



# Water Use Management Ordinance Revisions

## Resource Management Commission

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# Texas is in a Severe Drought

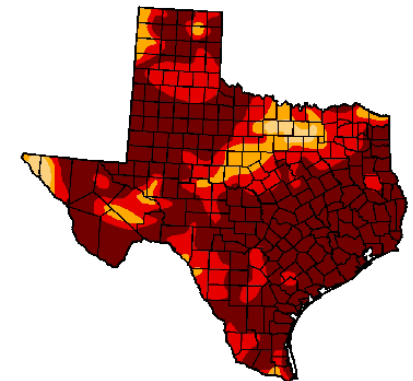
- Drought is historic in proportion, may be long-term
- Dry conditions projected to persist through fall and winter with continuation of La Nina
- Record low inflows to Highland Lakes
- Austin's Stage 2 restrictions in effect since September 6

## U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

November 1, 2011  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.18	90.42	64.95
Last Week (10/25/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.34	90.87	69.61
3 Months Ago (08/02/2011 map)	0.07	99.93	99.48	98.67	91.73	73.49
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	7.89	92.11	69.43	37.46	9.59	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.16	96.65	85.75
One Year Ago (10/26/2010 map)	57.82	42.18	20.47	3.15	0.08	0.00

### Intensity:



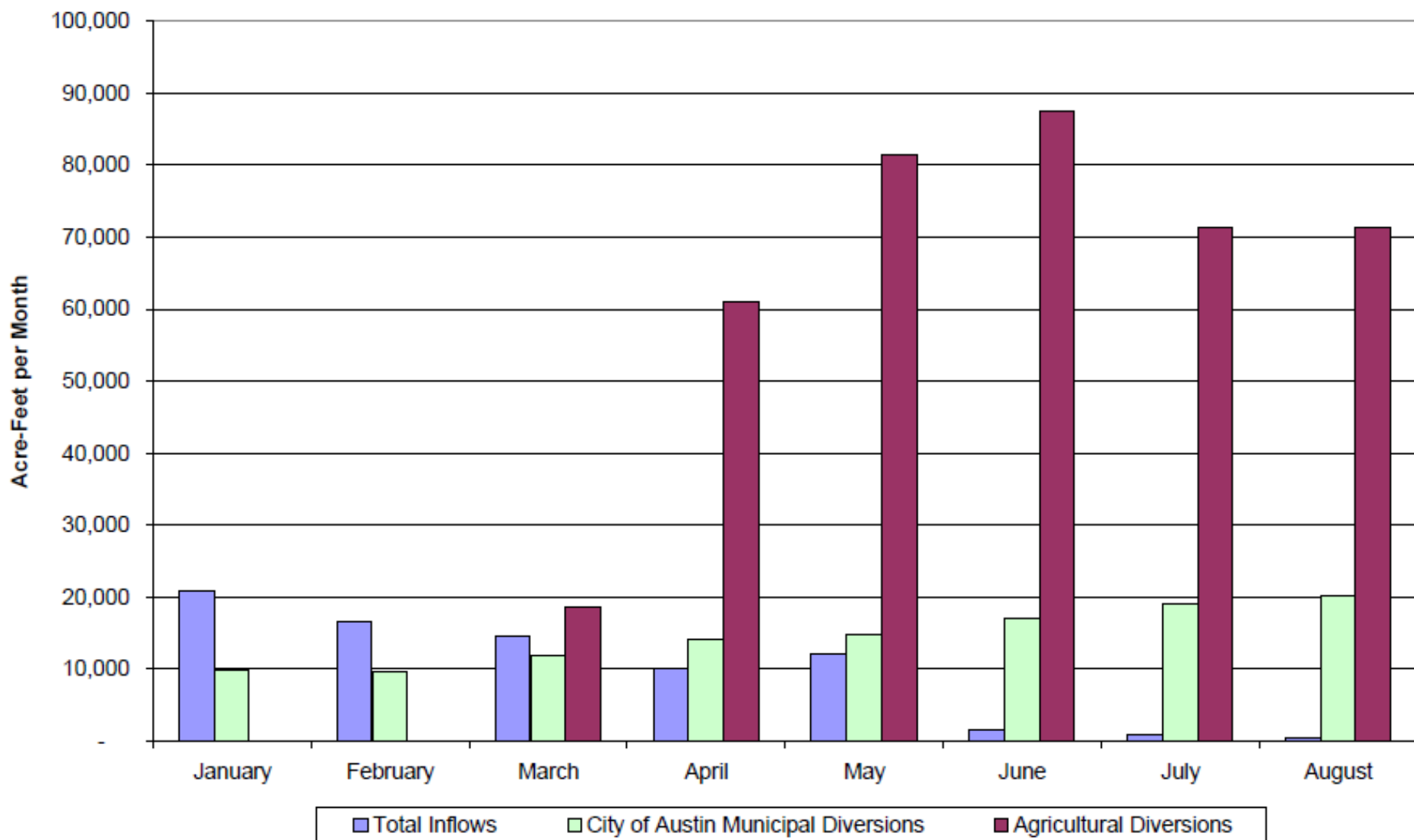
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

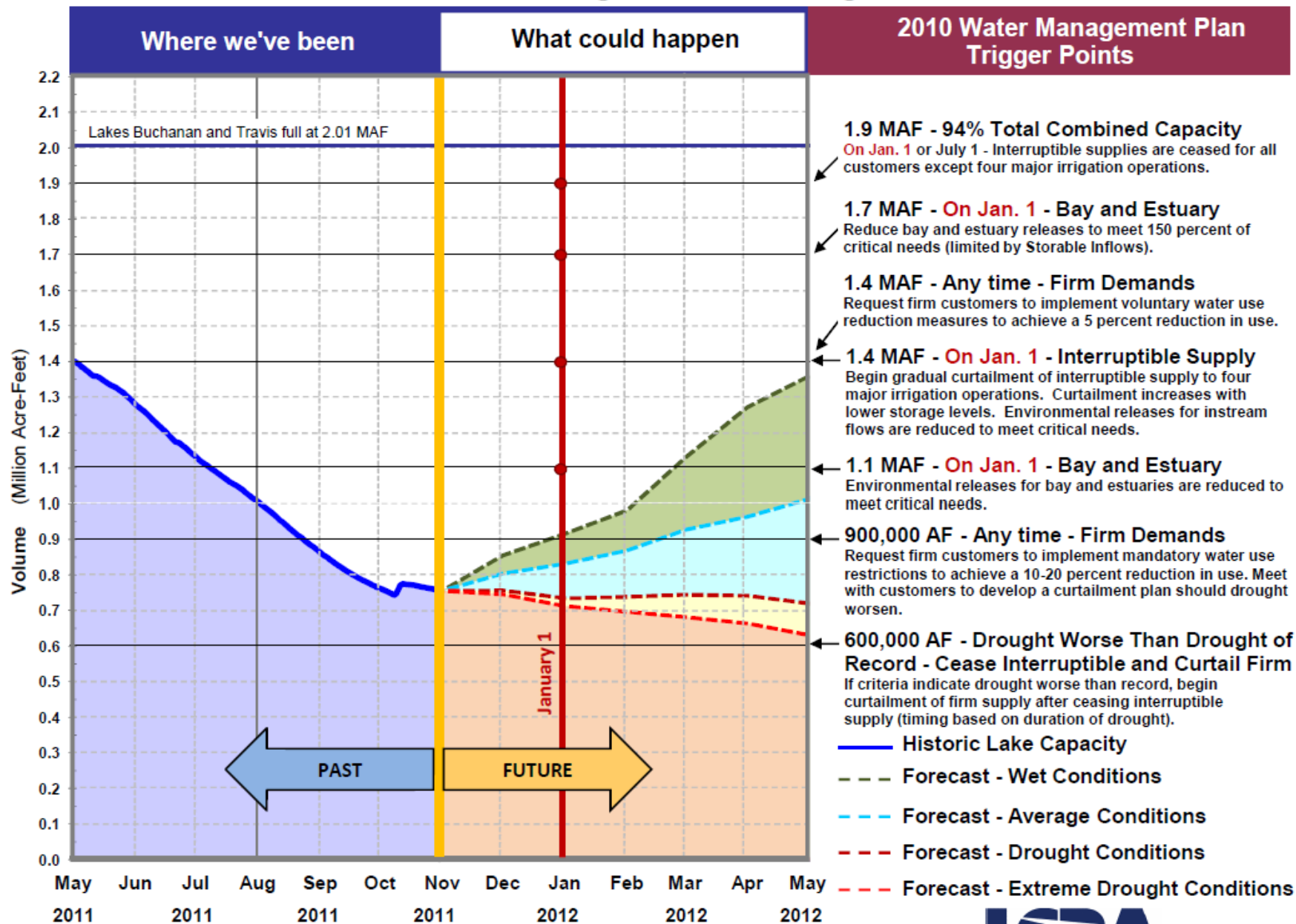


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Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

# Monthly 2011 Highland Lakes Inflows with City of Austin and Agricultural Diversions (lower three counties in basin)



# Highland Lakes Storage



Note: MAF equals One Million Acre-Feet  
One Acre-Foot (AF) equals 325,851 gallons.

Date: November 1, 2011



# Water Use Management

- **Current code written for short-term emergencies, not long-term drought**
- **Start code revision & stakeholder process**
  - Incorporate some remaining 2007 Task Force items
  - Shift to administrative water waste fines
  - Realign drought stages to ease into restrictions, provide earlier public awareness
  - Extend supplies to protect tree canopy and environment
  - Provide sustainability for food production & local business
- **Desired completion prior to 600,000 AF**



# Next Steps

- Currently designing public input process
  - Anticipate meetings in December and January
  - Opportunity for written comments
- Regular updates to Water/Wastewater & Resource Management Commissions
- Seek Commission Approvals – February
- Seek Council Approval – March
- Continue to monitor drought, work with LCRA



# Questions?

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