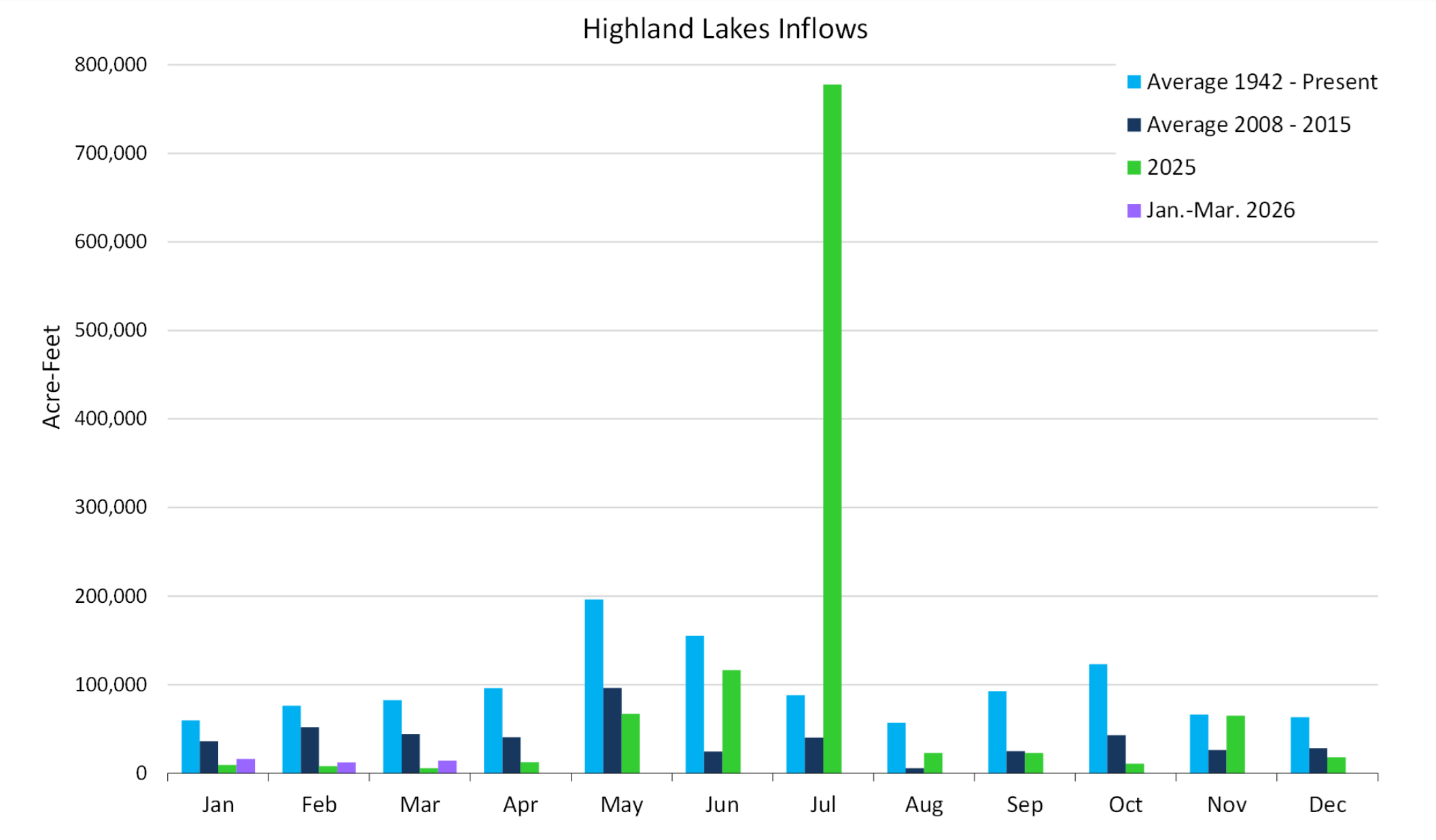




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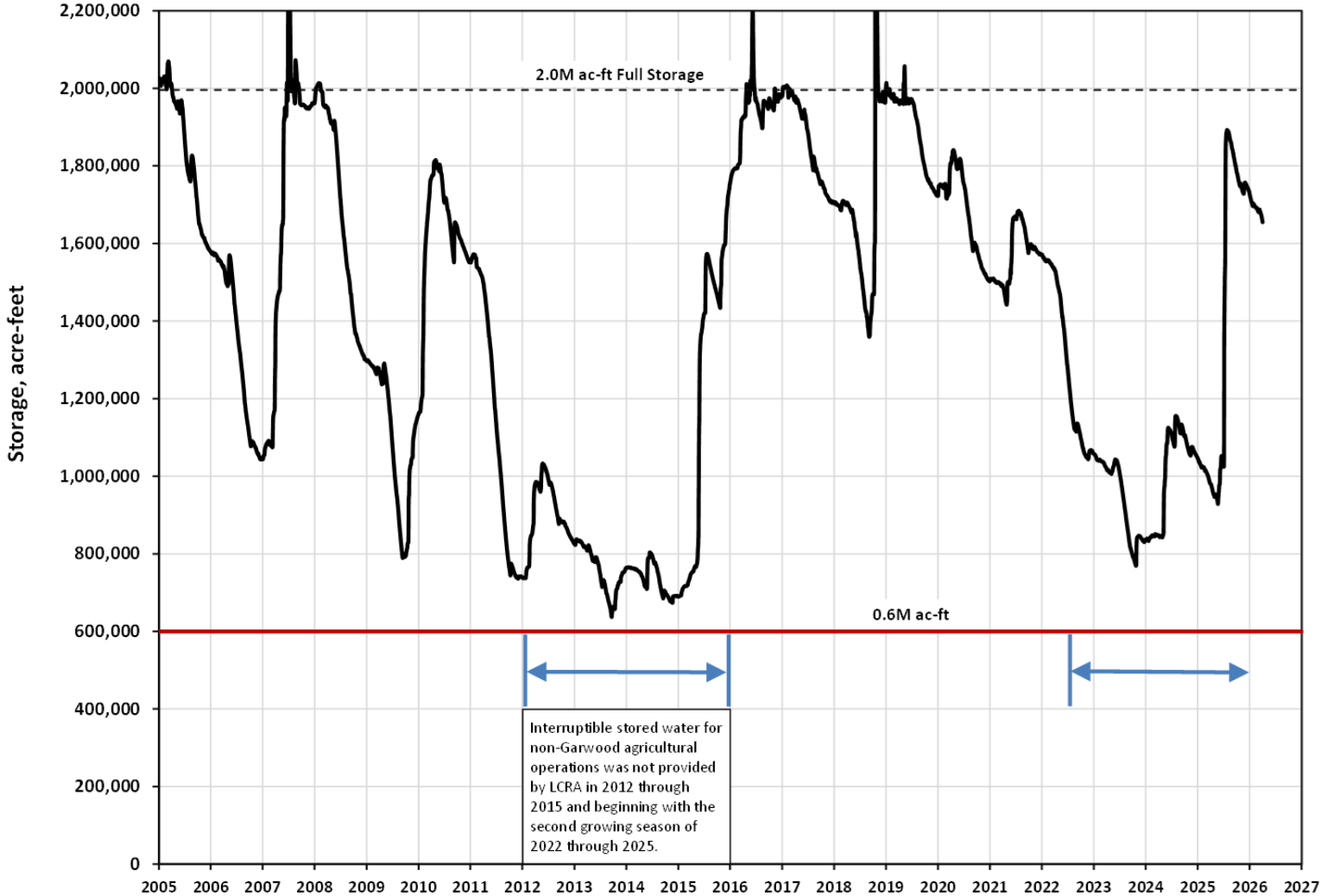
Highland Lakes Inflows



Lakes Buchanan & Travis Combined Storage



Combined Storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis
January 1, 2005 through April 1, 2026

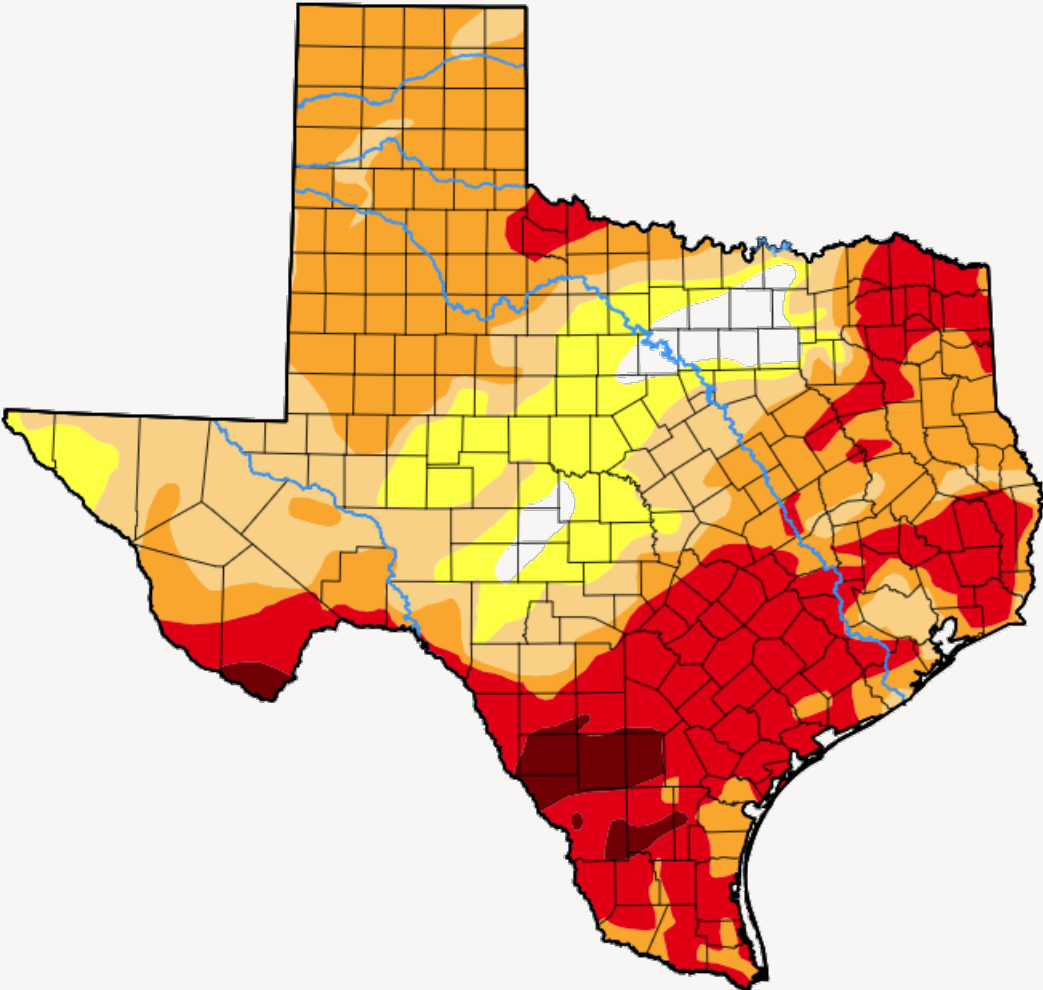


U.S. Drought Monitor









Map released: Thurs. April 9, 2026

Data valid: April 7, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT



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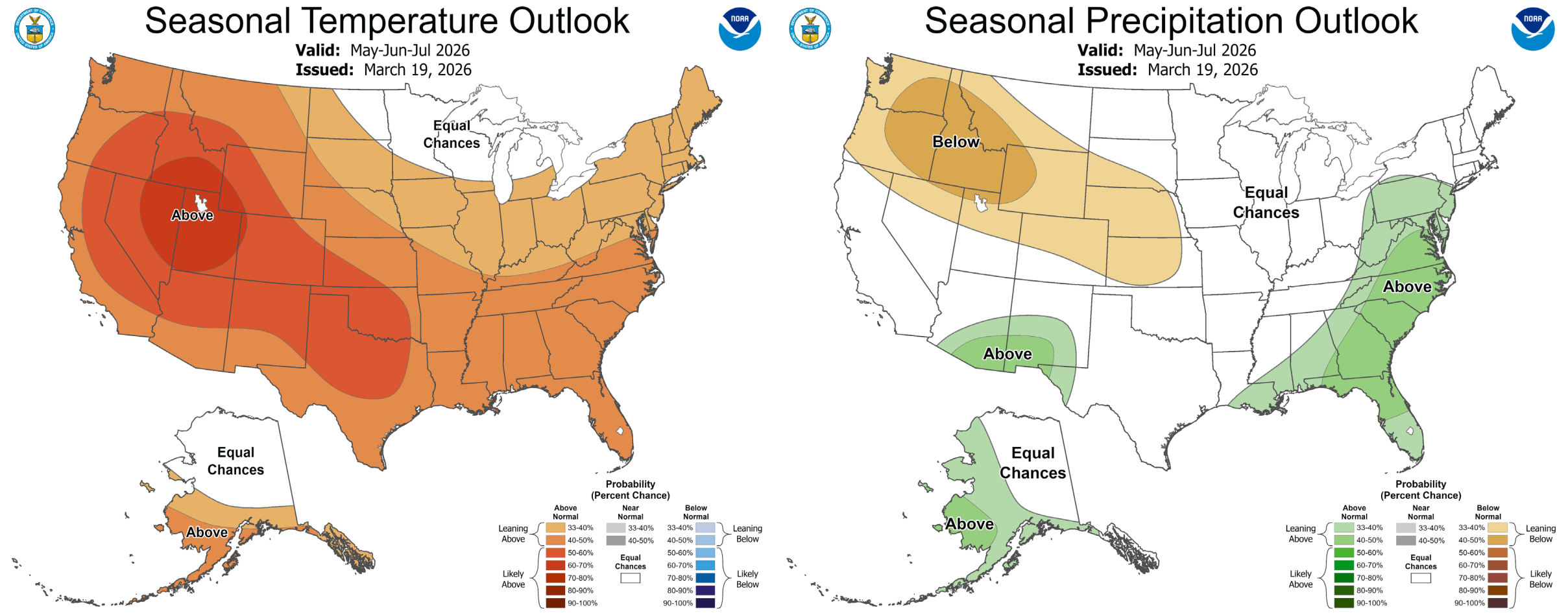
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-  D1 (Moderate Drought)
-  D2 (Severe Drought)
-  D3 (Extreme Drought)
-  D4 (Exceptional Drought)
-  No Data

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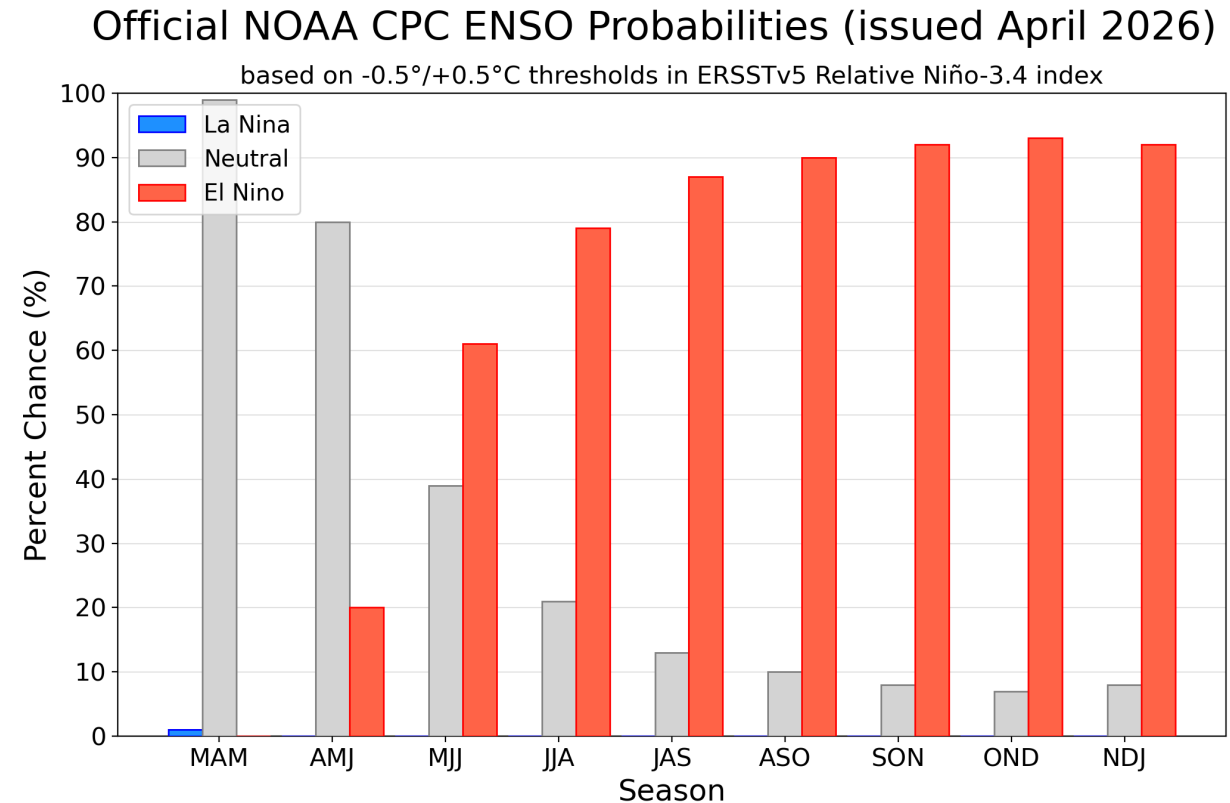
NOAA 3-month Outlook: May – July



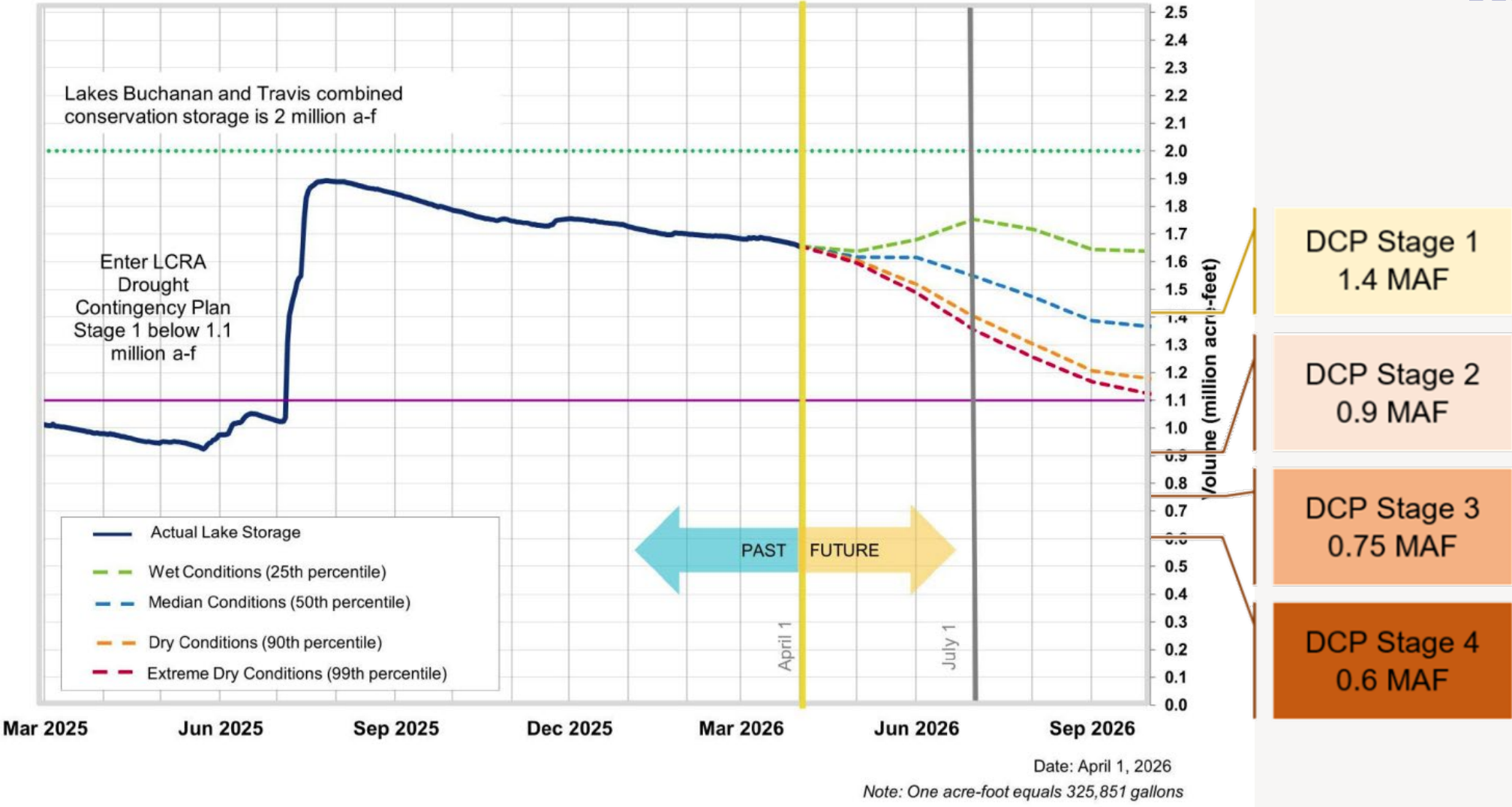
The seasonal outlooks combine long-term trends, soil moisture, and El Nino/Southern Oscillation.

NOAA El Niño/Southern Oscillation Forecast

- ENSO-neutral conditions are present and are favored through April-June 2026 (80% chance).
- In May-July 2026, El Niño is likely to emerge (61% chance) and persist through at least the end of 2026.



Lakes Buchanan & Travis Combined Storage Projections



Questions?