase

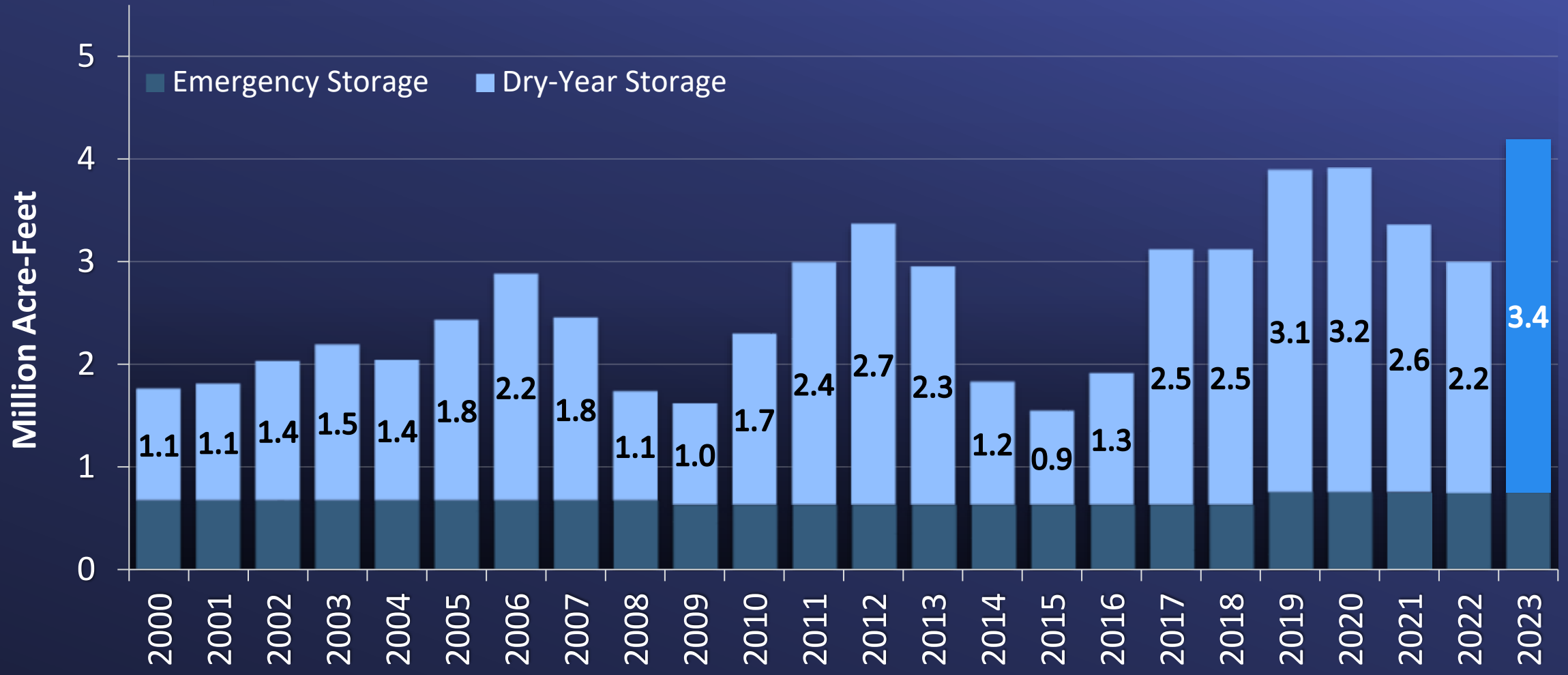


Notes:

1) *Dashed lines indicate 2023 starting storage balances.*
2) *Ending storage balances are projections (as of November 1, 2023) & will vary based on actual conditions.*
3) *In-region storage includes emergency storage.*
4) *Storage buckets are not drawn to scale.*

Record-High Storage Projection for Metropolitan

End-of-Year Balances



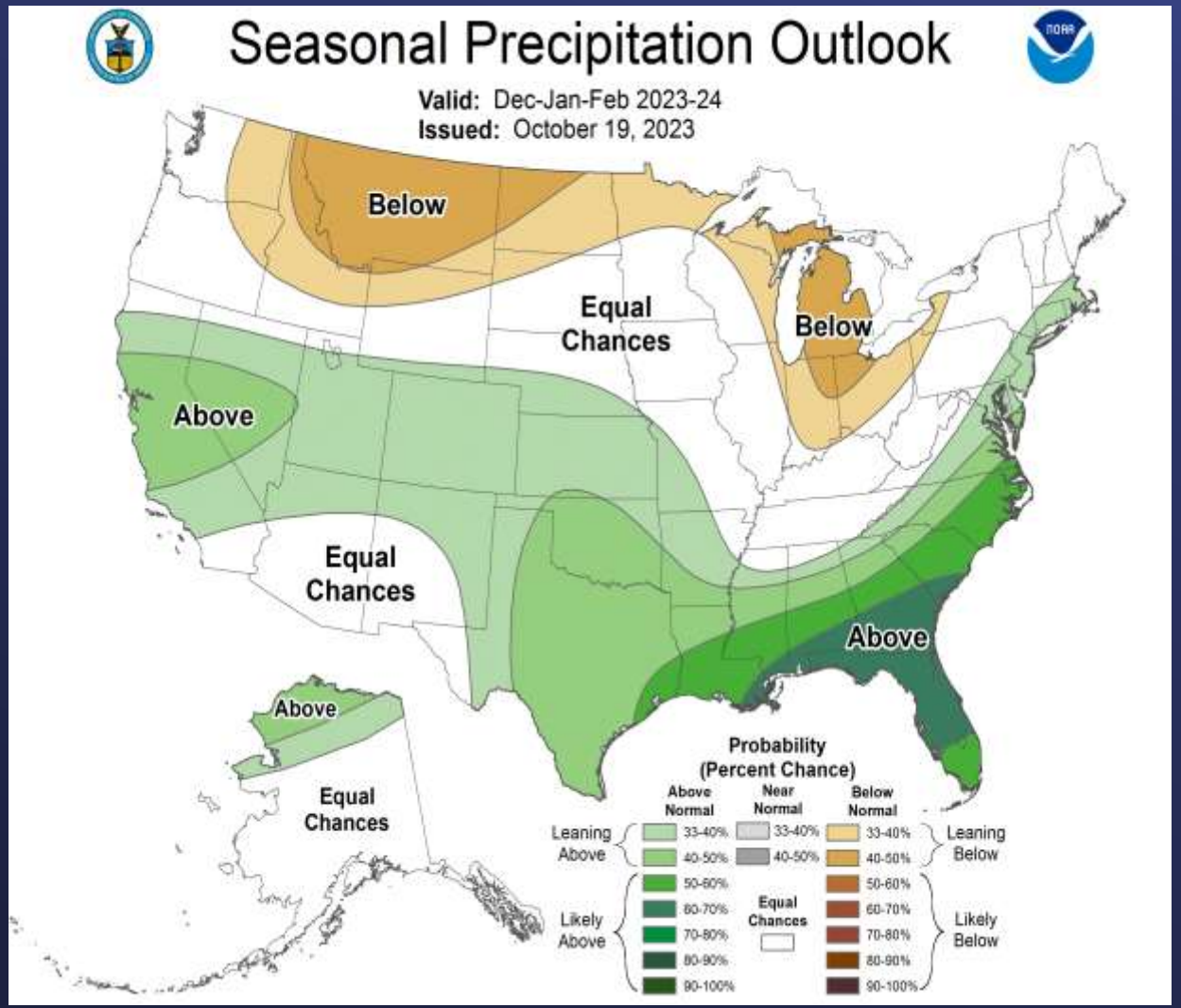
Note:

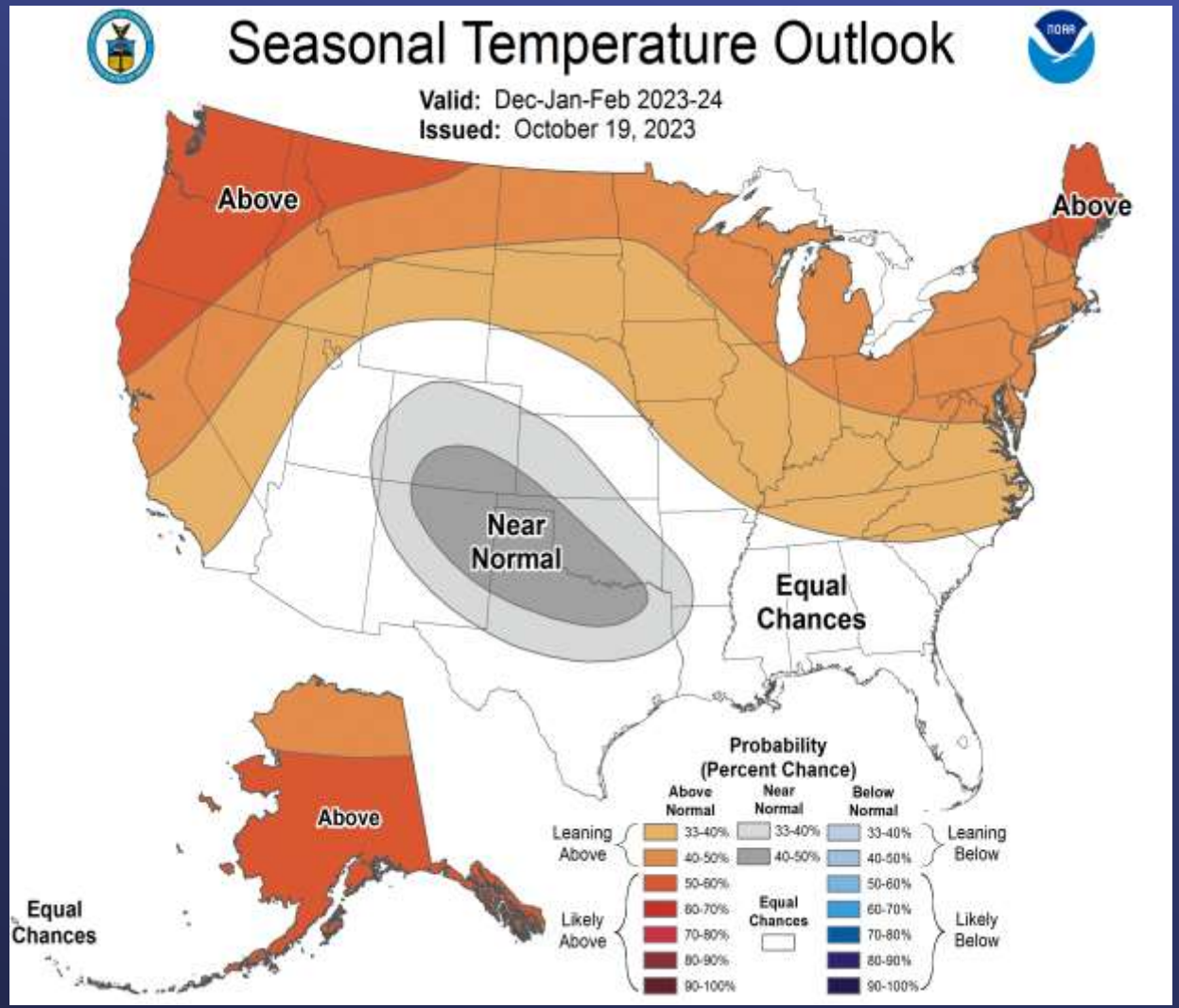
2023 end-of-year balance is preliminary as they are subject to DWR adjustments and USBR final accounting.

Looking Ahead to 2024

Credit: DWR

El Niño Conditions on the Horizon





Planning for 2024

- Initial 2024 SWP Table A Allocation will be announced on December 1st, 2023
  - Metropolitan submitted 2024 SWP Water Order in September 2023
- Projected end-of-year storage levels at San Luis Reservoir will impact initial 2024 SWP Table A Allocation
- December WSDM written report will include projected supply and demand gaps for 2024-2026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