

SWP Report on Water Year 2025 Operations



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Water Year 2025

Precipitation Statistics (period of record: 1981-current)

Statewide as of 09/07/2025

Water Year to Date: **22.19"**

% of Average: **95%**

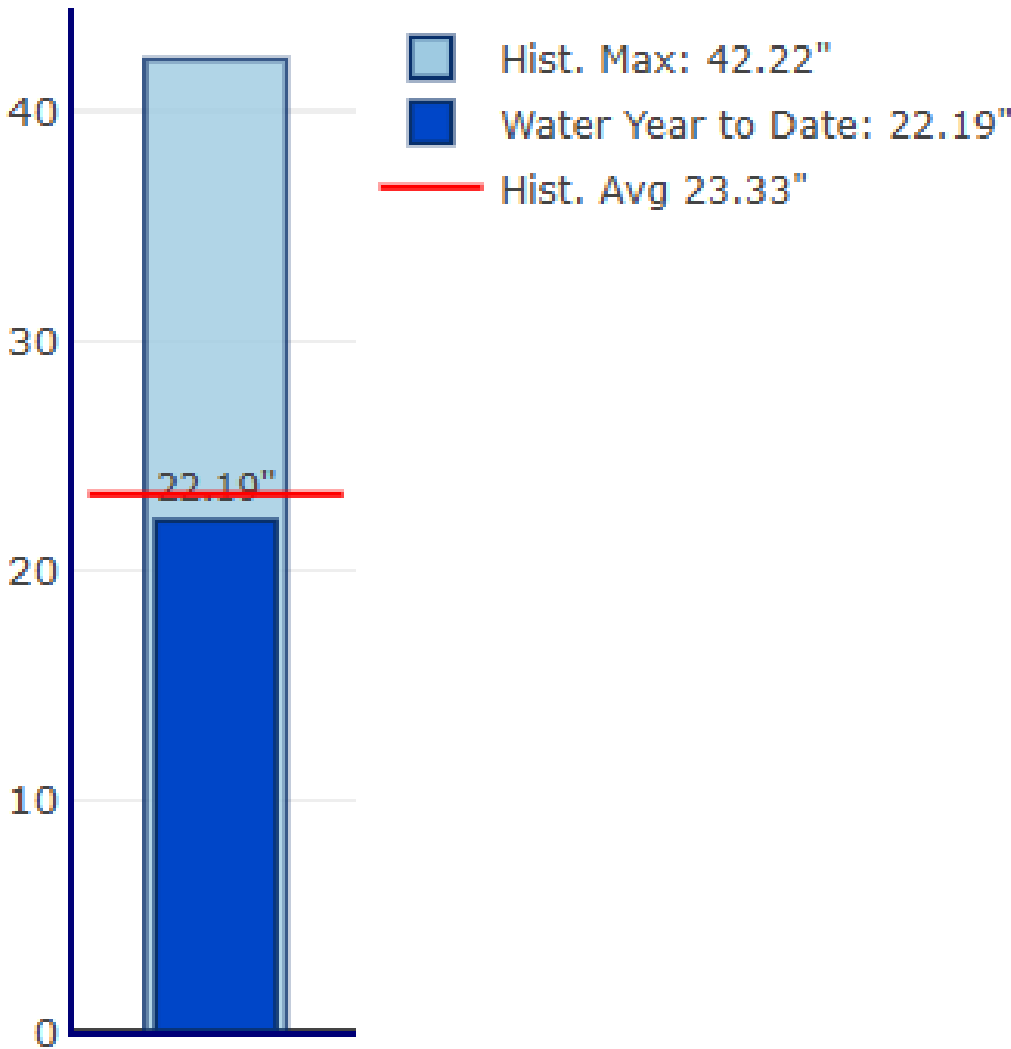
Precipitation % of average for
full water year through
September 30th: **94%**

Historical Record to Date:

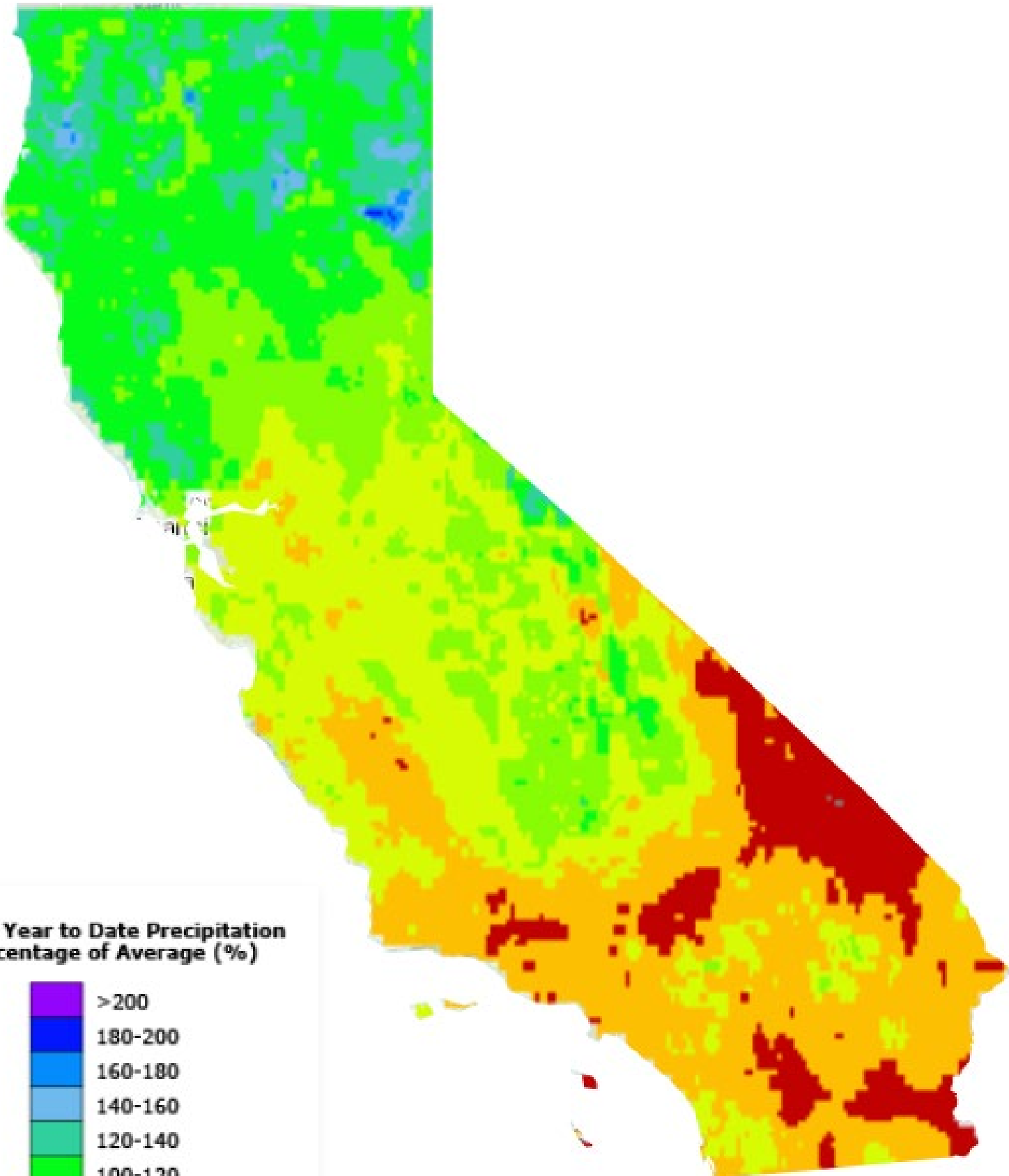
Max: **42.22"**

Mean: **23.33"**

Min: **11.51"**



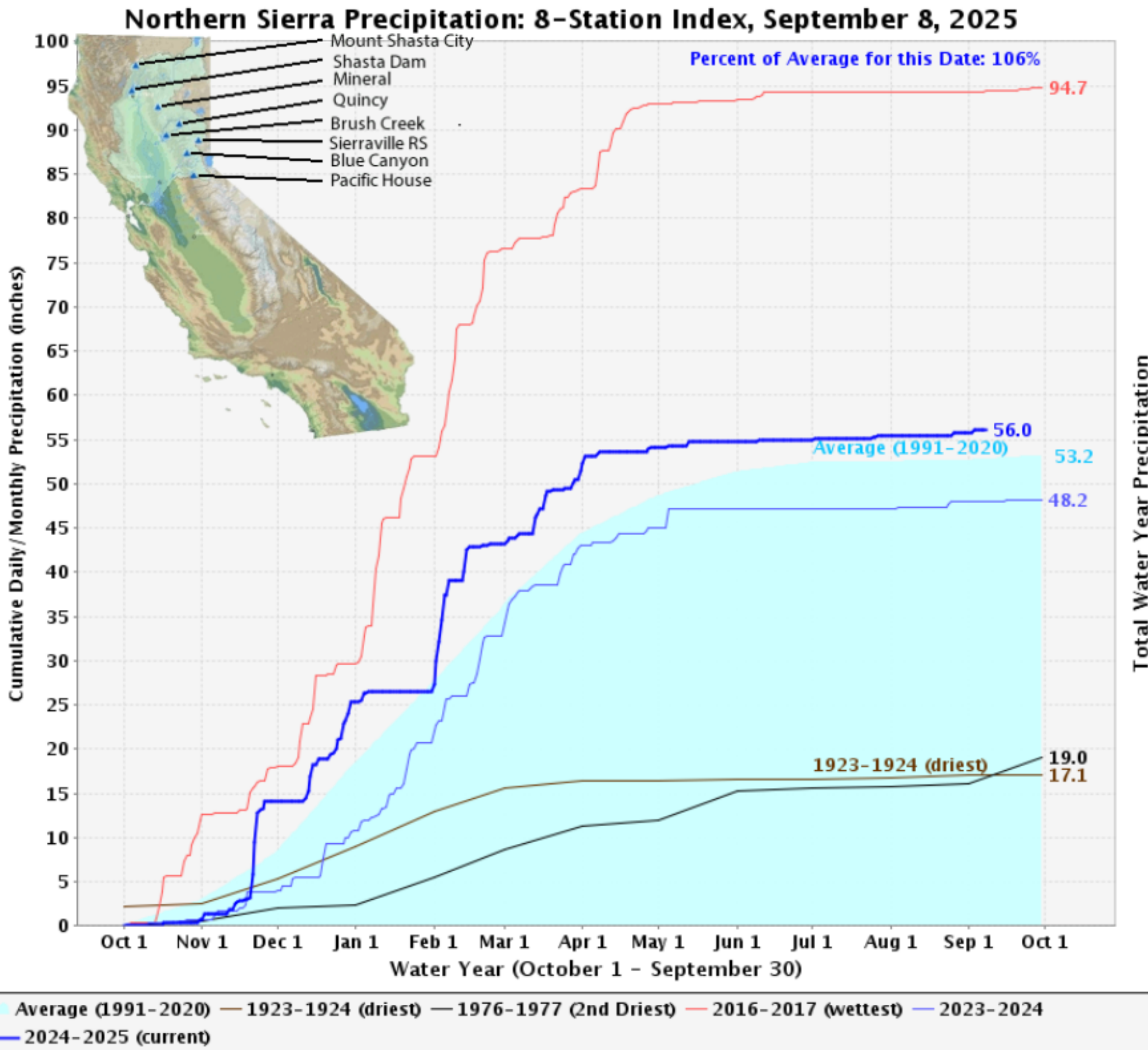
Precipitation for water year to date is
95% of historical average



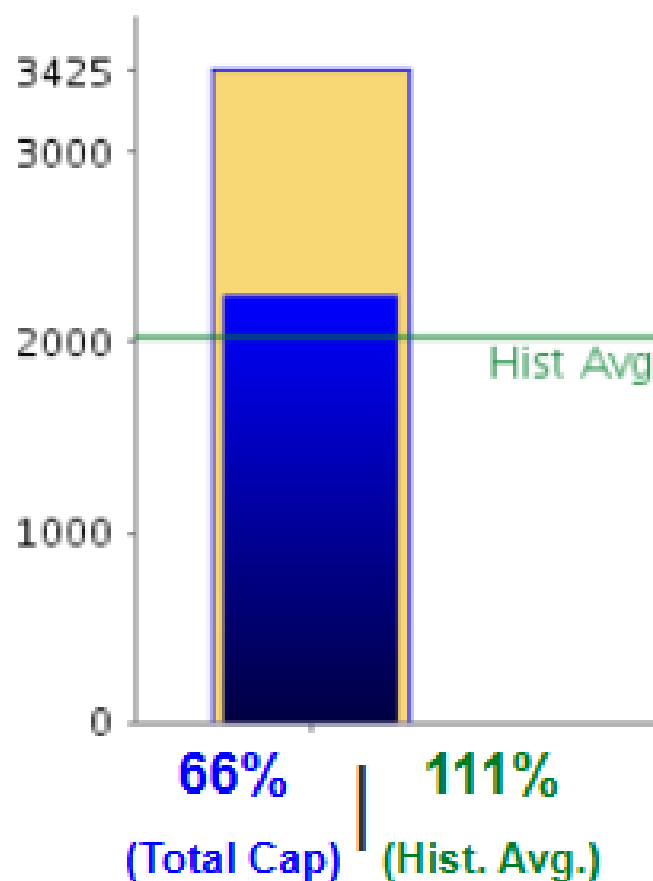
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Total Northern
Sierra Precipitation:

56 inches
106% of average



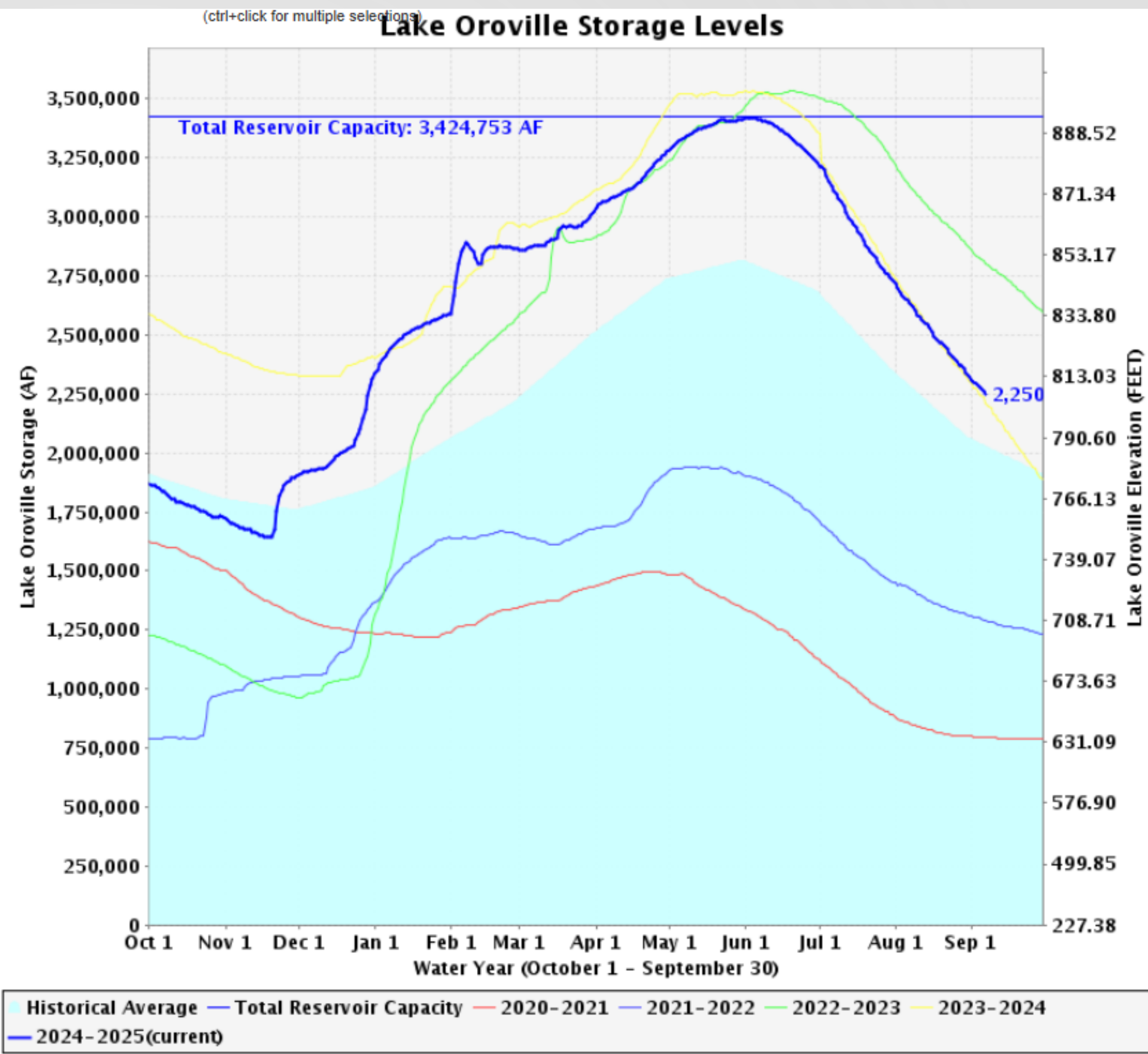
Oroville Storage



Data as of Midnight: September 07, 2025

- Storage: 2,250,560 AF
- Reservoir Elevation: 813.08 FT
- **66% of Total Capacity**
- **111% of Historical Avg. For This Date**
- Total Capacity: 3,424,753 AF
- Avg. Stor. for September 07: 2,028,863 AF

Change Date: 07-Sep-2025



Review of Water Year 2025

SWP Water Supply Objectives:

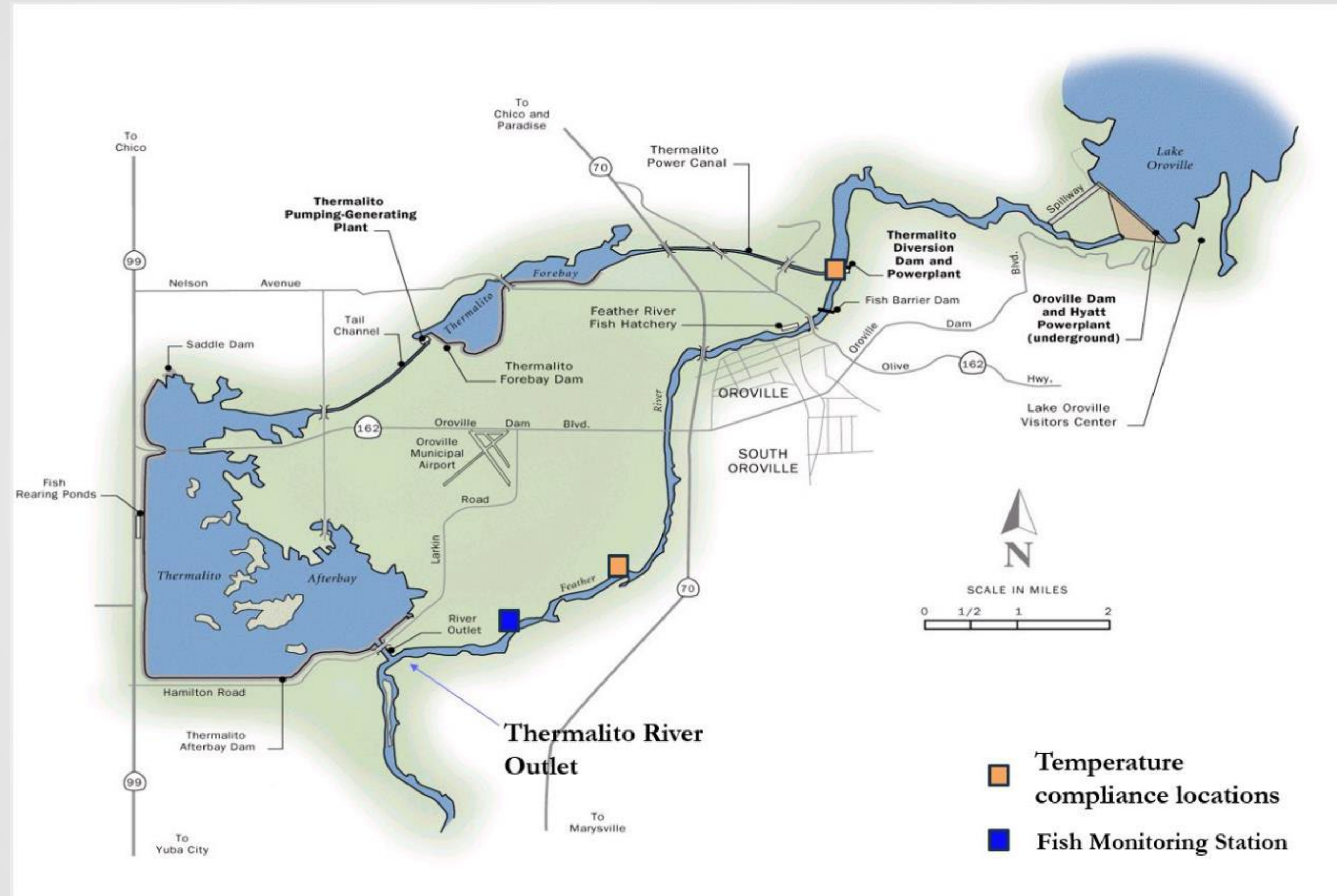
- Delivering water to meet minimum health and safety needs
- Preserving upstream storage for future dry year and drought protection
- Meeting regulatory requirements
- Delivering water based on priority
- Maximizing diversion to storage and delivery of water supply



WY 2025

Oroville Operations

- Filled Lake Oroville
- Increased releases to meet Delta requirements and support exports
- Managed Feather River temperatures
- Will reduce releases in October to conserve storage
- River valve outlet system
 - Ensure future reliability for low-level release capacity



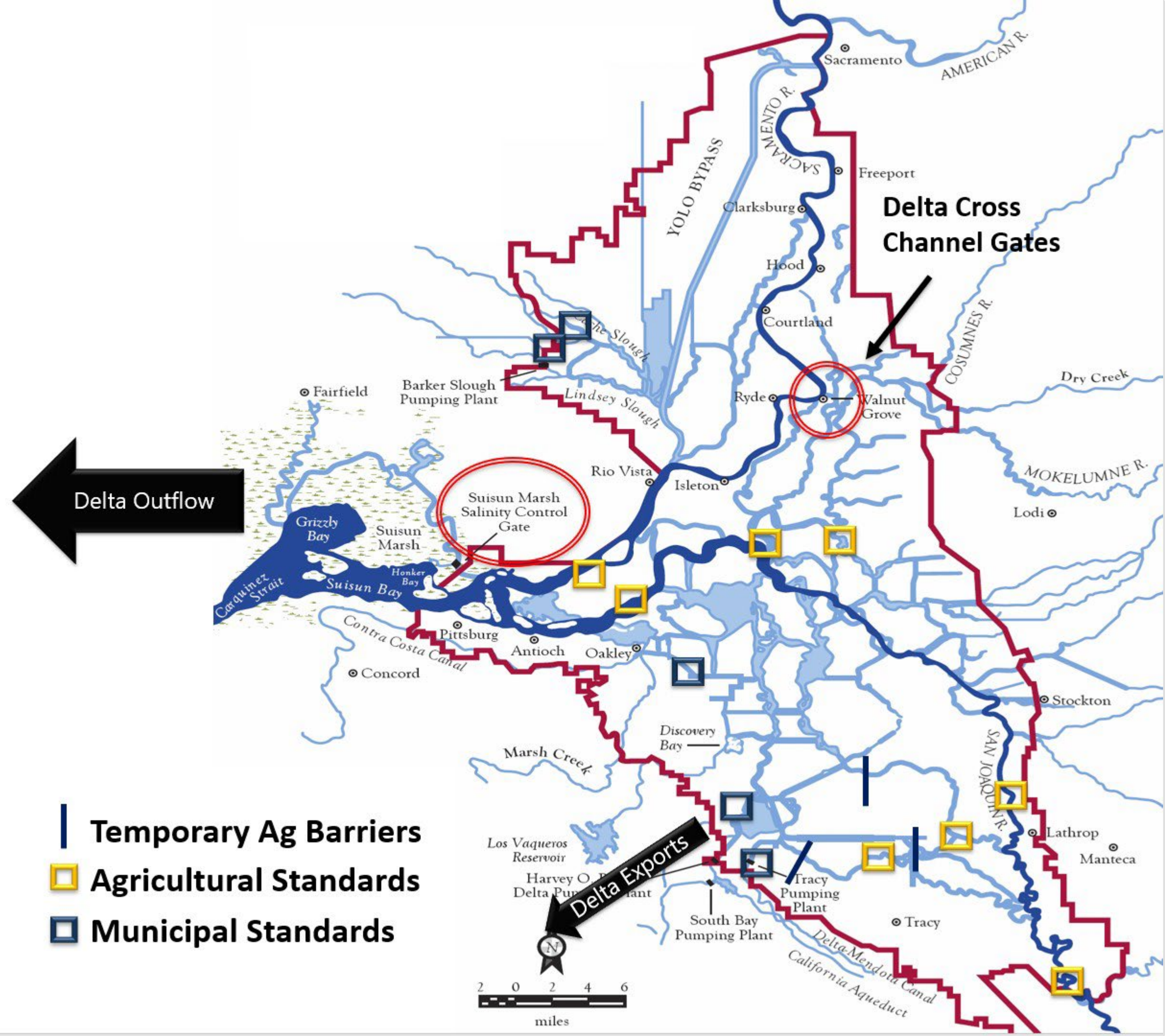
Summer/ Fall Delta Operations

Maximizing SWP exports
through September while
meeting water quality and
outflow requirements

DWR and Reclamation
operated Suisun Marsh
Salinity Control Gates
June 23 – August 25



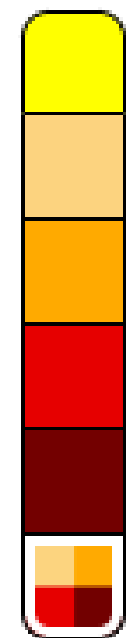
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Drought Monitor

(9/4/2025)

Drought & Dryness Categories



D0 – Abnormally Dry

D1 – Moderate Drought

D2 – Severe Drought

D3 – Extreme Drought

D4 – Exceptional Drought

Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)

% of CA

36.46%

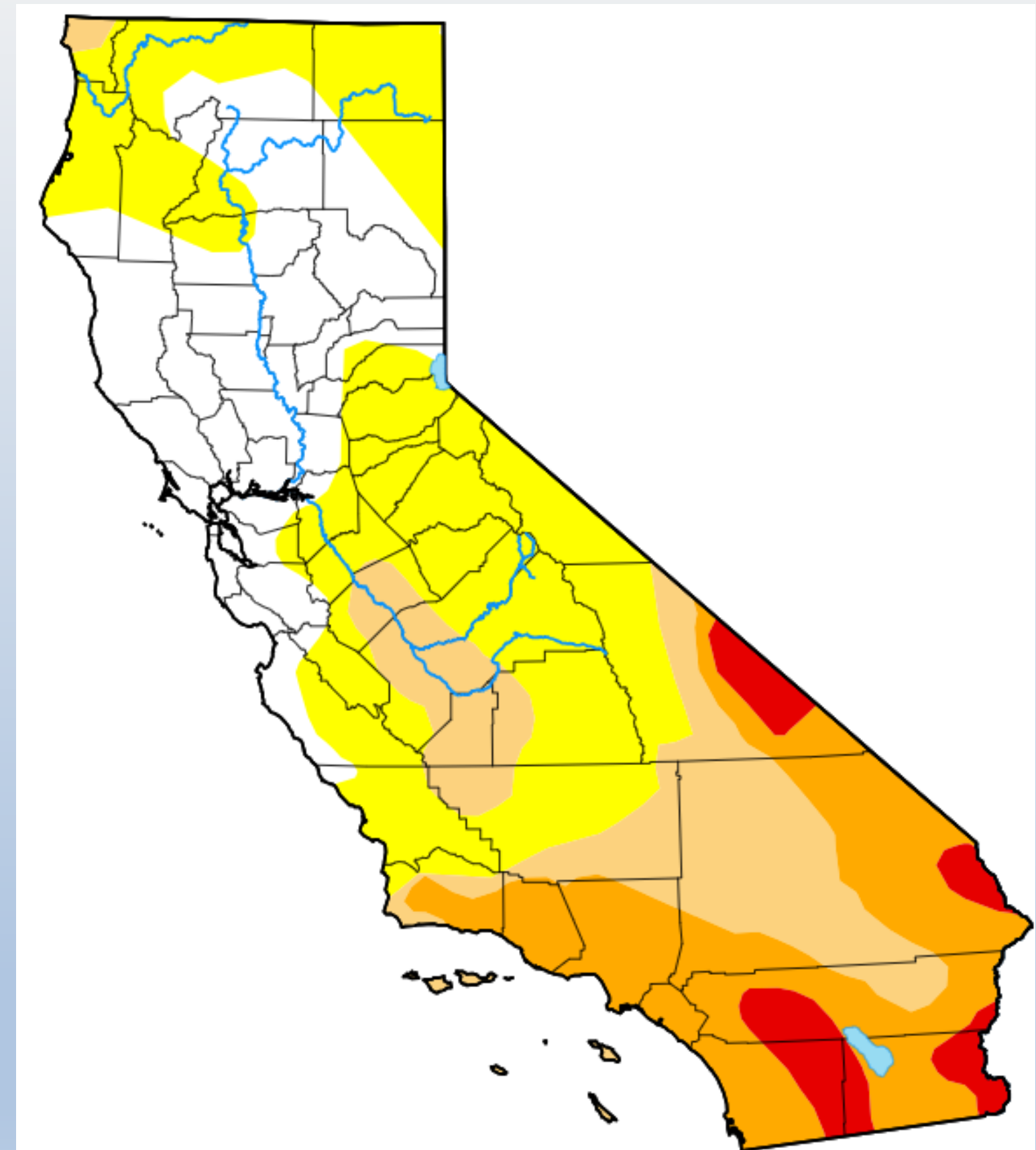
16.55%

18.30%

4.70%

0.0%

39.56%



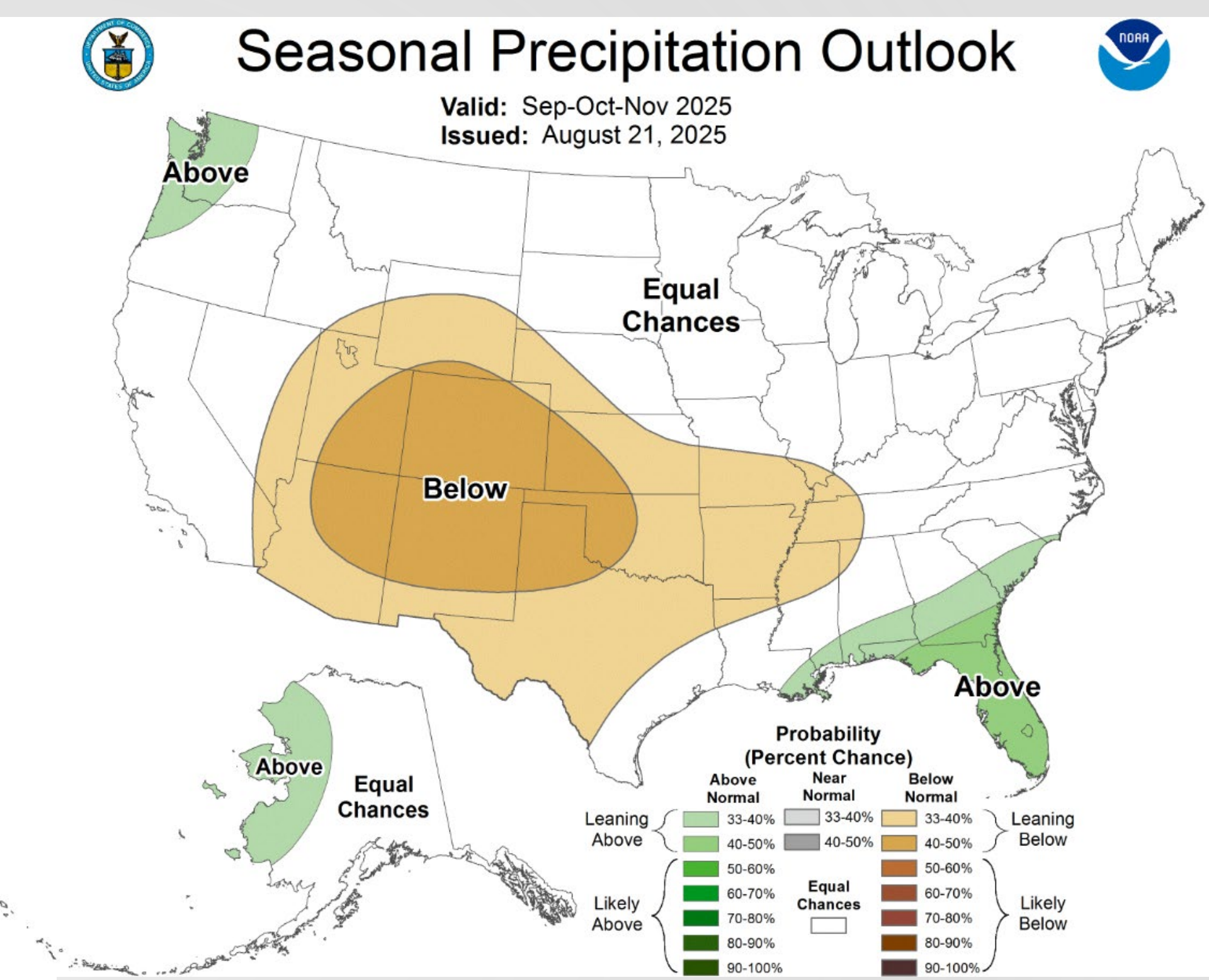
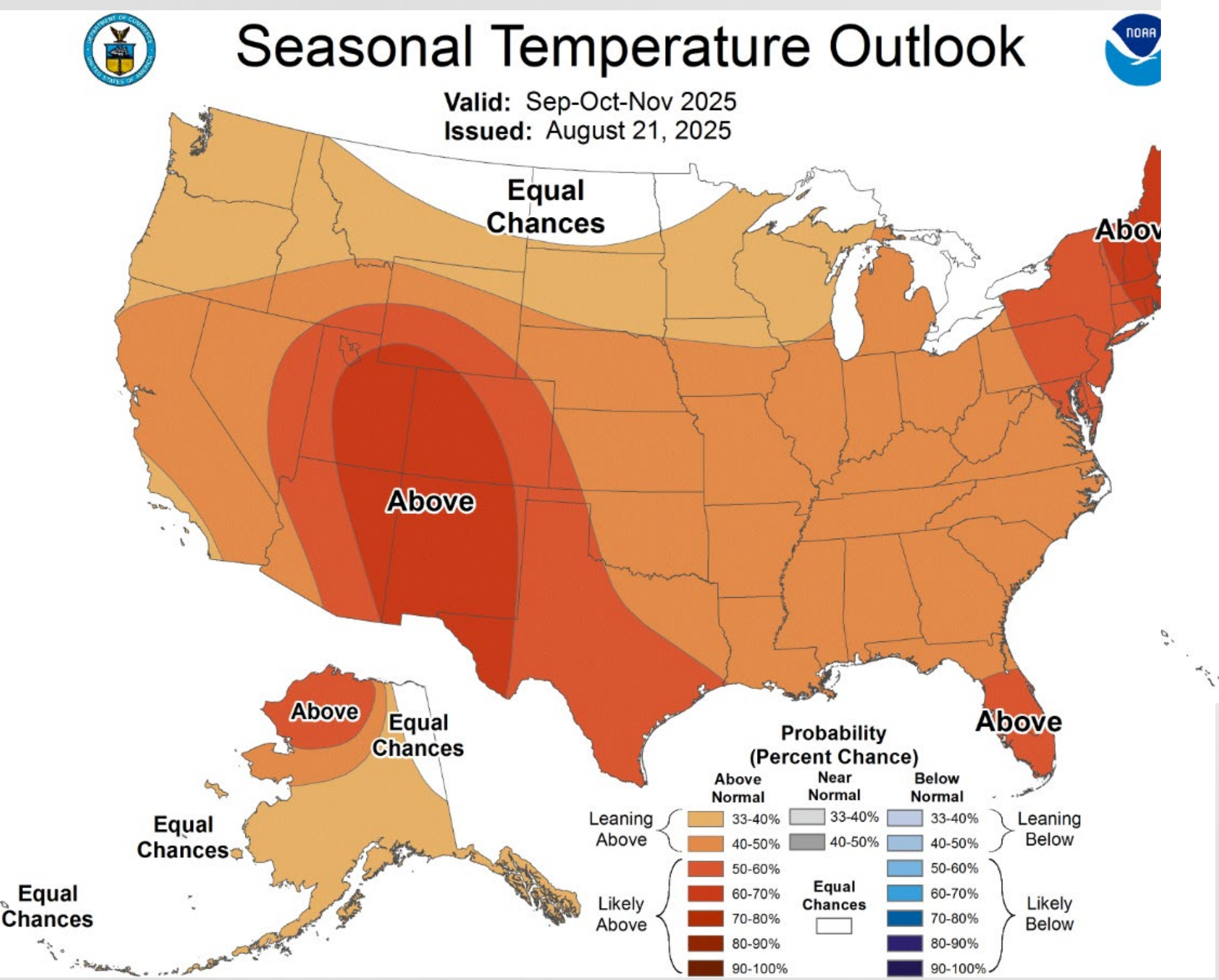
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Climate Prediction Center

Sept/Oct/Nov



- La Nina conditions fall and early winter
- Neutral conditions late winter, early spring

Planning for a Dry WY 2026

- Operations mid-October through December:
 - Dry: Adjusting releases and exports to meet downstream Delta requirements and storage conservation upstream
 - Wetter: Maximize pumping of storm runoff under State and federal permits (potential flood operations)
- December 1: Issuance of the 2026 initial allocation
 - Allocation will be based on dry year runoff assumptions, environmental requirements, fall storage conditions, and projected demands
- Continuing communication and coordination with internal and external partners on system conditions and hydrologic forecasts



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 sun. The text "DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES" is written in a circle around the top, and "STATE OF CALIFORNIA" is written around the bottom. The words "Thank You" are superimposed in large, dark blue letters across the center of the seal.

Thank You

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