



State Water Project Reliant Area Solutions

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SWP Reliant Area Solutions: Overview

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Identifying and implementing measures to ensure all portions of the service area attain a high level of reliability against multi-year, severe droughts

Current Drought Emergency

Actively manage through current
extreme conditions

Future Extreme Drought

Urgently prepare for the next
extreme drought

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What we have done

Took incremental and continuous action in preparation to respond to drought

Got through the two driest years on record

What we are doing

Continuing to take urgent action to address this potentially ongoing unprecedented drought emergency

What we will do

Continue to address this drought and prepare for the next with expedited drought action planning and development

Resolve this issue in collaboration with our member and partner agencies

What We Have Done

Took Incremental and Continuous Action to Address the Issue

- Made some big gains since the last severe drought in 2014-15
- Provided increased reliability for this current severe drought



Added new interconnections and strengthened existing infrastructure to enable DVL water to be delivered to Mills

Spreading Basins



Groundwater Wells


Developed a new storage program with AVEK and began construction on facilities for increased supply availability



Rehabilitated Greg Ave. Pump Station for improved reliability of Colorado River water to the SWP Reliant Area



Implemented WSDM actions, shored up CRA delivery capabilities, continued investments in water-use efficiency and local supplies

An aerial photograph of a large reservoir that is almost completely dry. The water level is so low that the surrounding hillsides are exposed, showing distinct circular and concentric patterns from the water's receding edge. A long, multi-span bridge with a steel truss structure spans across the reservoir. In the background, a small, isolated pool of blue water remains in a higher elevation. The surrounding landscape is a mix of dry, brownish hills and green, forested areas.

What We Are Doing

Taking Urgent Action to Address this Current Drought Emergency

News for Immediate Release__

Metropolitan Declares Drought Emergency

Metropolitan Board of Directors calls for increased conservation and expands water efficiency programs

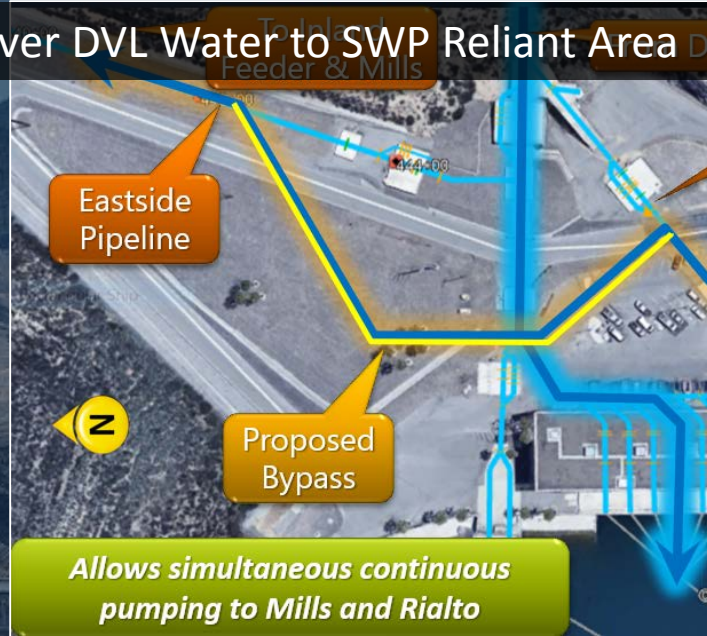
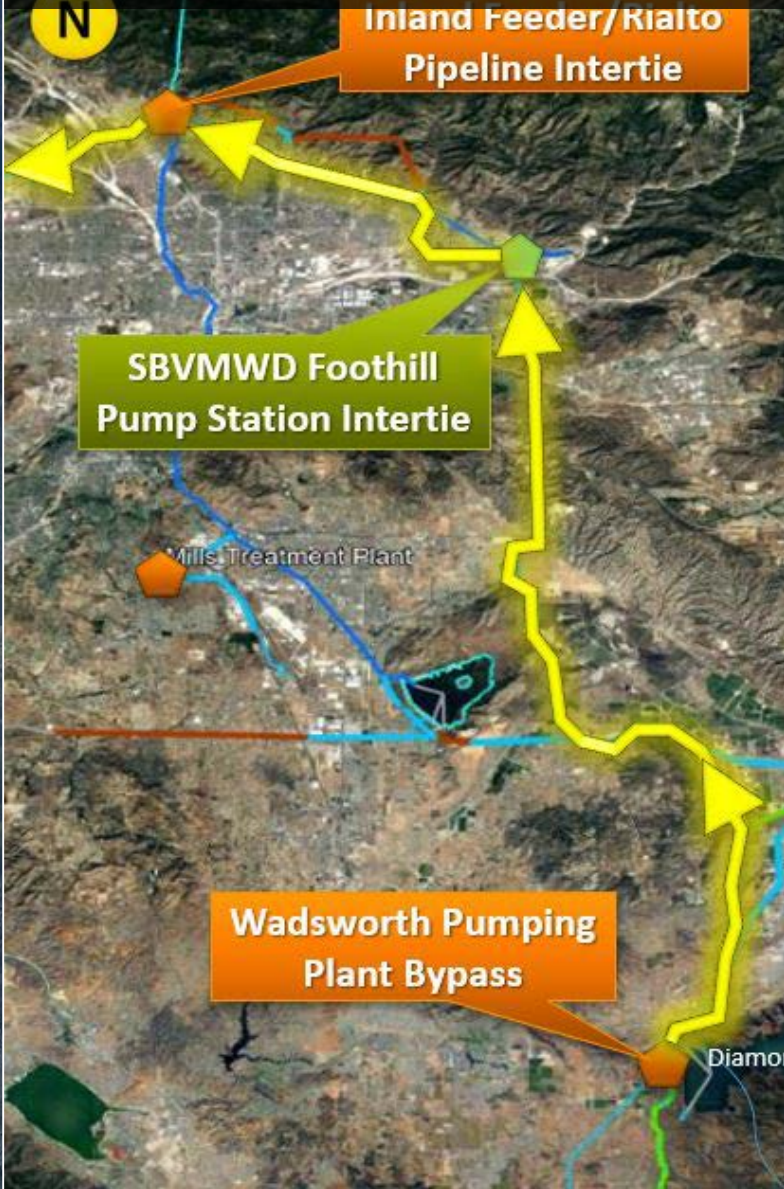
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What We Are Doing Taking Strategic WSDM and Water Management Actions

- Water saving has health benefits too.** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®
- Rev up water savings.** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®
- Take the plunge with a water-efficient toilet.** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®
- Bail on drought, save water.** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®
- Take water saving by the horns.** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®
- Water Saving (Drought remix)** Drought requires bold action. Save more water now. For water-saving tips and rebates be water wise.com®



Designing New Interconnections to Deliver DVL Water to SWP Reliant Area



What We Are Doing

Taking Action on New Infrastructure Investments to Deliver Other Sources of Water

News for Immediate Release__

Metropolitan Board Takes Actions to Alleviate Drought

New investments, partnerships increase reliability during challenging times

Dec. 14, 2021

What We Are Doing Taking Action on Water Exchanges



Water Purchase and Use of Capacity at Semitropic

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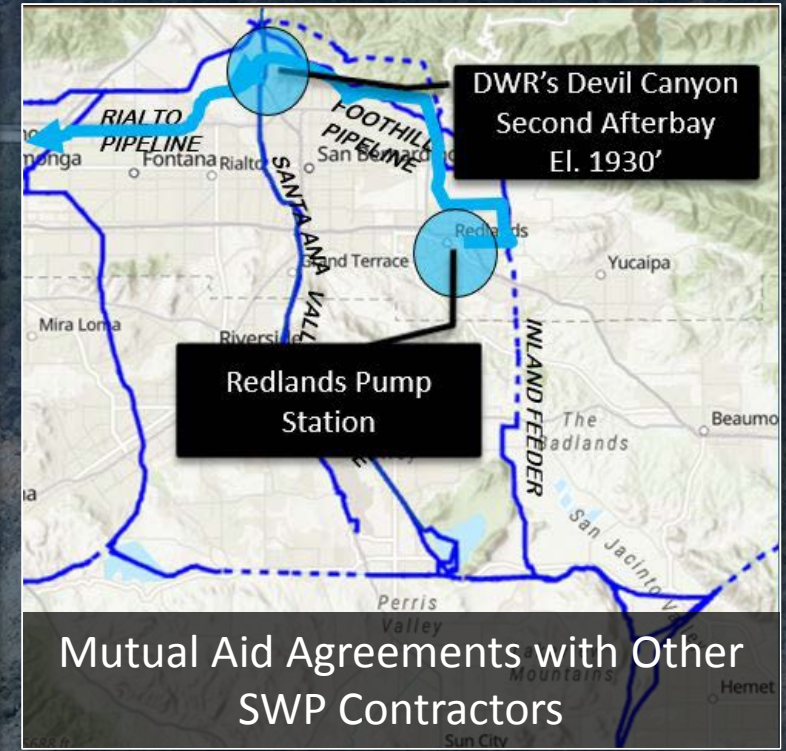
Agencies Partner to Boost Water Supplies for Southern California

Metropolitan-Water Authority agreement responds to
governor's call for drought actions

Dec. 1, 2021



Friant Exchange



Mutual Aid Agreements with Other
SWP Contractors

Benefits of Newly Developed/Planned Actions

What if current/near-term actions were available at the start of a drought like this current one?

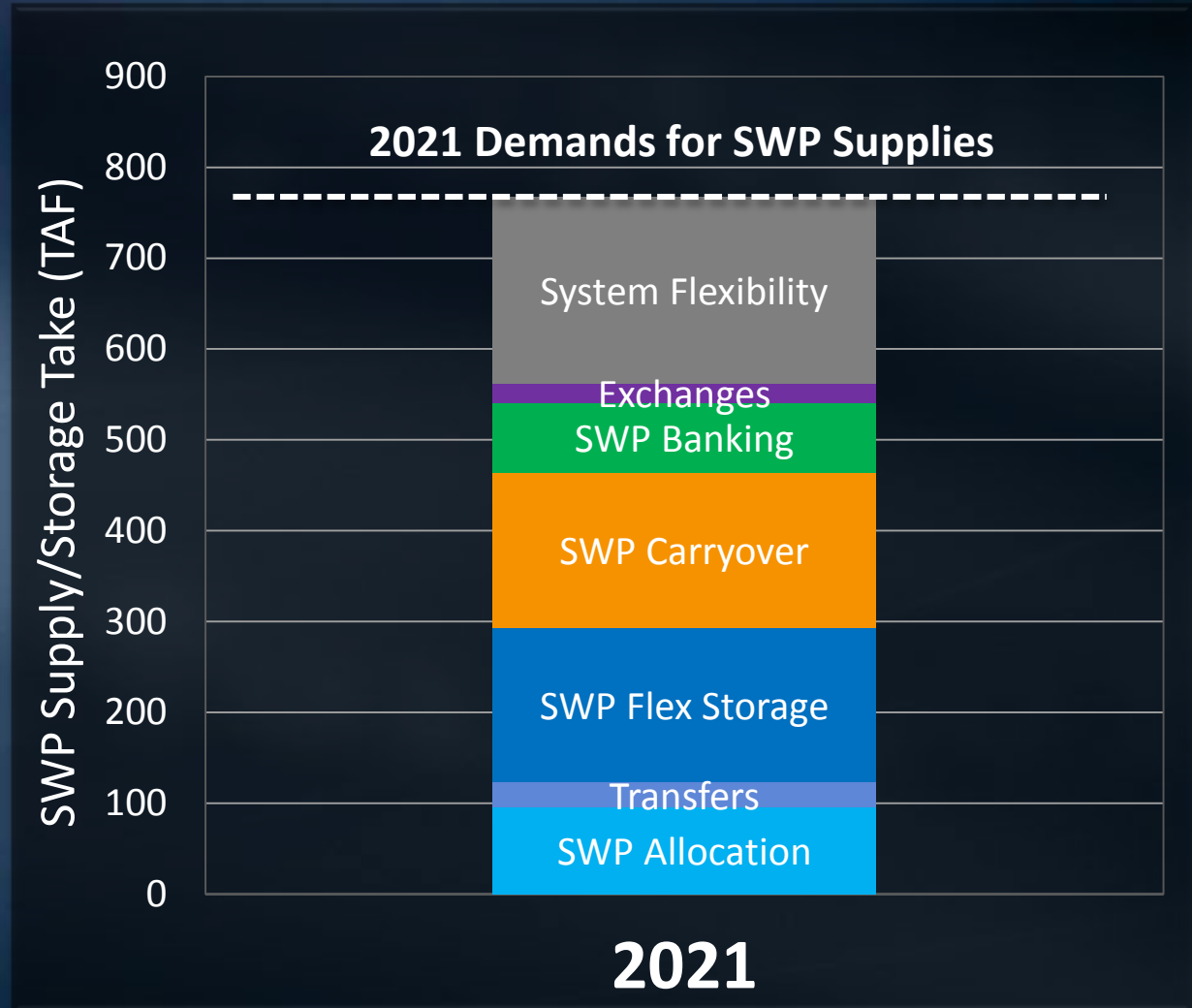


Extraordinary Operational Drought Actions

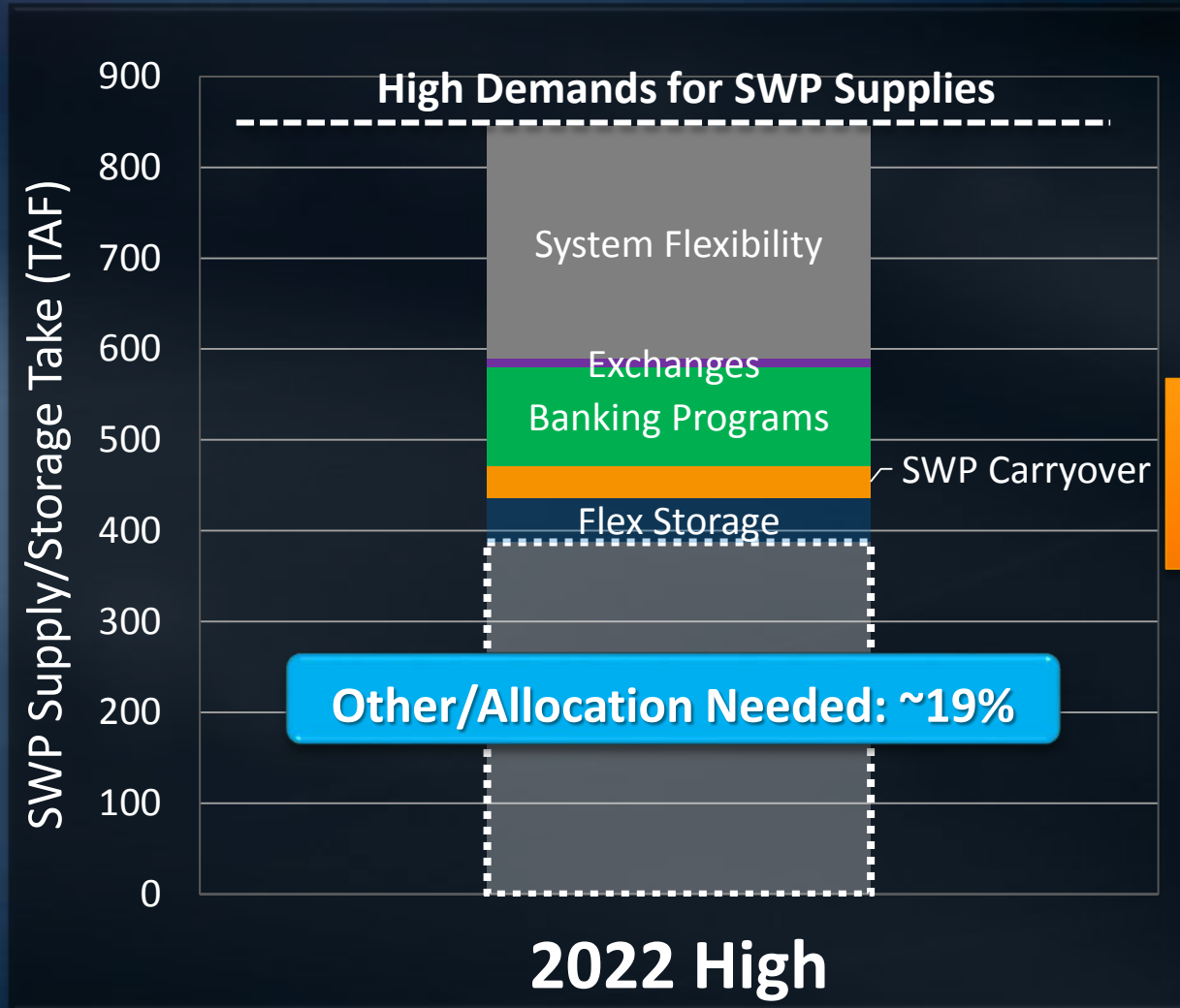
Actions Already Underway Greatly Improve Future Reliability

- Interconnections significantly reduce the demand for State Water Project Supplies
 - These investments allow stored water and Colorado supplies to serve a larger portion of the service area
 - This allows SWP supplies to be saved for areas that need it
- More storage available on SWP system for MWD's use in future dry sequences
 - AVEK storage program adds 280 TAF storage and 70 TAF annual return in dry years

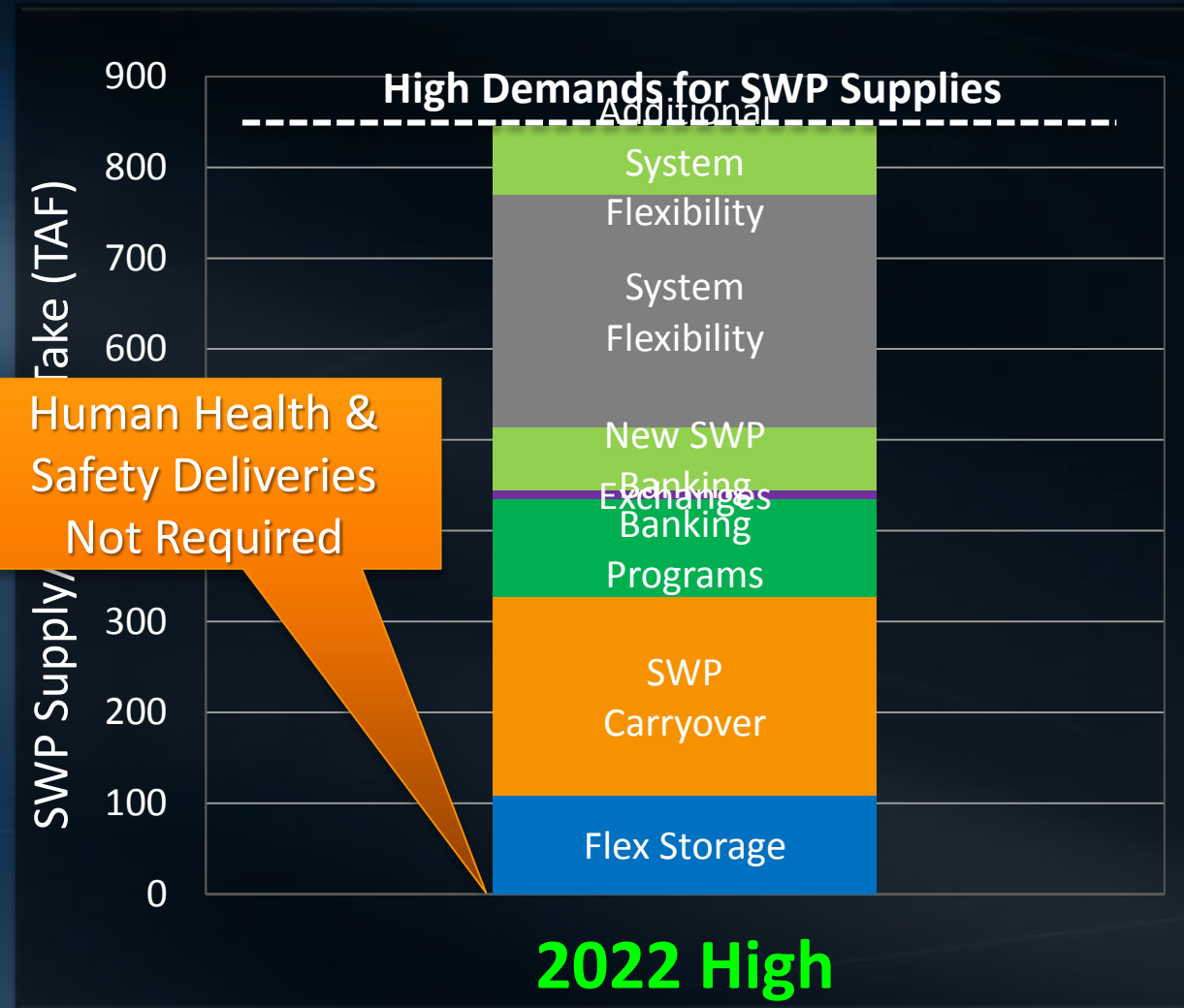
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Las Virgenes NV **Current Planning Scenario**



Slide 13 **Drought Actions “What If” Planning Scenario**

Investments Already Under Way Would Have
Eliminated The Need To Declare An Emergency

Even If 2022 Ends With A Zero SWP Allocation

.....but we aren't stopping there

What We Will Do

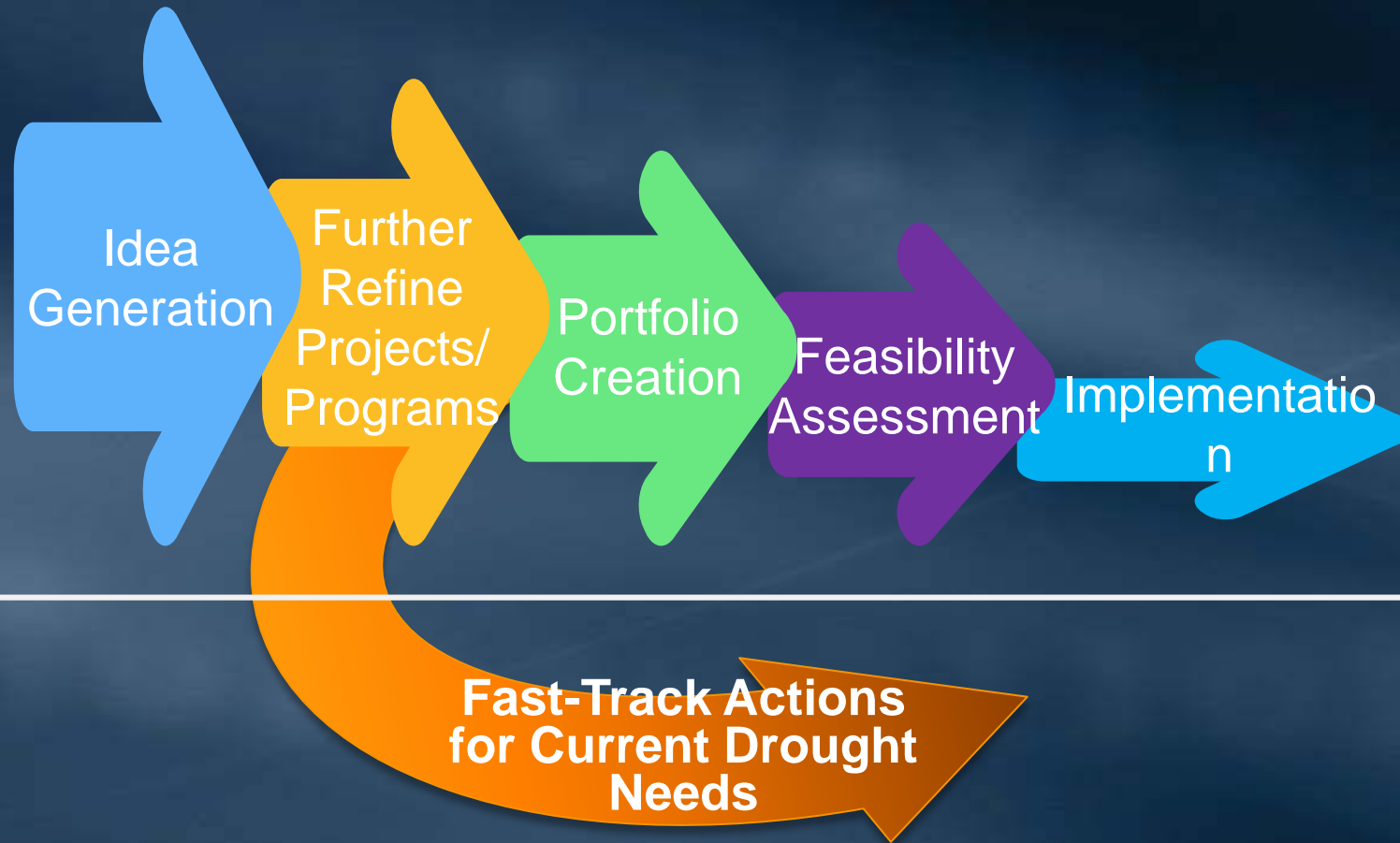
Continue to Address this Drought and Prepare for the Next

“ *Identify and implement measures to ensure all portions of the service area attain a high level of reliability against multi-year, severe droughts. Measures include, but are not limited to, system improvements, local water supply development, new water storage opportunities, and water efficiency gains*
— November 2021 Resolution of the Board of Directors of MWD ”



Drought Action Planning and Development

Accelerated Actions for the Near- and Long-Term



**Future
Extreme
Drought**

**Current
Drought
Emergency**

Collaborative Process with Member and Partner Agencies

Drought Action Planning and Development

Addressing Potential Severe Drought Extending into 2022+

Current Drought Emergency

Actively manage through current
extreme conditions

Opportunities w/ Member Agencies

More operational shift cost-offset opportunities, new programs (e.g., reverse cyclic), deferring deliveries, other

Additional Supplies

Exchanges/transfers, expediting withdrawal capability from new AVEK program, SBVMWD groundwater, CRA flow improvement projects

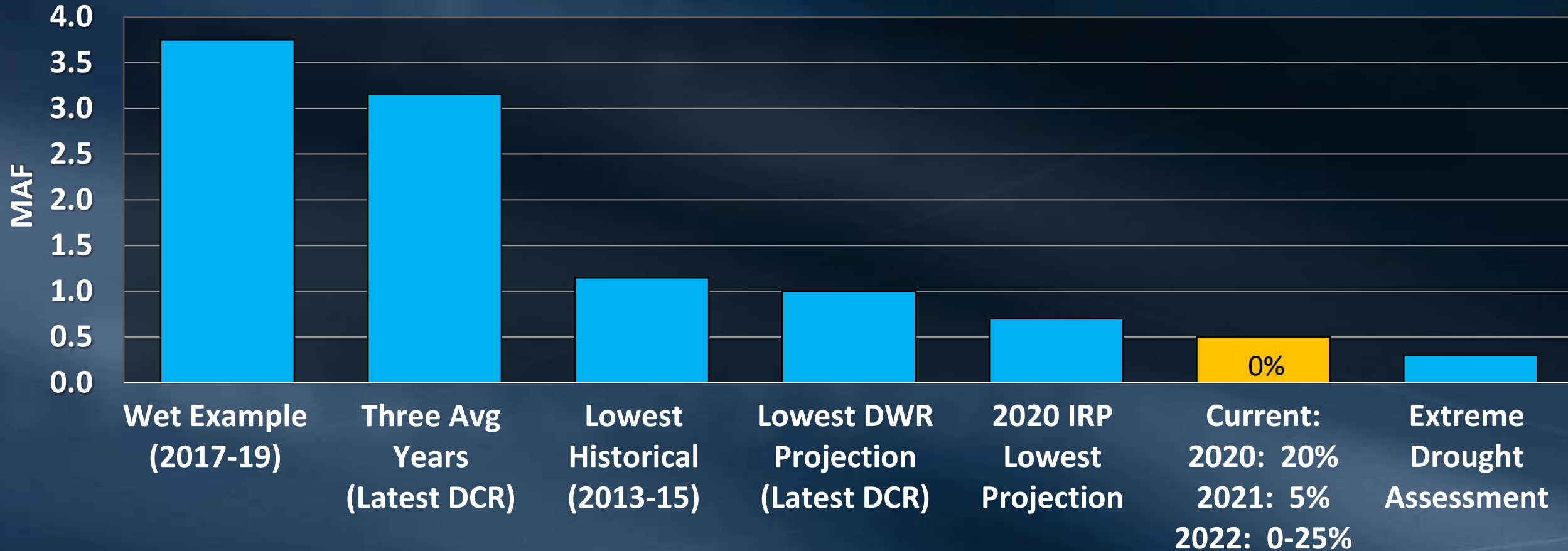
Near-Term Infrastructure Drought Actions

Expedite relatively near-term projects, such as DVL to Rialto projects

WSDM and Water Management

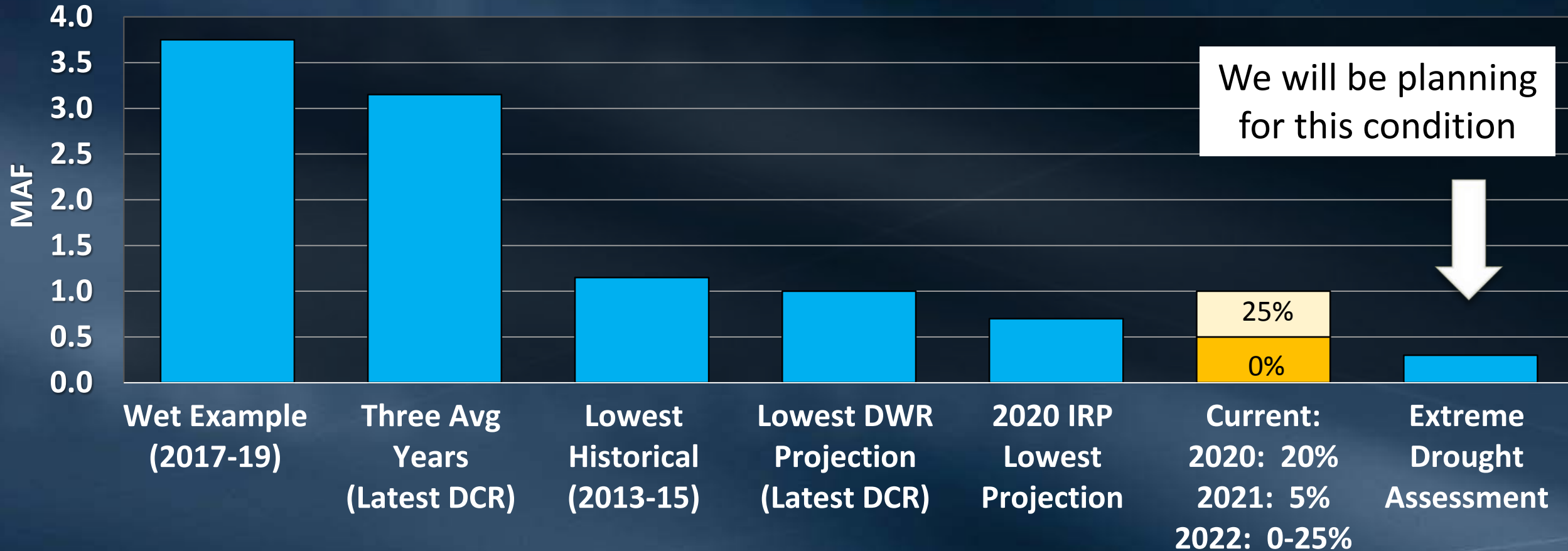
Strategic withdrawals from storage, managing Human Health & Safety water, utilization of Perris Flex storage

IRP Assessment Captures SWP Risks (three-year drought) and Opportunities (move water to storage)



**Values rounded to 50 TAF increments. Values do not include Article 21 supplies.*

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Future Extreme Drought

Examples of Add'l Things Being Considered

Areas to investigate in the IRP Implementation Phase to resolve the “SWP Dependent Area” reliability challenges over the long-term

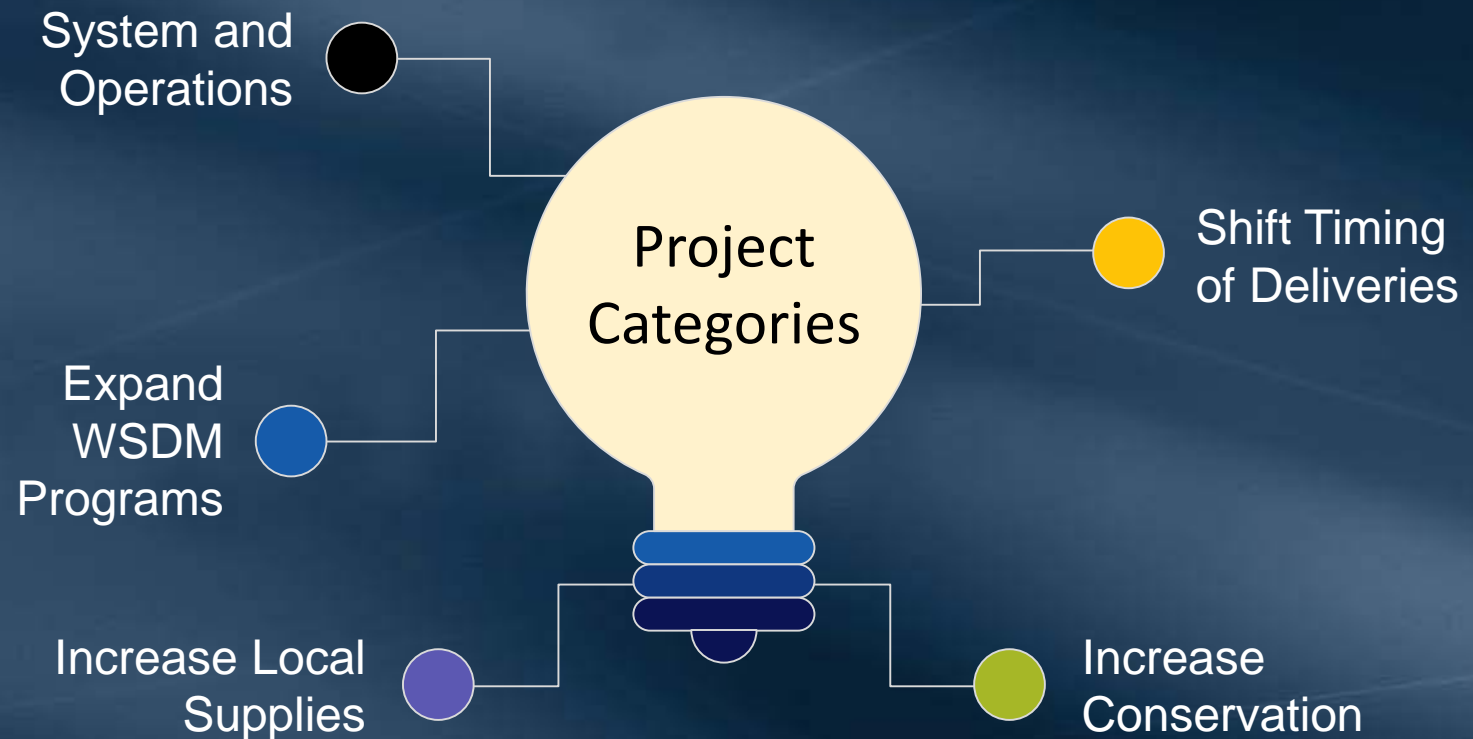
- Investments in distribution system to enhance flexibility
 - Sepulveda Feeder Pumpback
 - Greg Avenue Pumpback Expansion
- Maintaining existing SWP supply reliability
- New supplies/storage accessible to the “SWP Dependent Areas”
 - Second Phase of AVEK Storage (Add'l 280 TAF of storage)
 - Regional Recycled Water Program and other Local Supplies

Drought Action Planning and Development

Proactively Ramped Up Drought Action Planning

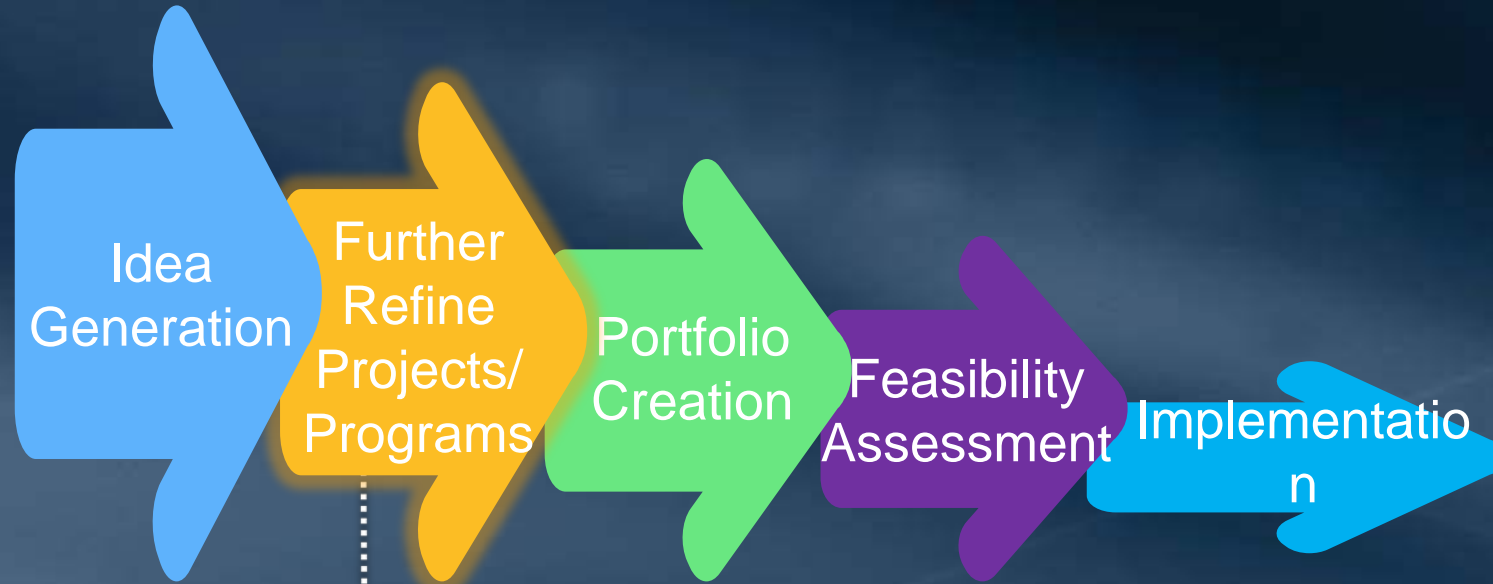


- Generated 130+ creative ideas
- About 50 ideas selected for further study and potential development
- Various project/program types and timing



Drought Action Planning and Development

Continue to Expedite Planning for Mid- and Long-Term Actions



Example Elements	Fatal flaws?
	Yield/size, cost, online date
	Operational needs
	System impacts, member agency impacts, water quality requirements

Potential Long-Term Project: Greg Avenue Pump Station Expansion

- Greg Avenue Pump Station currently providing up to 55 cfs of CRW to the West Valley area
- Reconnaissance-level studies completed to expand the pump station:
 - Hydraulics/surge protection
 - Pipeline capacity
 - Preliminary facility sizing
 - System operations constraints
- Feasibility study funds required to investigate in greater detail



Feasibility Study Will Review Needed Infrastructure Modifications

- Doubling the pumping capacity requires more detailed investigations, including:
 - Possible parallel piping: upstream and downstream portions of the 48" diameter East Valley Feeder through Burbank, Sun Valley, and San Fernando
 - Increased surge protection capability
 - Various options: additional parallel piping vs. additional booster pump; power service, additional equipment, space availability
 - Coordination with Jensen Plant minimum flow operations, especially during low demand months



Potential Long-Term Project: New Pump Stations at Sepulveda PCS and Venice PCS



- Deliver CRW to the West Valley area from the Central Pool
- Supplement Greg Ave Pump Station deliveries
- Reconnaissance-level studies completed analyzing one or two pump stations:
 - Hydraulics/surge protection
 - Pipeline capacity
 - Preliminary facility sizing
 - System operations constraints
- Feasibility study funds required to investigate in greater detail

An aerial satellite image of the Sepulveda Canyon Pump Control Station (PCS) facility. The facility includes several large, circular concrete tanks and associated infrastructure. A red square is placed on the image to indicate a specific location of interest. The facility is situated in a hilly, vegetated area adjacent to a multi-lane highway.

New Pump Stations at Sepulveda PCS and Venice PCS Could Require Significant Infrastructure Modifications

- Pumping 50 to 100 cfs requires more detailed investigations, including:
 - Sepulveda Feeder relining north of Venice PCS
 - Surge protection options at the pump stations
 - Onsite power availability to supply the new pump stations
 - Refinement of pump station layouts
 - Constructability of new pump station at Sepulveda Canyon Facility (due to confined space)
 - Coordination with Jensen Plant minimum flow operations, especially during low demand months

Drought Action Planning and Development

Extreme Drought Assessment and Portfolio Creation

Potential needs during a multi-year, severe drought sequence (low SWP allocations)

Scenario



Initial Assessment

What more may be needed and potential options to get there

Options



Portfolio





Ability to meet demands with existing actions/resources

High-level evaluation of drought action alternatives and portfolio creation

Drought Action Planning and Development

Evaluating a Variety of Options in Creating a Portfolio

Examples:

	Storage	Groundwater, surface reservoirs	AVEK High Desert Water Bank New surface water reservoir(s) Expansion of existing storage Additional Castaic Flex storage
	Exchanges	Partnerships and agreements for additional water supply	Semitropic Banking increased takes Friant/Arvin-Edison water exchange SBV/MWD water exchanges DVL to Klamath (new interconnections)
	Pumping	Reverse flow to deliver other sources of supply	Venice/Sepulveda new pump stations Greg Avenue Pump Station
	Programs	In-region programs with Member Agencies	More Operational Shift Cost-Offset opportunities Reverse Cyclic/ deferred deliveries/ groundwater utilization




6-Month Outlook

Continue to take urgent actions for this and future droughts, including collaboratively creating a high-level drought action portfolio

The End Result of This Process:

Metropolitan and the SWP Reliant Areas will be able to withstand a drought far more extreme than history or DWR planning criteria, without calling for drought reductions



The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way

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HH&S needs identified for SWP Dependent Area

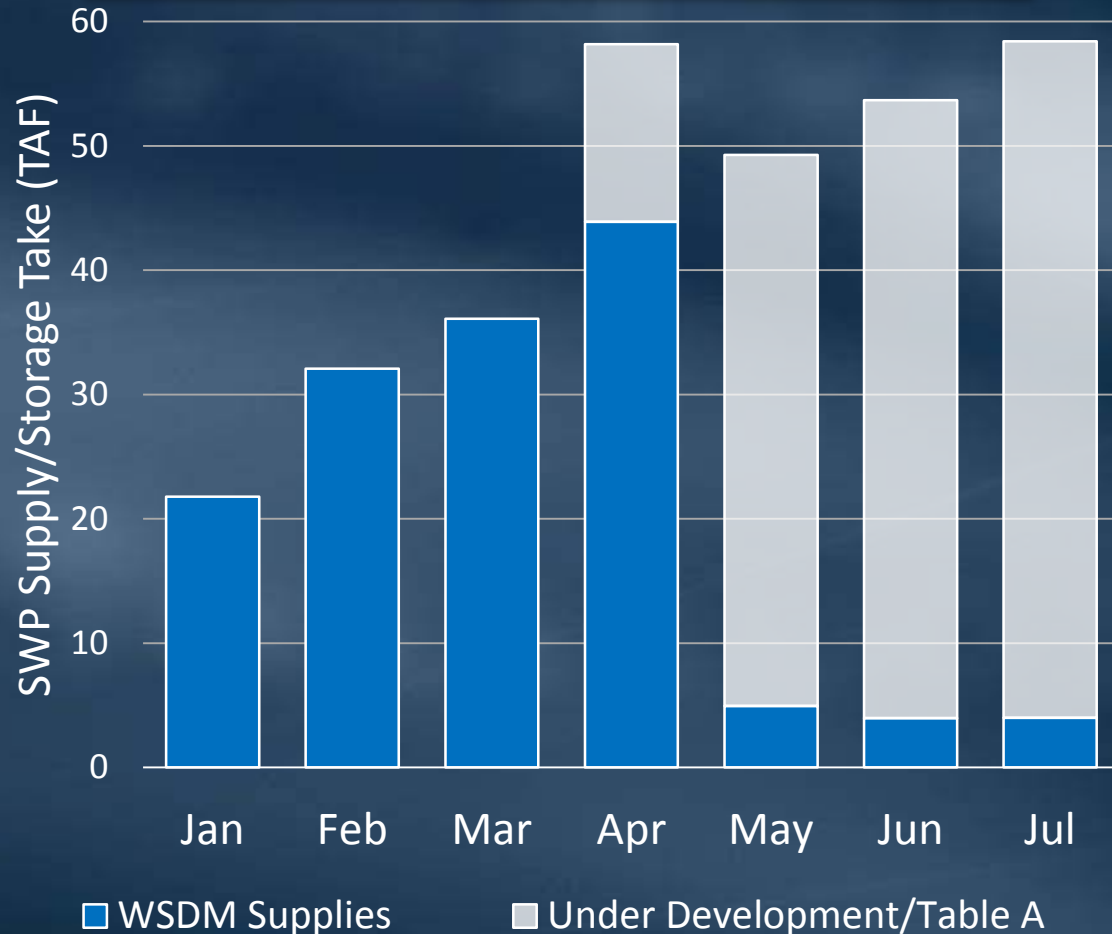


- Insufficient supplies at a zero percent SWP Table A Allocation to meet “SWP Dependent Area” full demand in 2022
- Metropolitan’s total HH&S need is ~270 TAF after factoring in other available supplies and remaining available storage

Available supplies sufficient through April

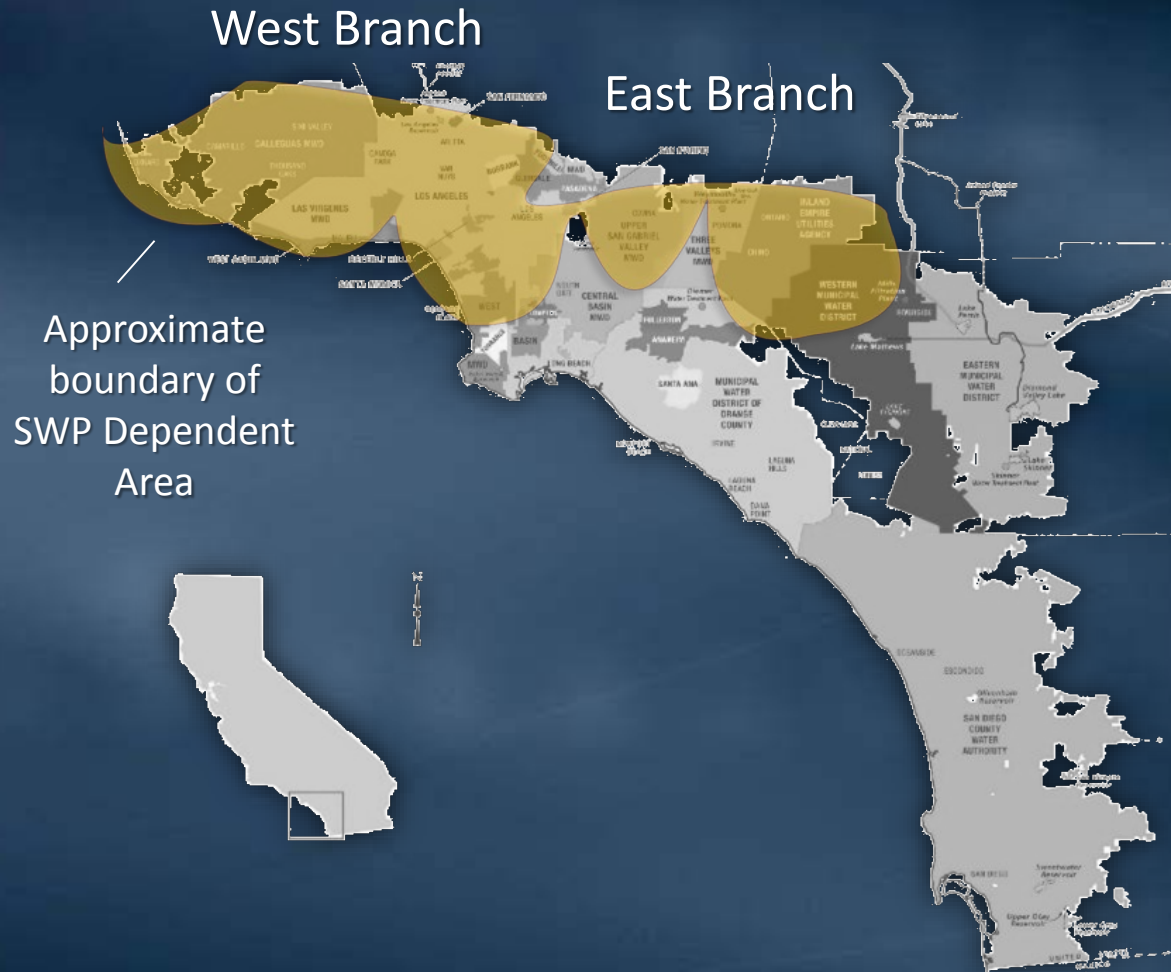
East and West Branch Combined, includes system water for water quality

Zero Percent SWP Table A Allocation



Additional actions under development include new supply programs and demand management measures including additional conservation measures for SWP Dependent Areas imposed through California Water Code Sections 350 and 375

Metropolitan seeks to avoid or defer use of HH&S

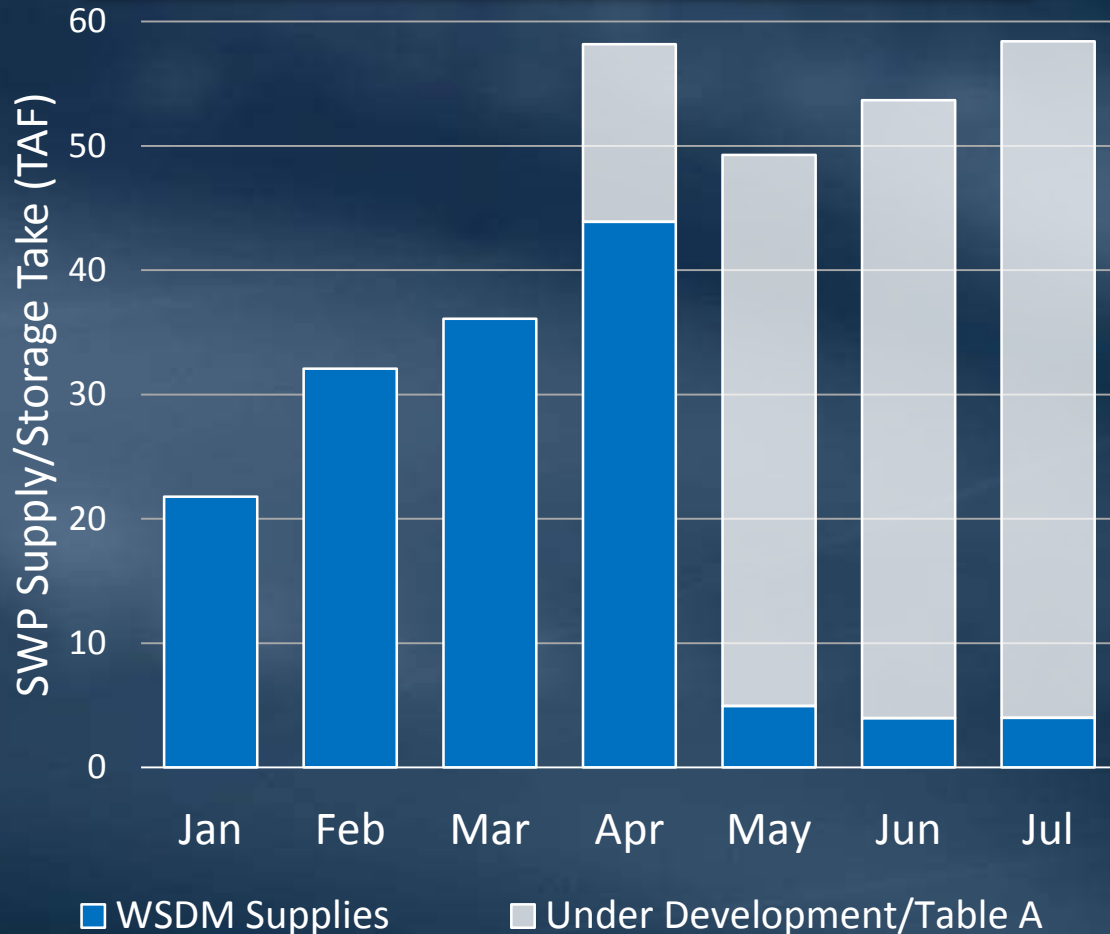


- Metropolitan is coordinating with impacted member agencies and identifying and implementing additional actions to develop new or stretch out existing supplies
- The goal is to avoid the need to take delivery of HH&S water
- Areas receiving HH&S water are expected to limit consumer water use to critical needs only (e.g., no watering of ornamental landscape)

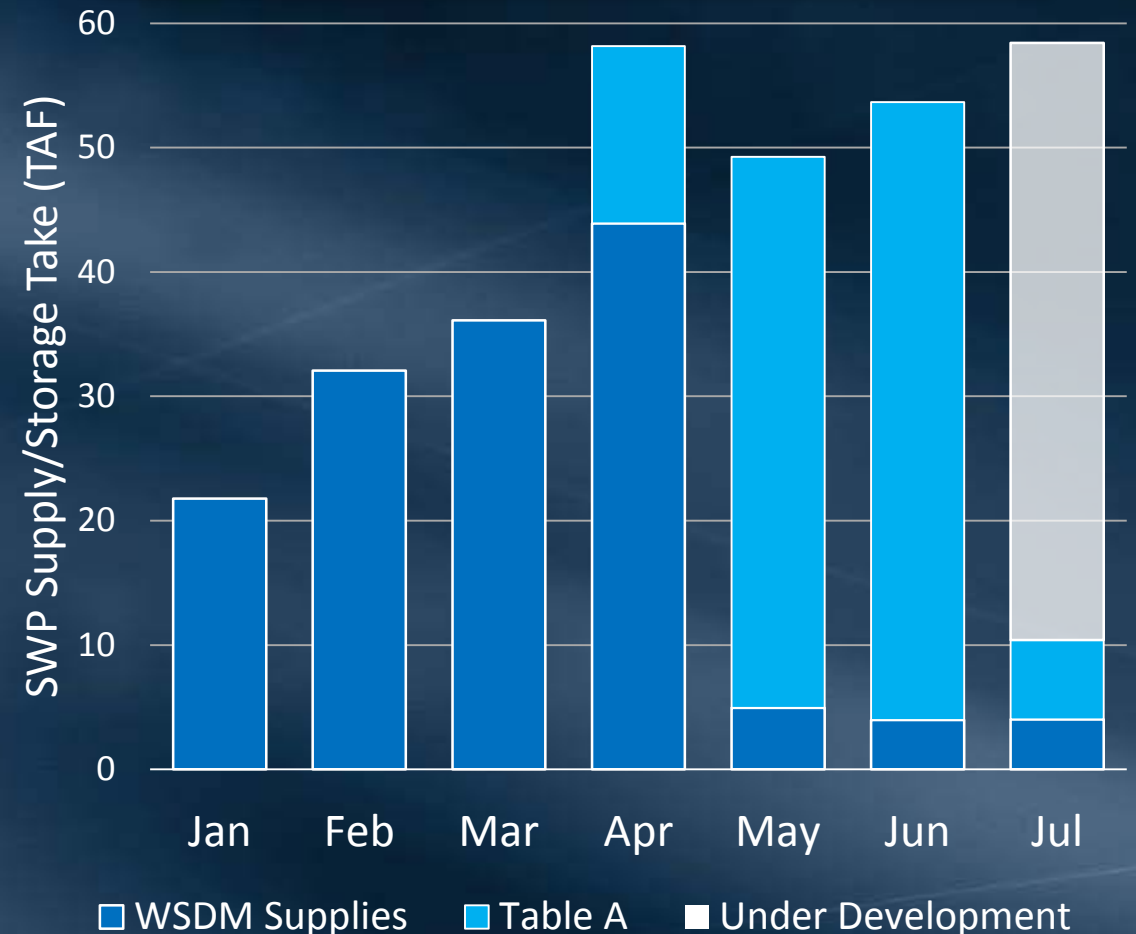
Any Table A Allocation Defers HH&S Initiation

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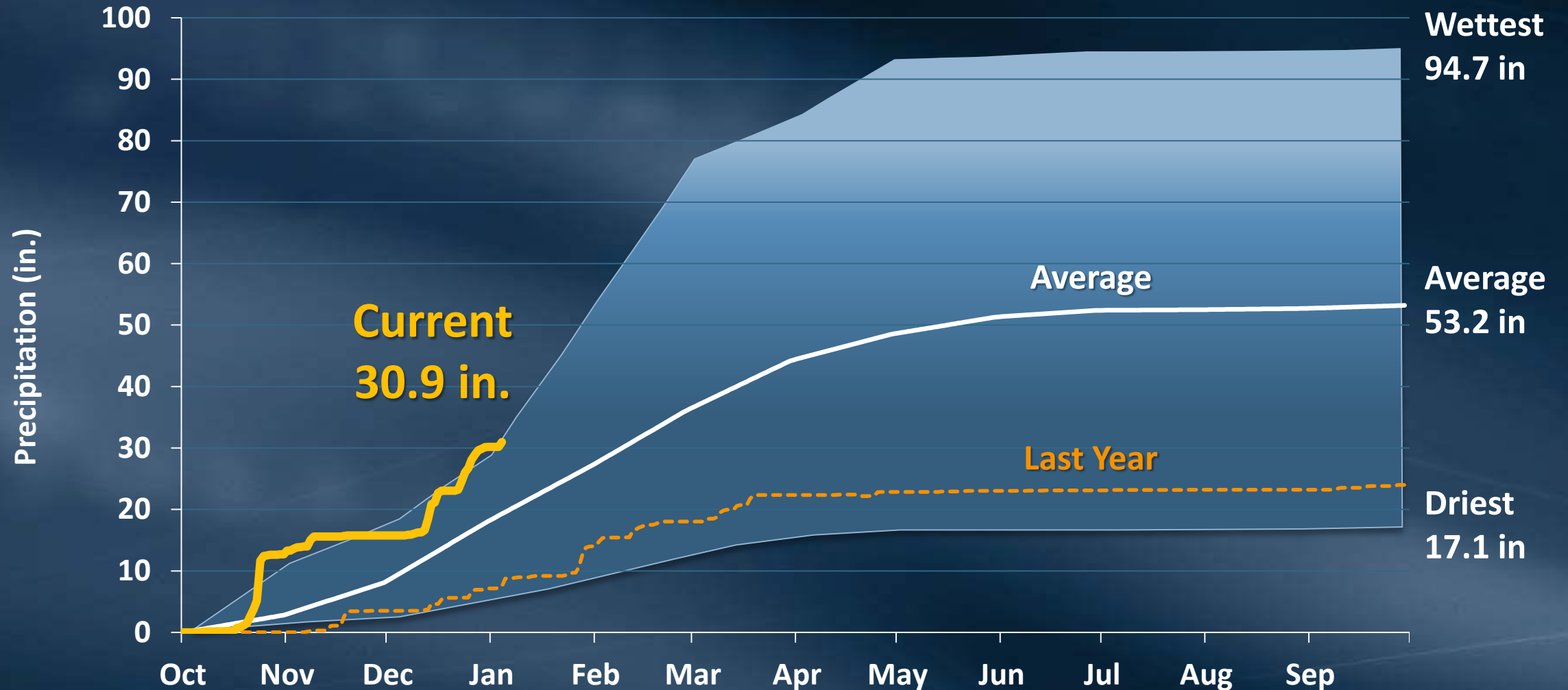


5% SWP Table A Allocation



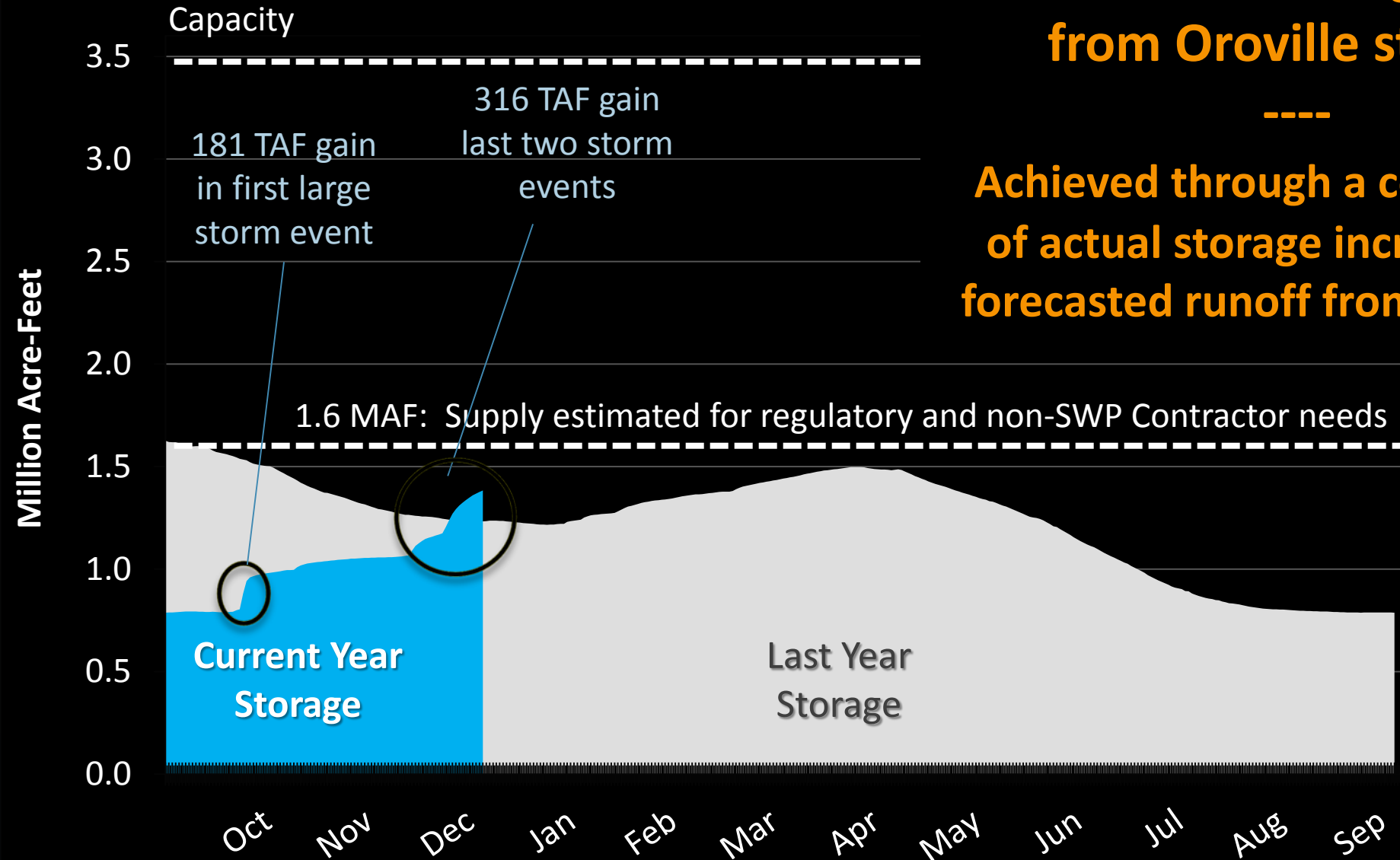
Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index

As of 1/4/2022



Lake Oroville

As of 1/3/2022



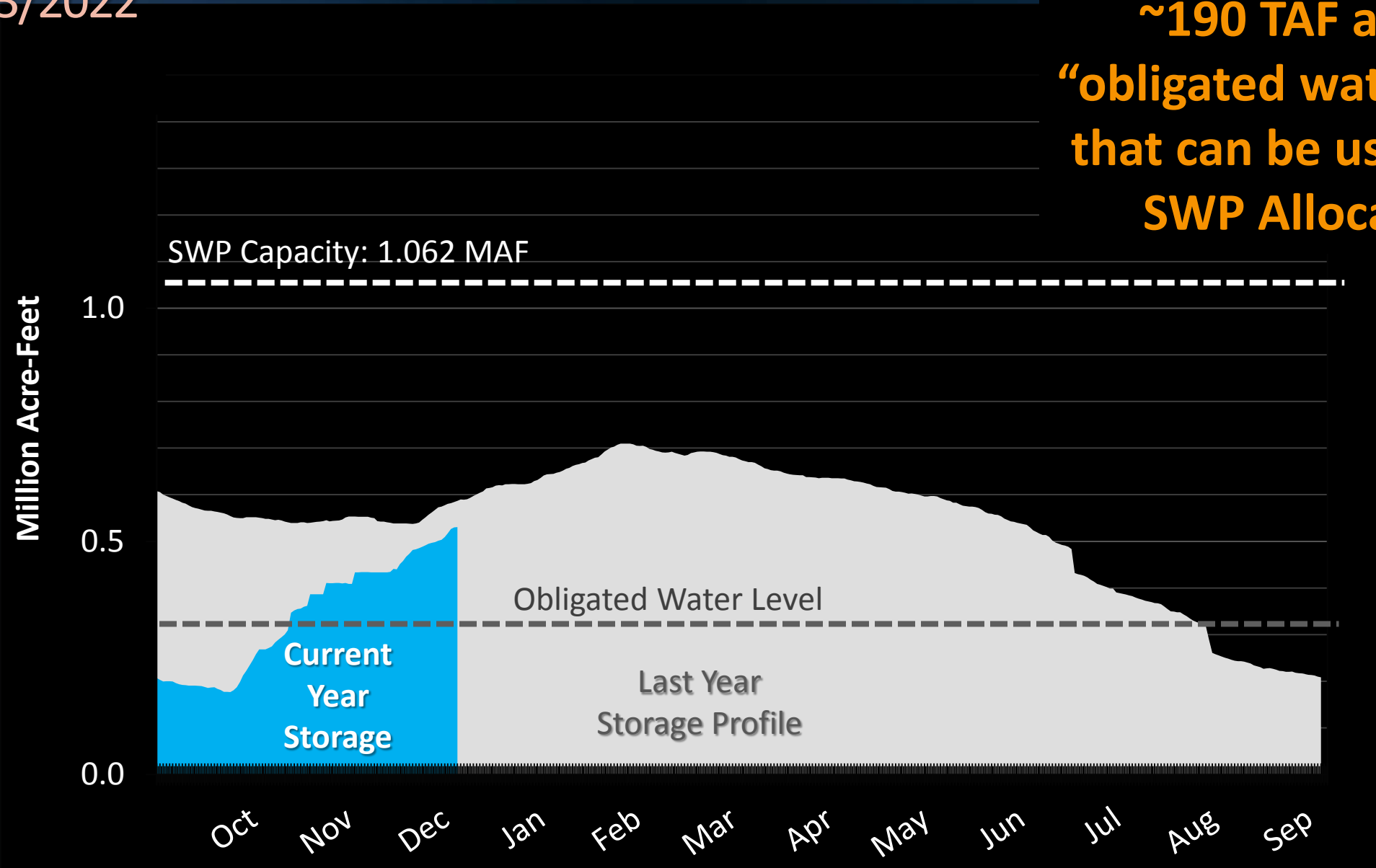
~216 TAF needed before DWR can start allocating supplies from Oroville storage

Achieved through a combination of actual storage increases and forecasted runoff from snowpack

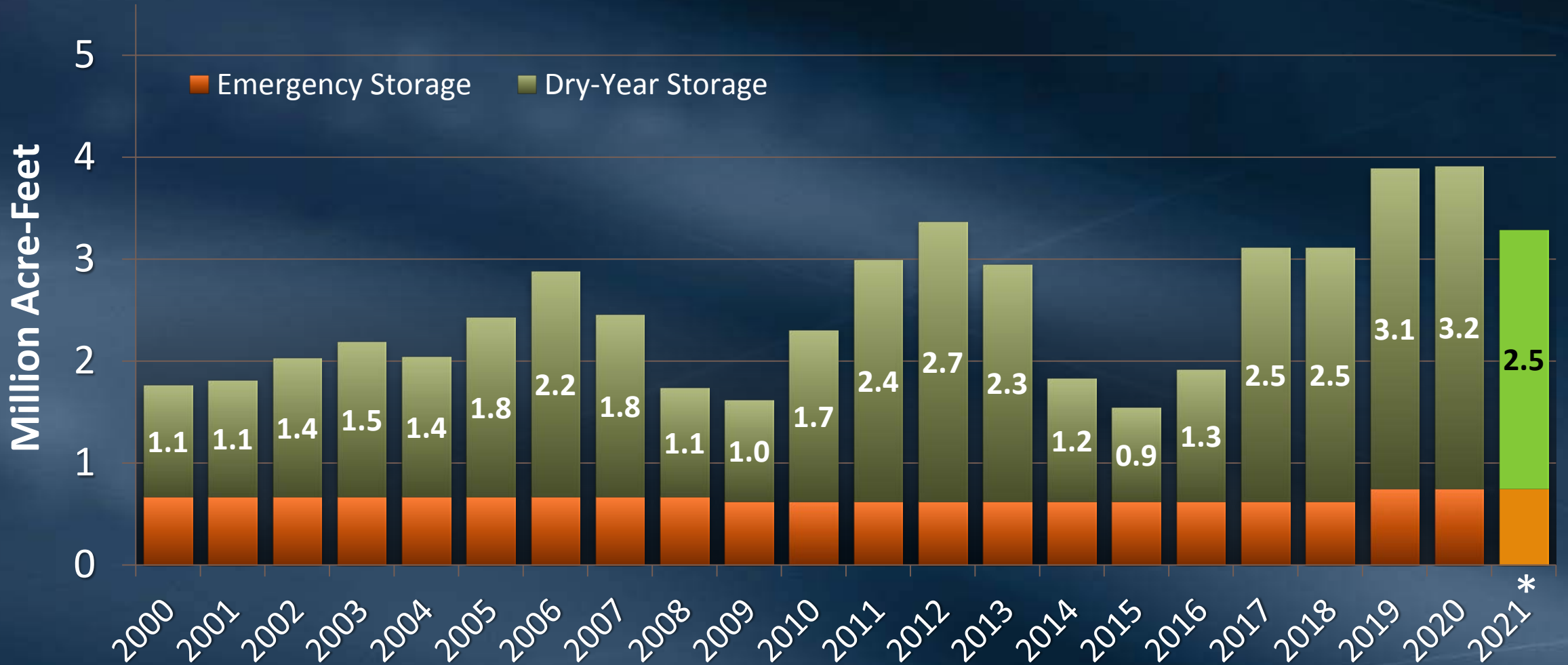
San Luis Reservoir – SWP Share

As of 1/3/2022

**~190 TAF above
“obligated water level”
that can be used for a
SWP Allocation**



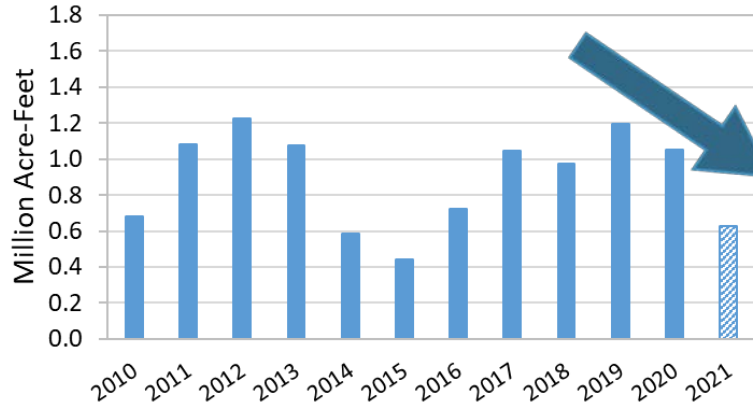
End of Year Storage Balances



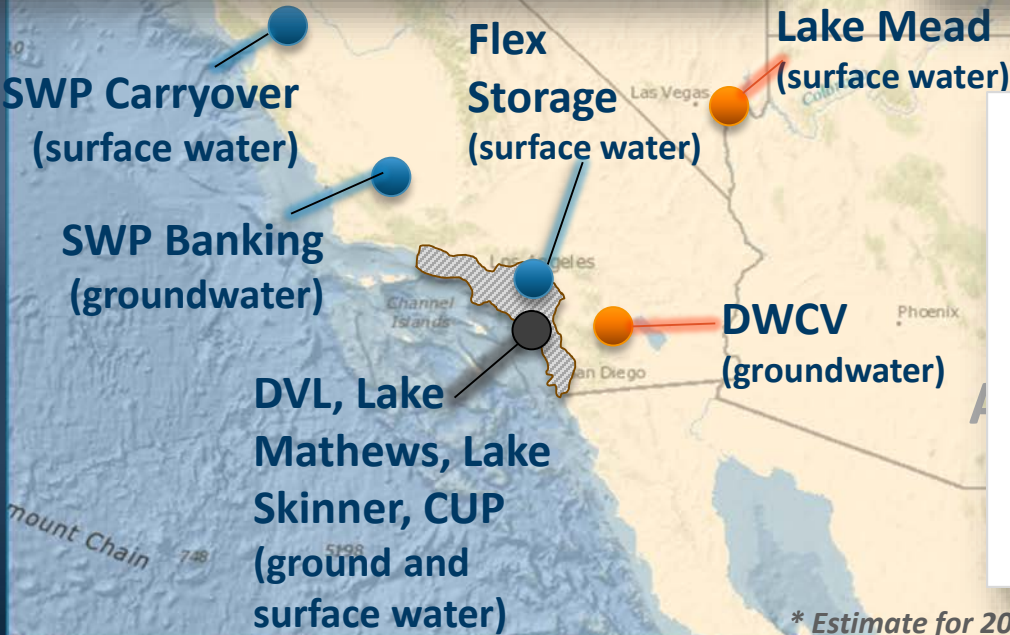
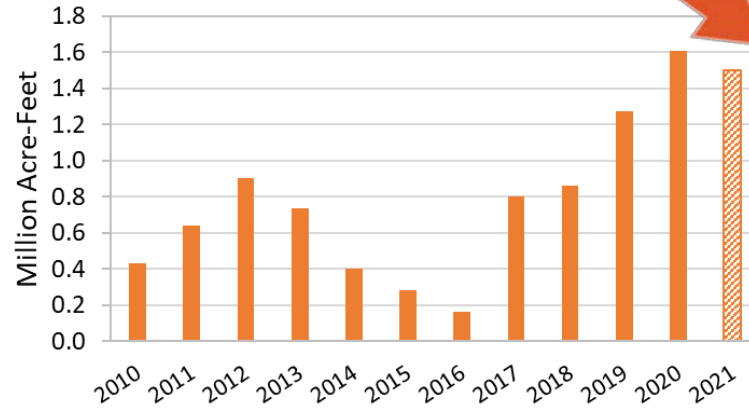
* Estimate – May change based on supply/demand conditions

2021 end of year balances

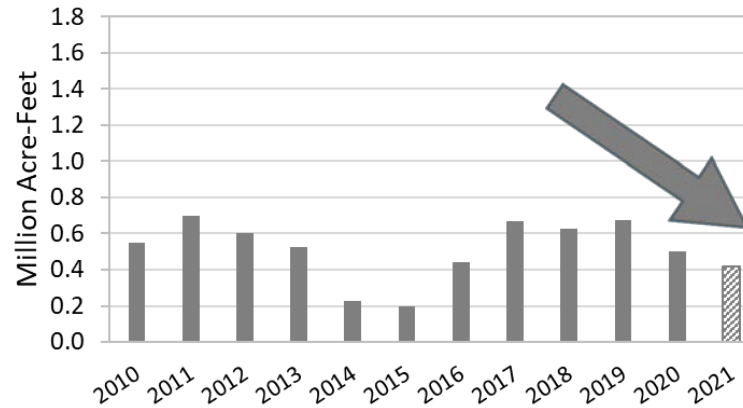
SWP End-of-CY Storage Level



CR End-of-CY Storage Level



In-Region End-of-CY Storage Level



* Estimate for 2021. Does not include emergency storage.

Update:

- Higher priority water users increase consumption
- Lake Mead ICS net take in 2021
- End-of-year total storage balance: 2.54 MAF

MWD's Draft IRP Findings Focused On Need To Address Needs In SWP Reliant Areas

Focus Area 1: Reliability

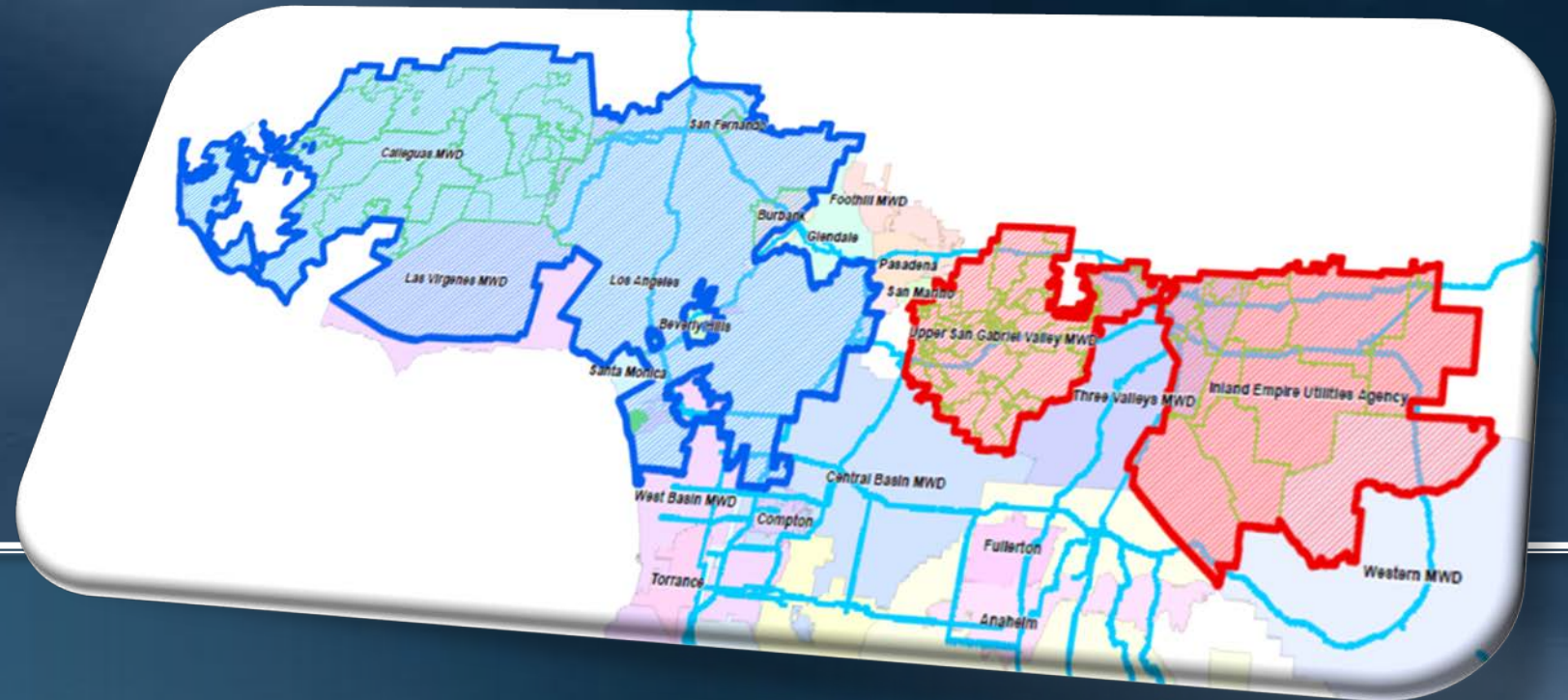


Focus Area – Reliability

The goal of Metropolitan's investments is to avoid retail water shortages and mandatory end-use cutbacks

- Tolerance for voluntary conservation varies among member agencies
- Southern California embraces conservation as a way of life—separate and apart from mandatory cutbacks
- Regional success is for every Southern California consumer and business to have access to affordable, high-quality water at all times

Focus Area 2: SWP Dependent Areas



Focus Area – “SWP Dependent Areas”

Portions of Metropolitan’s service area are more susceptible to reductions in SWP supplies

- This is a risk to the region’s reliability. In general, resolving reliability issues for the “SWP Dependent Areas” addresses the larger reliability issues for the entire region.
- The IRP Needs Assessment found that whenever shortages occur, they involve the “SWP Dependent Areas”

Focus Area – SWP Dependent Areas – Cont'd

Areas to investigate in the IRP Implementation Phase to resolve the “SWP Dependent Area” reliability challenges over the long-term

- Investments in distribution system to enhance flexibility
- Maintaining existing SWP supply reliability
- Developing new supplies and/or storage that are accessible to the “SWP Dependent Areas”

Focus Area – SWP Dependent Areas

Metropolitan must resolve “SWP Dependent Area” reliability issues during the SWP’s current drought emergency

- Manage and meet “SWP Dependent Area” demands
- Enhance system flexibility in order to convey existing supply to the “SWP Dependent Areas”
 - Conduct Severe Drought Assessment to address system flexibility
 - Fast-track actions for short-term implementation to address current drought
 - Longer lead-time actions may be folded into the IRP Implementation Phase