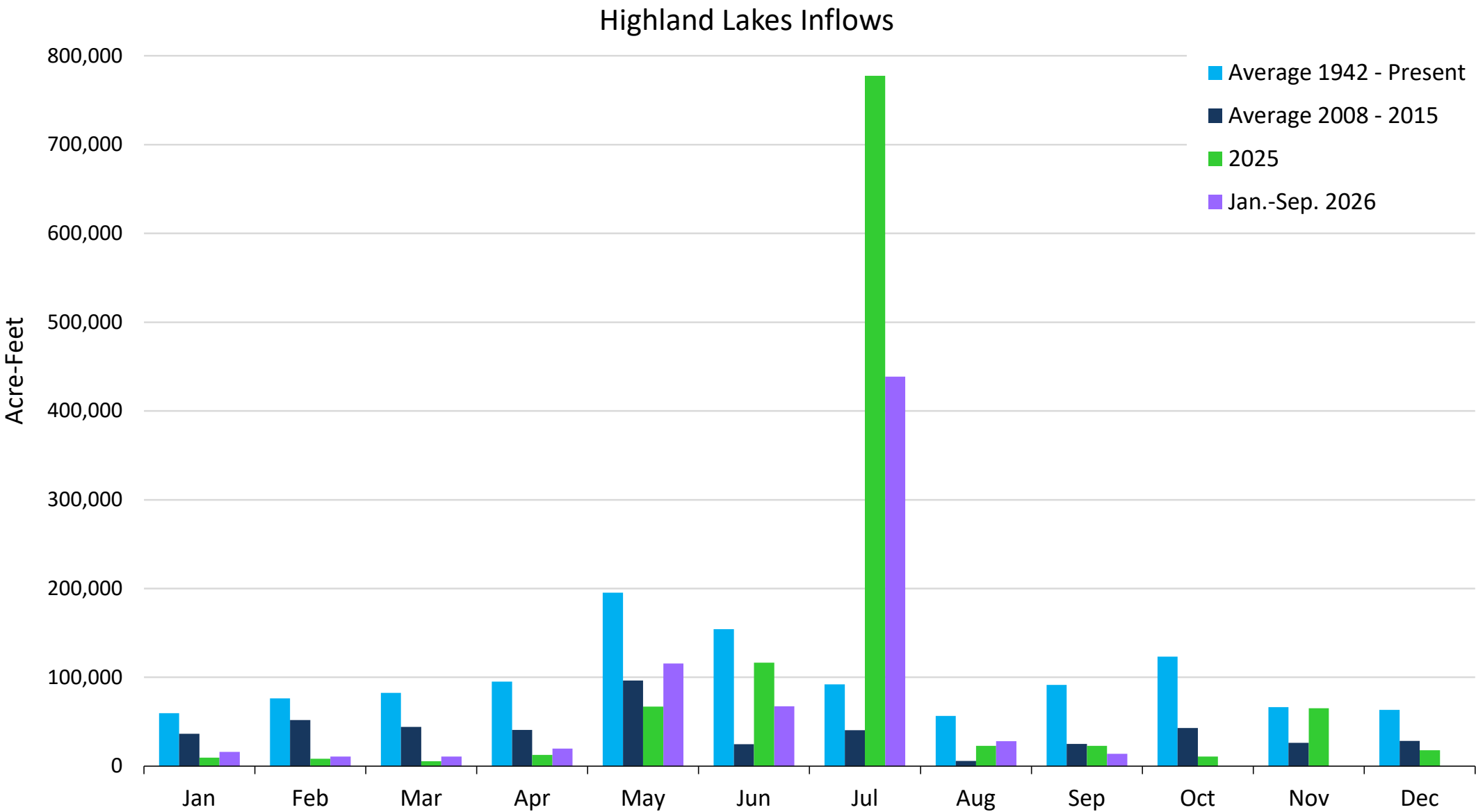




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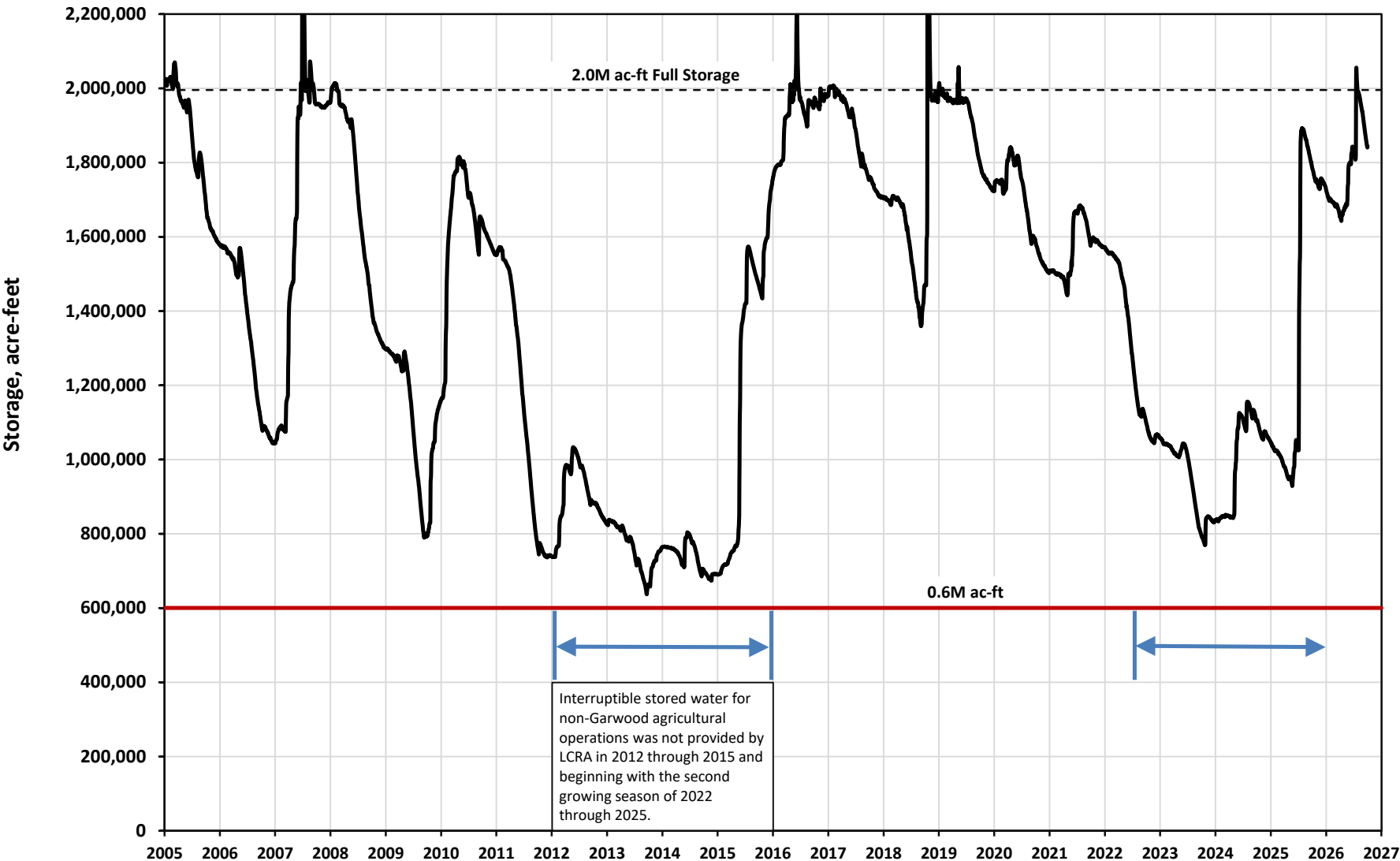
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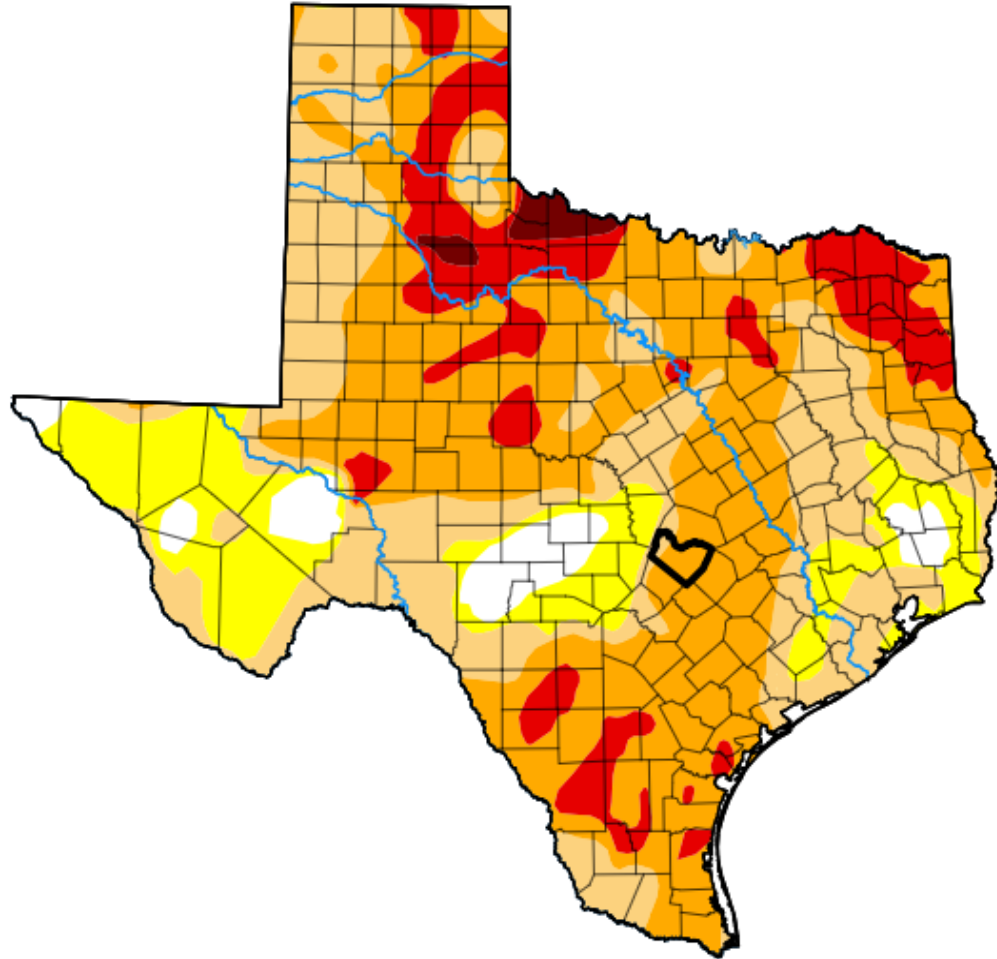
Lakes Buchanan & Travis Combined Storage



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



U.S. Drought Monitor



Map released: Thurs. October 8, 2026

Data valid: October 6, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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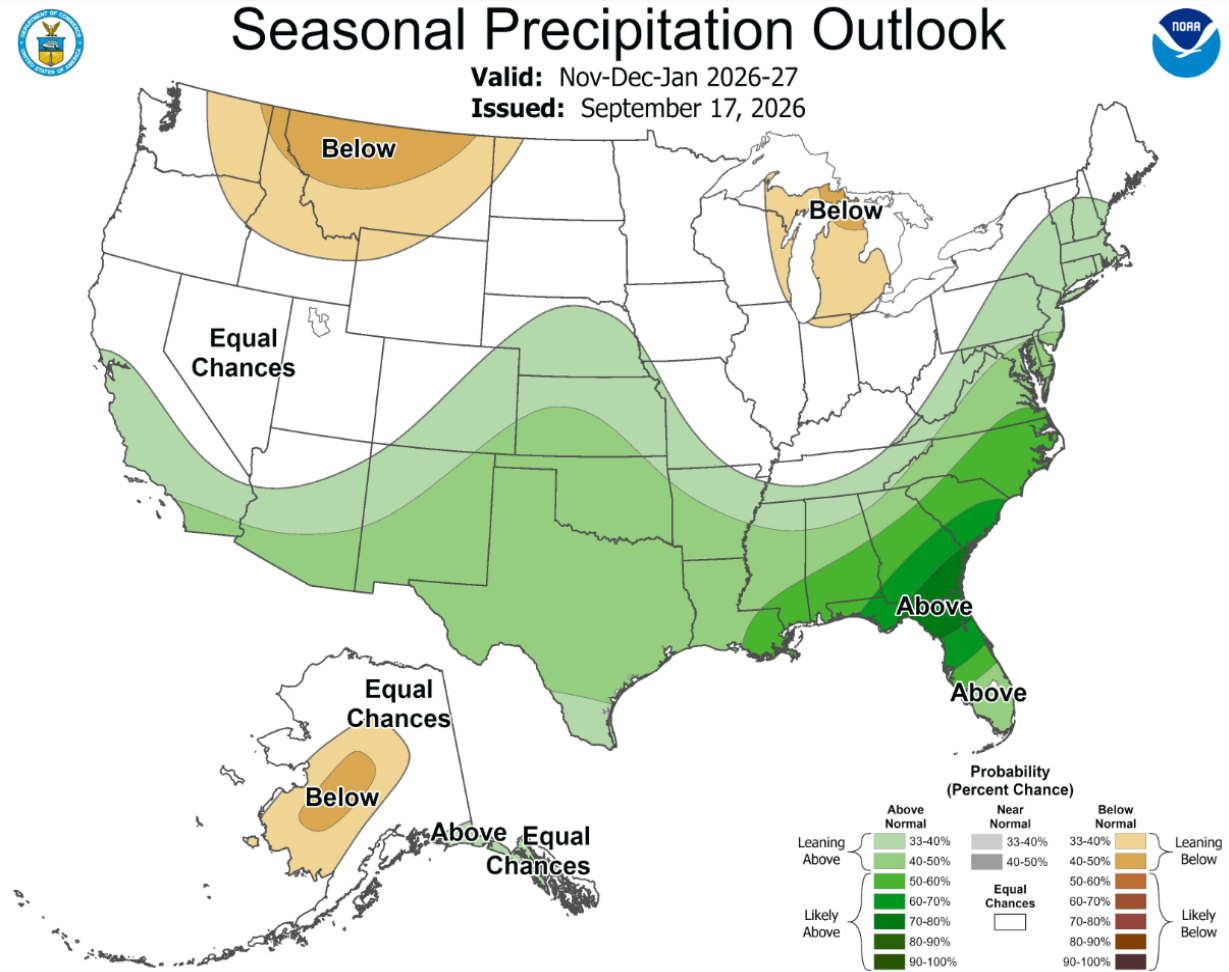
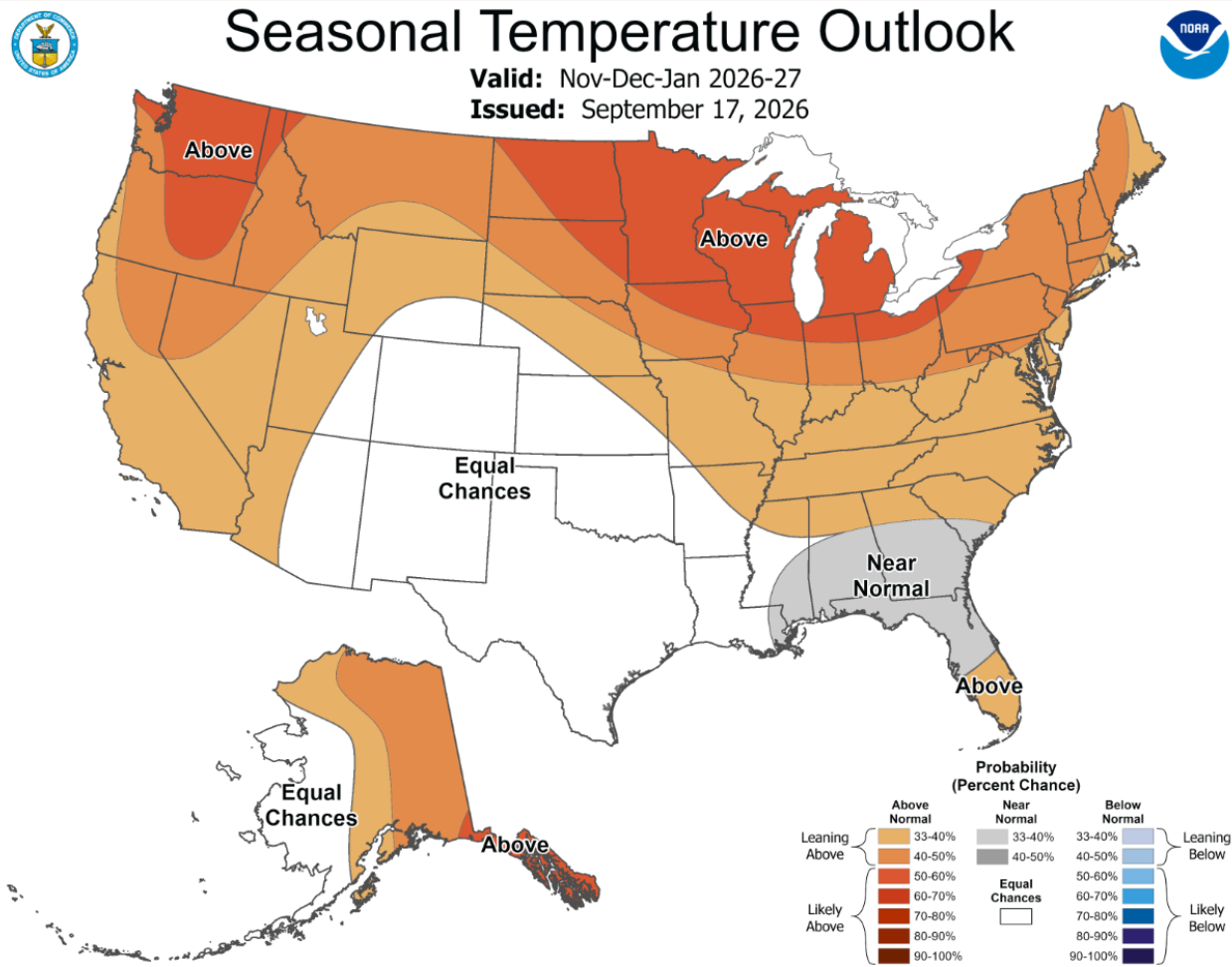
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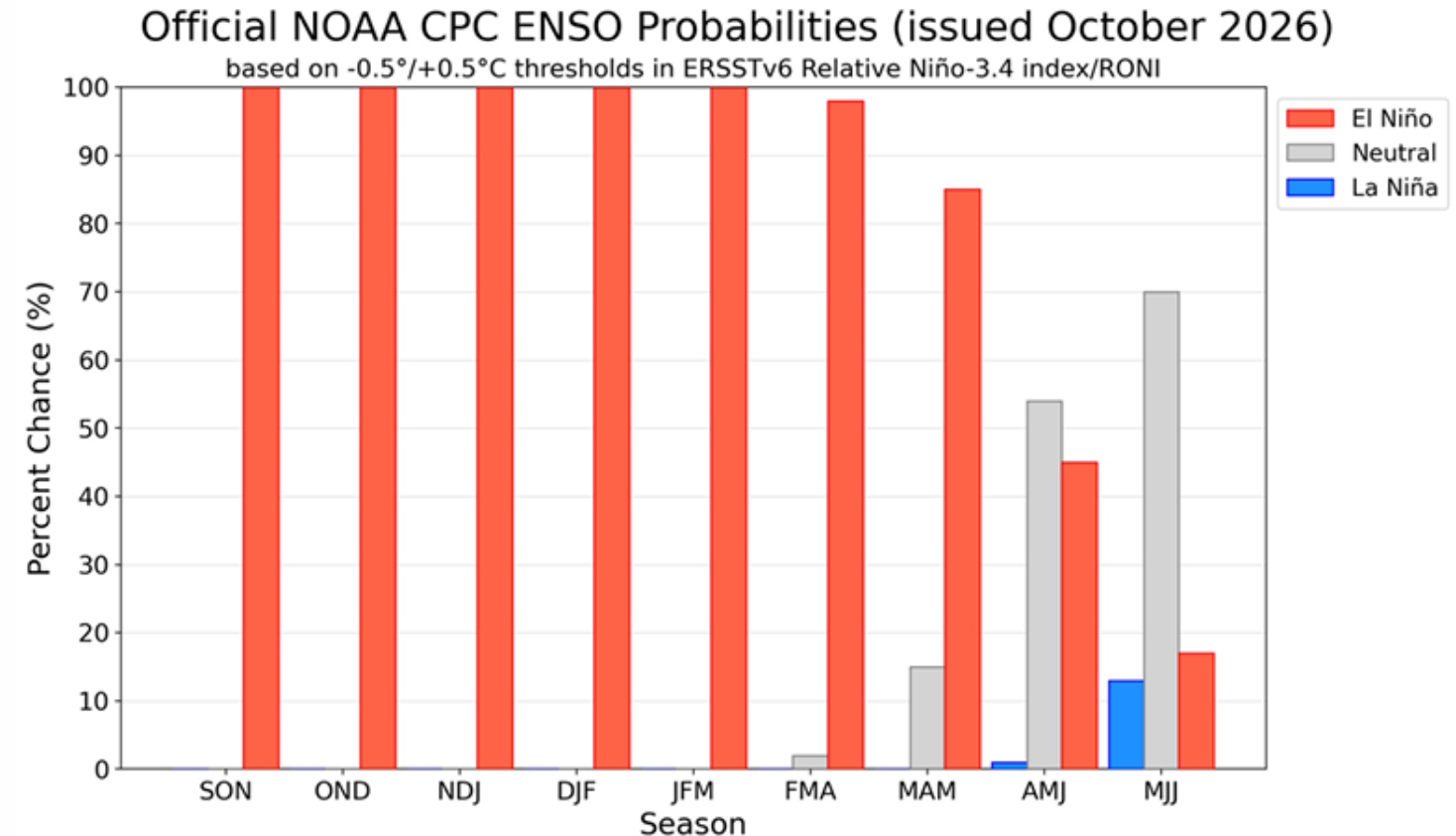
NOAA 3-month Outlook: November – January



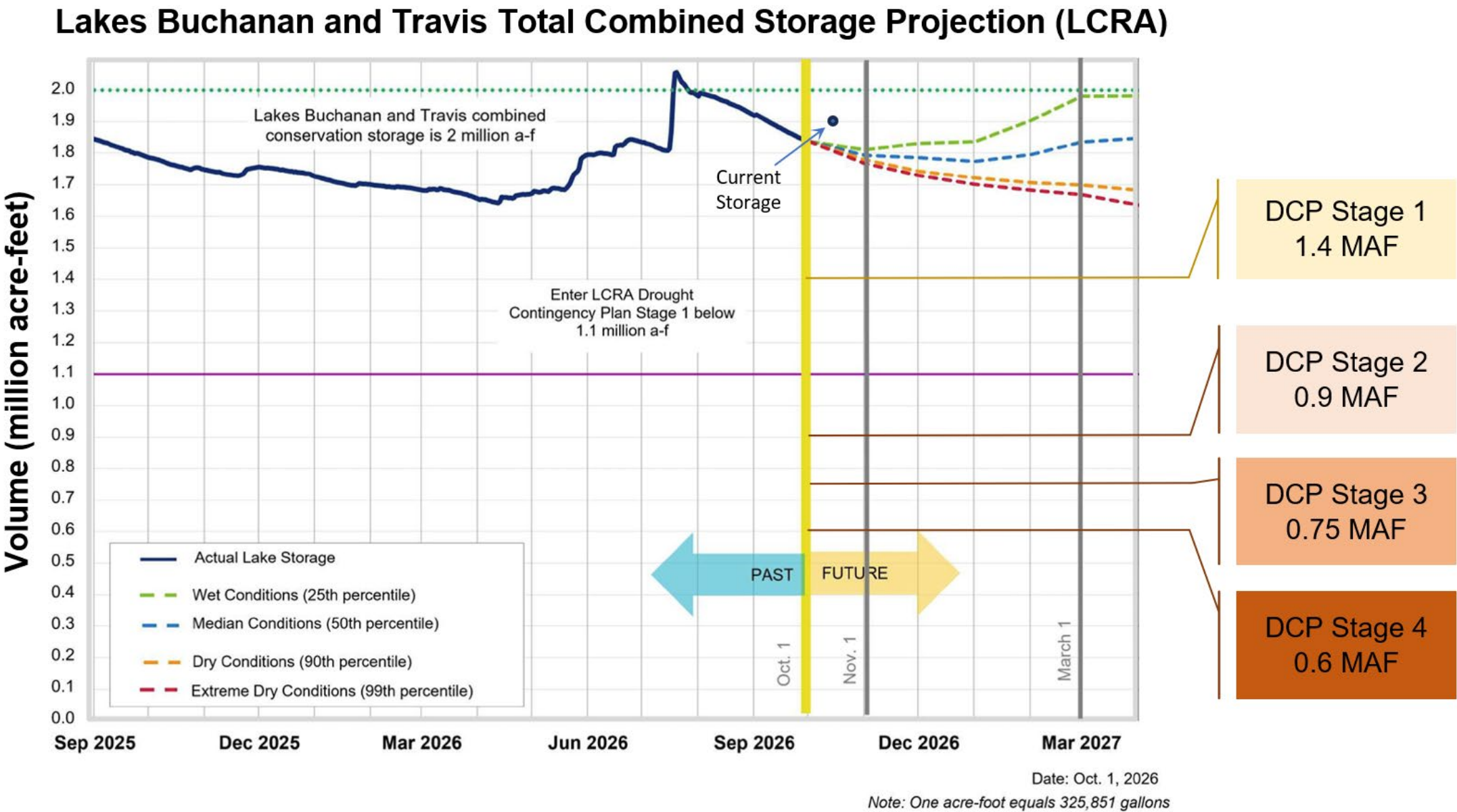
The seasonal outlooks combine long-term trends, soil moisture, and El Nino/Southern Oscillation.

NOAA El Niño/Southern Oscillation Forecast

- El Niño continues to strengthen, with a strong-to-very strong El Niño likely through January – March 2027 (remaining greater than 83% chance).



Lakes Buchanan & Travis Combined Storage Projections



Questions?