



State Water Contractors

Meeting Notes – February 20, 2025

- SWC 2025-26 Objectives
 - State Water Contractors (SWC) staff began the meeting with a comprehensive update on the SWP strategic plan and various initiatives taken in furtherance of the same
 - Business (Lightle)
 - Reviewed the proposed FY 2025-26 budget
 - Discussed DWR's budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year
 - Energy (Young)
 - Continued work with DWR on the Energy Roadmap to meet its 2035 clean energy goals
 - FERC licensing renewal for SWP a top priority
 - SWC staff continue to interface with legislators on the energy side and seek funding for grants for energy projects
 - Board comments that DWR has not historically incorporated SWC concerns into DWR's energy plans, but those conversations seem to be happening now
 - Infrastructure (Bahia)
 - Objectives for FY 25-26 updated to be consistent with the State Water Project's (SWP) strategic plan
 - Consistent with the strategic plan, renewed emphasis on the SWP's reliability and safety, along with its affordability
 - Outreach (Pierre)
 - SWC has been active in increasing awareness of SWP and educating communities around the state on what the SWP does and how it's funded



- SWC has a renewed emphasis on research (both the results and the process)
 - SWC is active in its lobbying efforts on behalf of its members, both federally and locally in Sacramento
- Science (Austin)
 - Aligned with SWC strategic plan – continued work with DWR to coordinate environmental strategies and approaches
 - Funding research into the impacts of climate change, invasive weeds, invasive species like the golden mussel, etc., on the SWP
 - Continued investment in the Delta Science Program
- SWC Management (Ramsay)
- Water Supply (Chilmakuri)
 - SWC continuing the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes discussion with stakeholders
 - Delta Plan
 - Comment from Jennifer Pierre – DWR’s strategic plan is missing components on SWC engagement and affordability, will continue to work with DWR on it
- SWC 2025-26 Draft Budget
 - Final budget coming to Board in May. SWC staff soliciting feedback on draft budget
 - Update from Ms. Ramsay re remaining part of 2024-25 FY budget and the necessary changes thereto
 - Legal spending on DCP lower than anticipated
 - Board feedback – questions regarding allocation of costs and dues between DCP agencies and non-DCP agencies



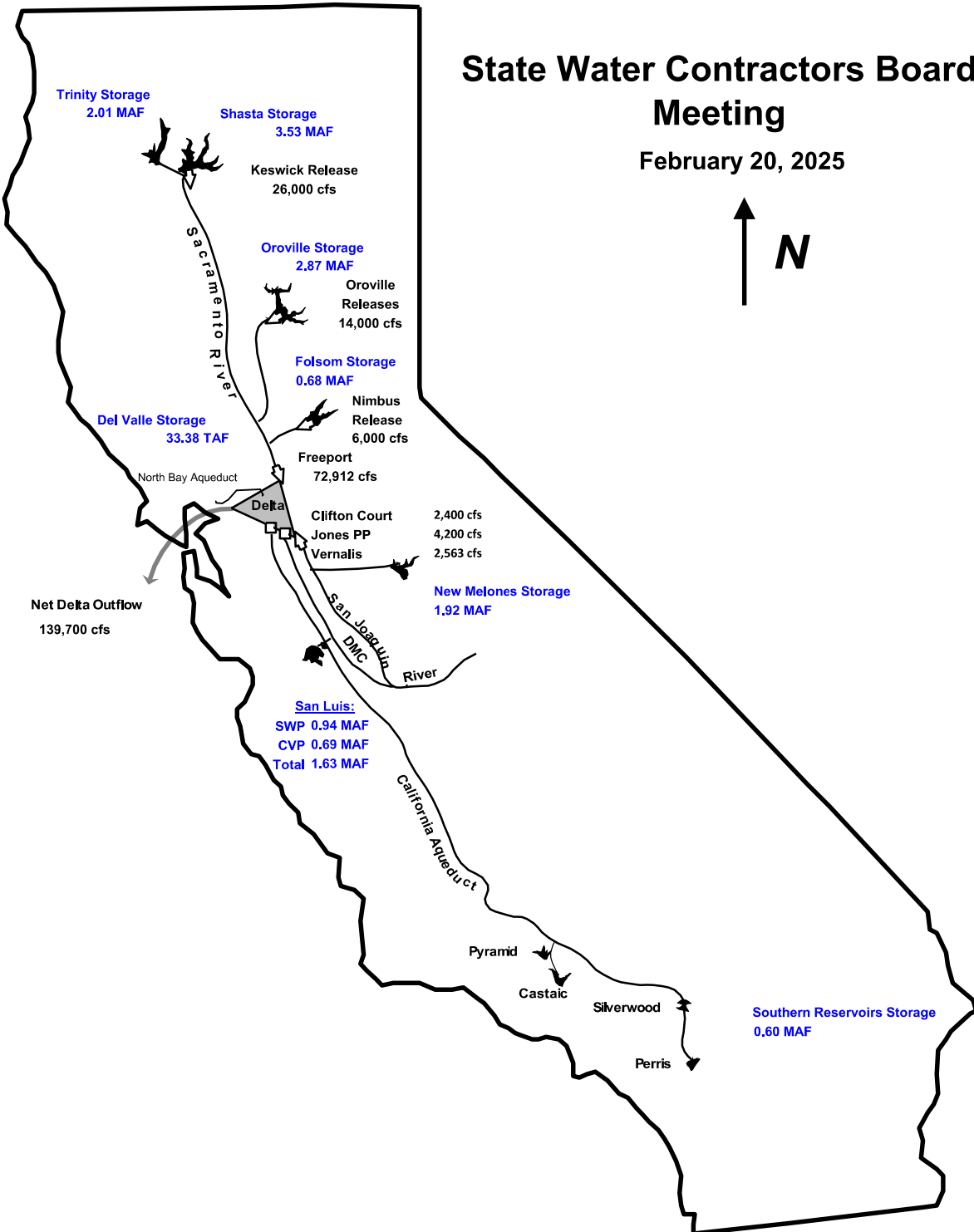
- DWR Water Conditions Update
 - Water Supply
 - Oroville is at 84% capacity. Storms in late January and early February prompted more releases from Oroville and other reservoirs. Gradual releases ongoing. Northern Sierra snowpack is above average
 - Reservoirs are at a healthy level across the state
 - Water Quality
 - Typical levels throughout the SWP, various small spikes here and there from the winter storms but nothing out of the ordinary
 - Both electrical conductivity and turbidity increased at the North Bay Aqueduct following the early February storm but levels have stabilized
 - DWR is doing research on copper levels in golden mussels
 - Purchased a mobile laboratory to drive up and down the SWP and test/treat the golden mussel issue
 - Launched a new website (water.ca.gov/mussels)
 - Hoping to have a statewide strategic plan in March to address the golden mussel issue
- Board Action No. 1
 - SWC has historically split its dues collection from its members by 90-10, i.e., SWC staff looks at where the budget is after collecting 90% of the dues to see if they need to collect the remaining 10%. SWC staff says that budget is about even *without* the remaining 10%, so no need to collect it this fiscal year
 - Board passed unanimously
- Board Action No. 2



- SWC staff presented a draft agreement with the University of California, Santa Cruz for a three-year study on the genetic and life-history resilience in spring-run Chinook salmon in the amount of \$1,273,511, to be split up over the next three fiscal years
- Board passed unanimously
- Board Action No. 3
 - Staff presented an agreement with the University of California, Santa Cruz for a three-year study on cultivating Delta smelt on Metropolitan Water District's Delta Ponds in the amount of \$634,000, with a cost share of \$245,000 from Metropolitan, to be split up in the next three fiscal years
 - Research will also study how Delta smelt respond to predators
 - Board passed unanimously
- GM Report
 - Healthy Rivers and Landscapes report – SWC staff has attended various committee meetings
 - Board Retreat Summary – SWP affordability is the main priority at a Board level. There is also a focus on the debt reconciliation in 2025 and how to make sure the costs don't get passed down to PWAs

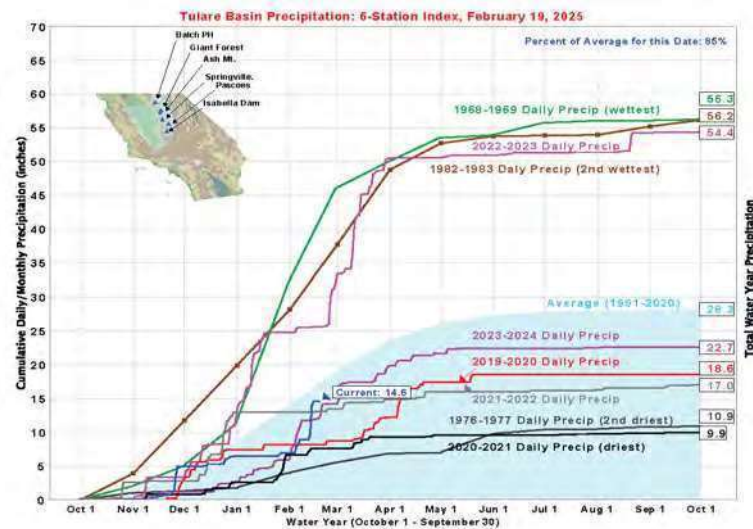
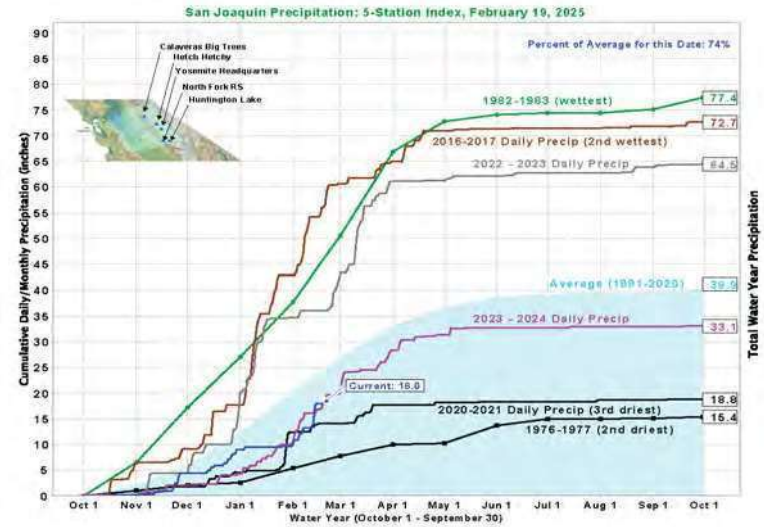
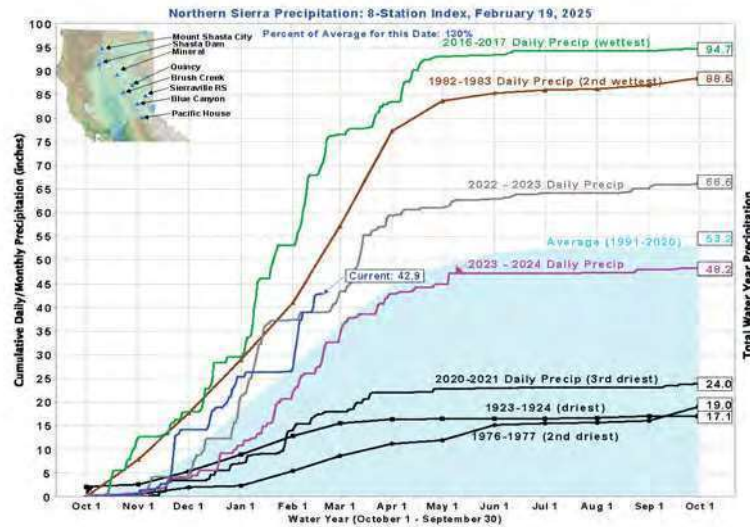
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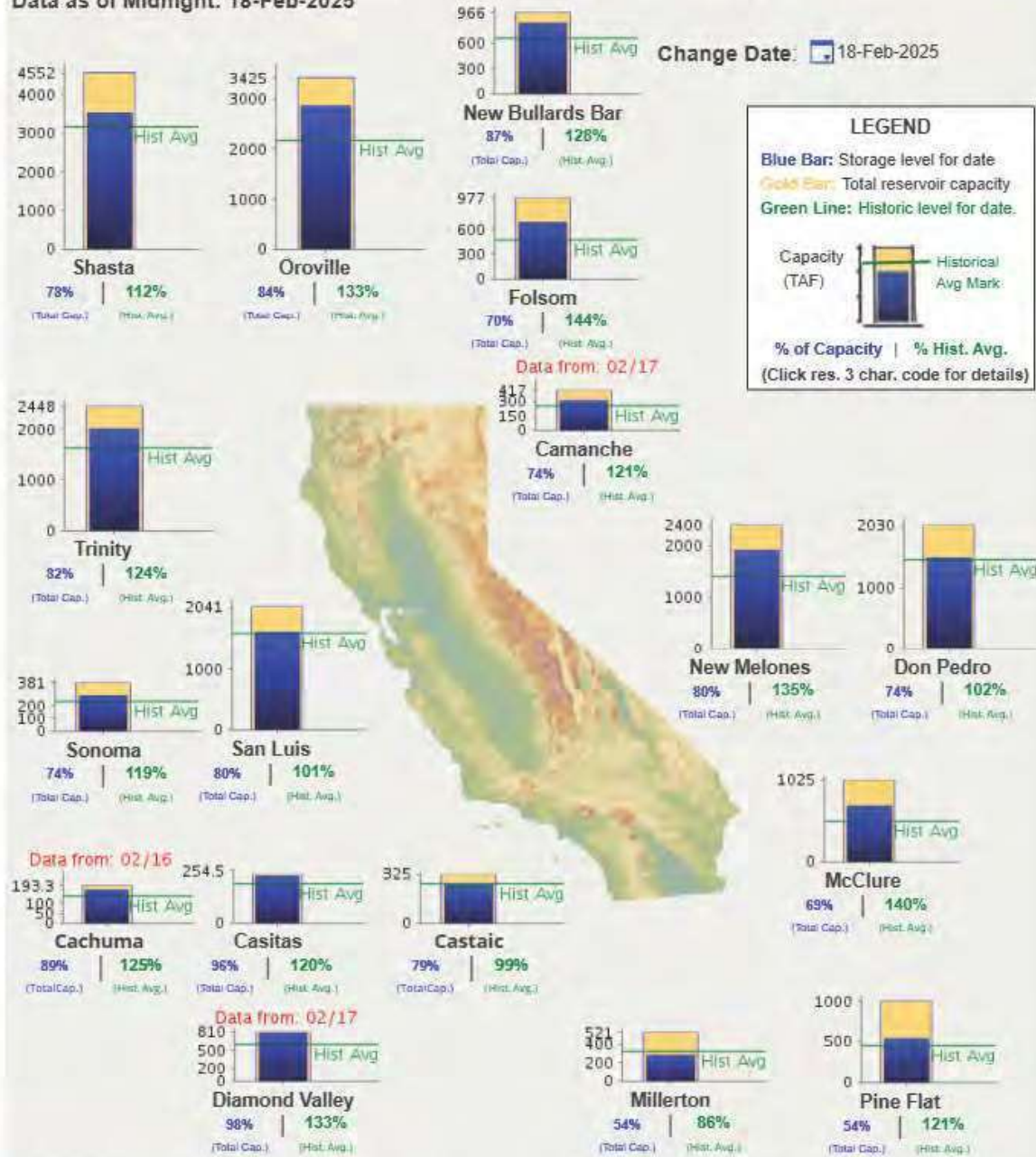
Statewide Precipitation Conditions as of 02/19/2025

	Northern Sierra 8-Station Index inches (%)	San Joaquin 5-Station Index inches (%)	Tulare Lake 6-Station Index inches (%)
October	0.7" (25%)	0.2" (9%)	0" (0%)
November	13.5" (254%)	4.2" (116%)	4.9" (188%)
December	11.2" (112%)	4.6" (70%)	1.5" (32%)
January	1.1" (12%)	0.7" (9%)	0.5" (9%)
February	16.4" (184%)	8.3" (120%)	7.6" (149%)
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
Season-to-Date	42.9" (129%)	18" (73%)	14.6" (84%)
WY Average	53.2" (80%)	40" (45%)	28.3" (51%)



CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:18-FEB-2025

Data as of Midnight: 18-Feb-2025



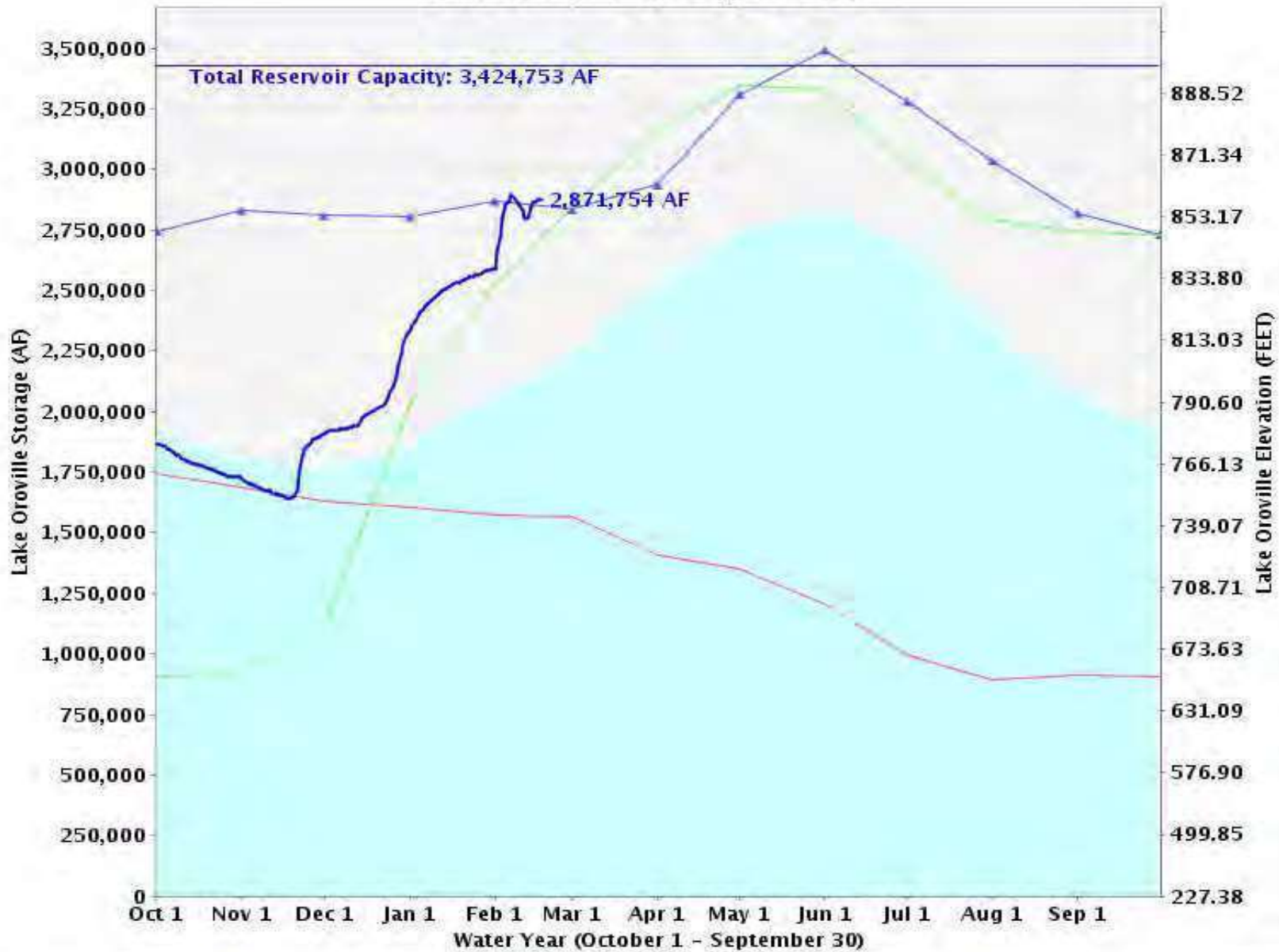
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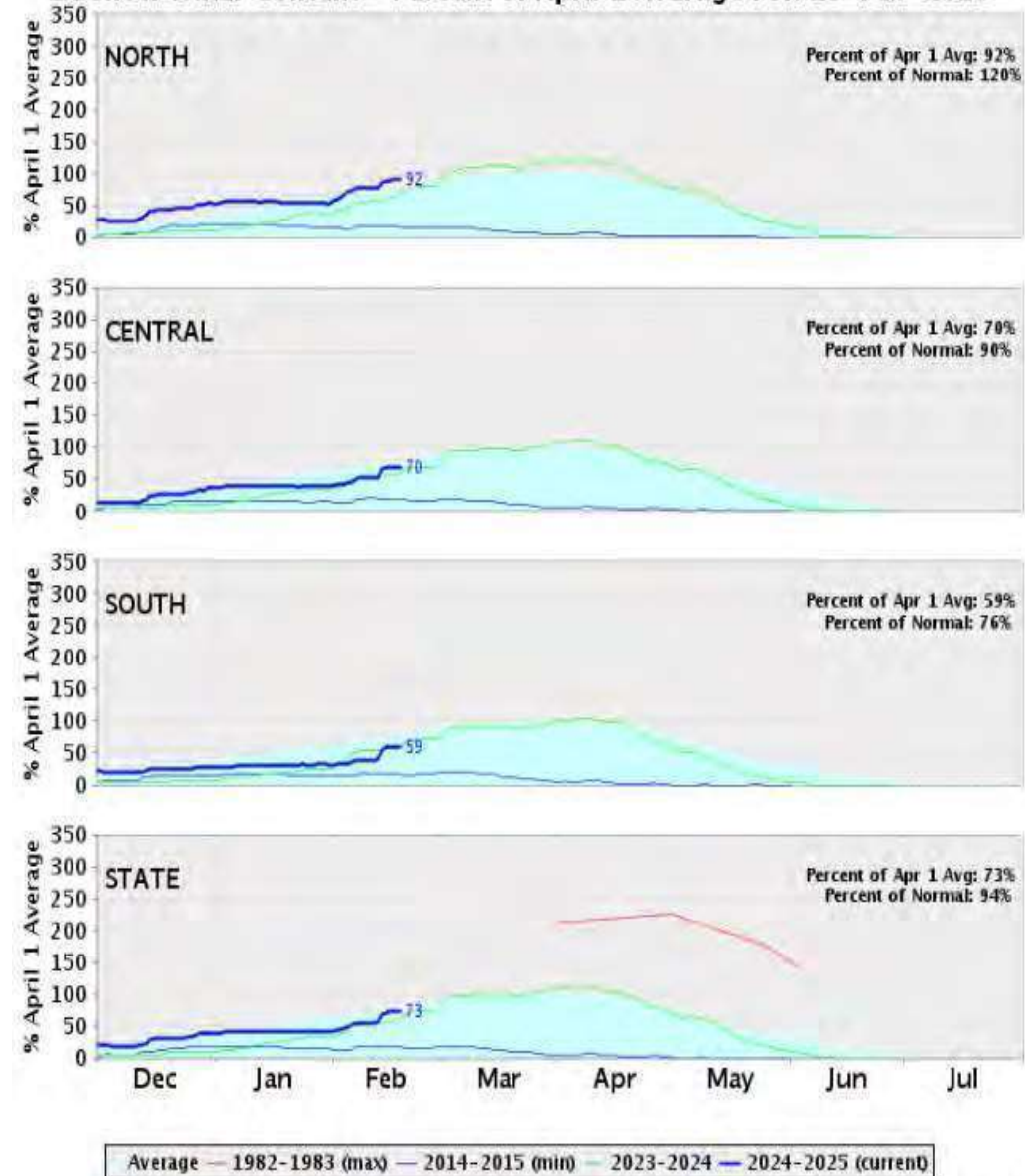
	Storage (TAF)	% Average
Oroville	2,872	133%
Shasta	3,531	112%
Folsom	684	144%
San Luis	1,628	101%

Lake Oroville Storage Levels



Historical Average — Total Reservoir Capacity — 1976-1977 (dry) — 1982-1983 (wet) — 2024-2025 (current)

CA Snow Water Content - Percent of April 1 Average For: 19-Feb-2025



Statewide Percent of average to date

94.0%



CURRENT REGIONAL SNOWPACK FROM AUTOMATED SNOW SENSORS

% of April 1 Average / % of Normal for This Date



Statewide Average: 73% / 96%

NORTH	
Data as of February 18, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent (inches)	24.0
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	92
Percent of normal for this date (%)	122

CENTRAL	
Data as of February 18, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	53
Average snow water equivalent (inches)	19.5
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	70
Percent of normal for this date (%)	91

SOUTH	
Data as of February 18, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	28
Average snow water equivalent (inches)	13.4
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	59
Percent of normal for this date (%)	77

STATE	
Data as of February 18, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	107
Average snow water equivalent (inches)	19.0
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	73
Percent of normal for this date (%)	96

Data as of February 18, 2025