

# THE WATER AGENCY, INC.

## Water Supply Update



### Westlands Water District MEMORANDUM

**This is an important Report from Tom Boardman. You will want to note in particular the parts we circled on his page 2. Notes in red are by The Water Agency, Inc.**

**TO:** SLDMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** TOM BOARDMAN, WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER  
**SUBJECT:** NOVEMBER OPERATIONS UPDATE  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 1, 2019

#### Project Operations

- Jones pumped at minimum capacity during most of October in order to comply with the fall X2 standard required by the delta smelt BiOp. The remaining part of the fall X2 requirement is expected to allow exports to increase during November so long as the Projects ensure that delta outflow is at least 5,700 cfs. As such, Jones is scheduled to increase to 3 units (2700 cfs) on November 4. CVP operators are opposed to increasing upstream releases to support Jones pumping, so absent significant storms, Jones pumping may be forced to minimum levels by mid-November to meet the minimum outflow requirement.
- Banks pumping during October was slightly less than Jones due to the fall X2 requirement. Banks has a one-week outage scheduled for the first week of November, thus; Jones will be pumping the SWP's share of export during the outage. Banks pumping during the remainder of November will be constrained similar to Jones.
- Shasta storage is about 3.27 MAF and gradually declining to reach a target storage of 3.2 MAF by December 1 per flood control requirements. Releases will soon be reduced to 5,000 cfs and are not expected to increase over the next several months unless flood control releases are necessary.
- Folsom storage is at 598 TAF which is 145% of its 15-year average. The current release is at 2,700 cfs as storage is dropping to meet a flood control limit of about 500 TAF.
- CVP demands were about 220 TAF during October; about 50% more than the 15-year average. About 10-15% of the additional demand was due to CVP transfers to Cross Valley Canal contractors and water banking.

#### 2019-20 San Luis Operations

The attached chart titled "Historical Northern CVP Storage" shows that the current upstream CVP storage is within the upper quartile of historical levels for October. Although shortages to refuges and water rights contractors triggered by deficiencies in Shasta inflow rather than by storage levels, wetter antecedent conditions in the northern state should help to ensure that the Shasta deficiency criteria does not result next year under 90% exceedance conditions. However, initial 2020 allocations to Ag and Urban contractor allocations may be reduced due to a lower CVP San Luis storage at the end of October because of the fall X2 standard. As shown on the attached chart titled "Historical CVP San Luis Storage", fall X2 reduced CVP San Luis storage by about 150 TAF. Consequently, CVP San Luis will fall

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short of refilling by 200 TAF under dry conditions but may fill by March under average conditions as shown on the attached San Luis storage projection charts.

Revised BiOps for delta smelt and salmon have been posted and will go into effect when they are finalized early next year. The revised BiOps are expected to reduce the degree of uncertainty around export projections such that higher, earlier allocations will be possible. The following table contains projected allocations based on Reclamation's most recent Project operations studies under the current BiOps compared to allocations under the revised BiOps.

**New Year Allocation Forecasts**

Hydrology	90% Exceedance		50% Exceedance	
	Existing BiOps	Revised BiOps	Existing BiOps	Revised BiOps
Water Rights/Refuges	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ag Service	20-25%	20-30%*	50-70%**	60-80%**
Urban	50%	50-55%	75-95%	100%

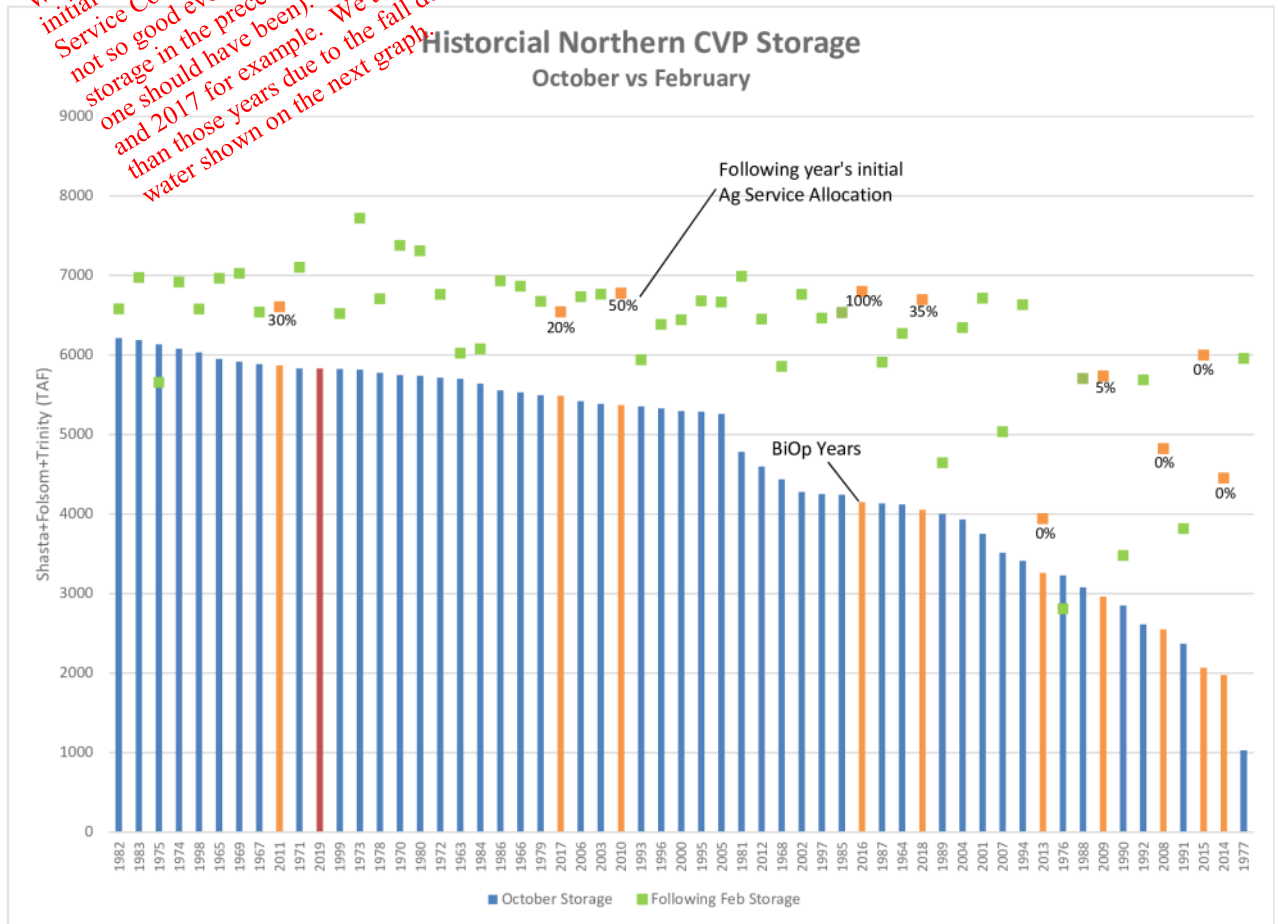
\* Dry conditions may limit the benefit of the revised BiOps to less than 5%. The upper range of the projected allocation will depend on Reclamation's assumed demand used to support the allocation.

\*\* Benefits of the revised BiOps estimated 5-10% with remainder of allocation increase dependent on Reclamation's assumed demand used to support the allocation.

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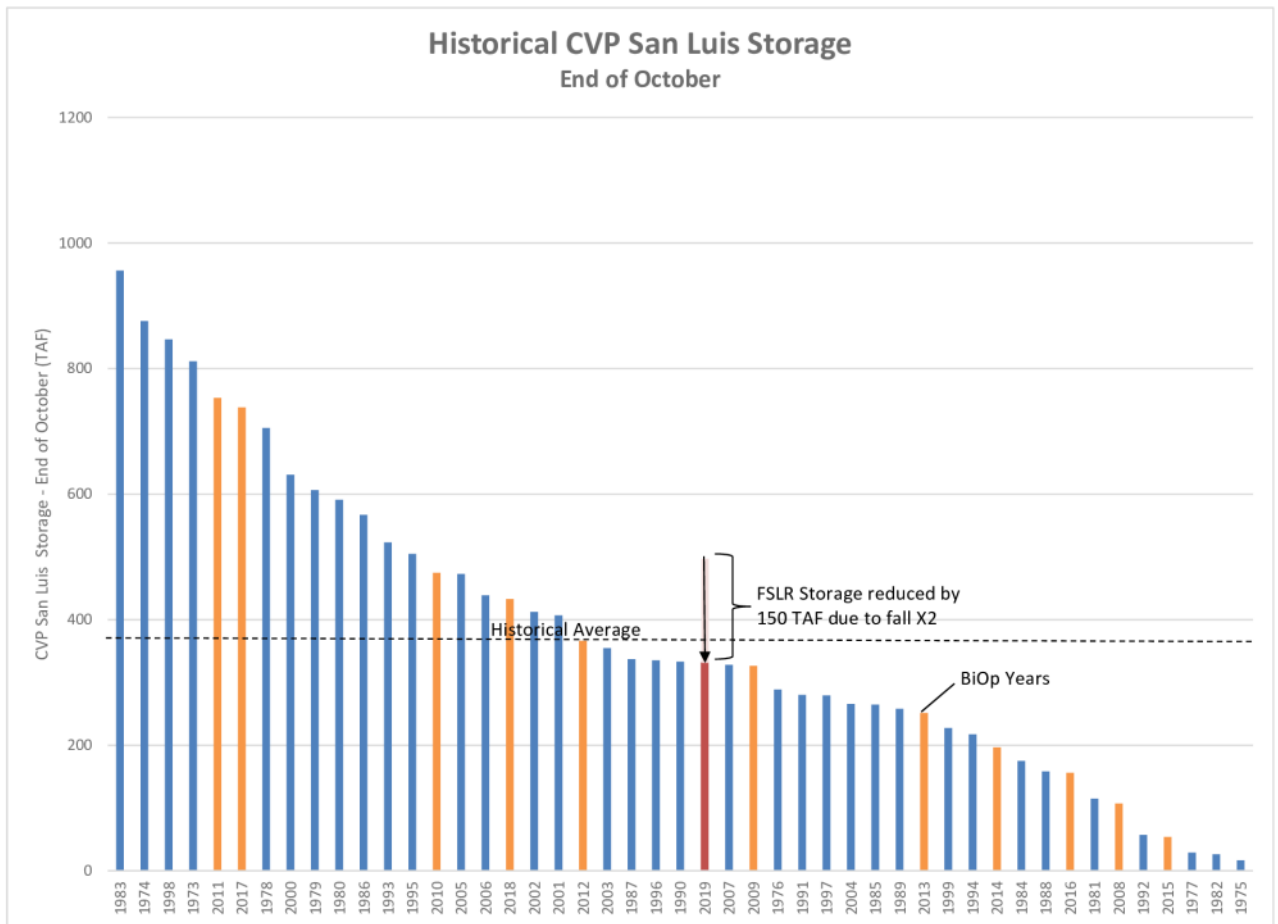
We read Tom's graph here to show that initial South of Delta Agricultural Water Service Contractor's allocations often are not so good even in years following good storage in the preceding October (like this one should have been). See 2010, 2011 and 2017 for example. We are lower than those years due to the fall dump of water shown on the next graph.



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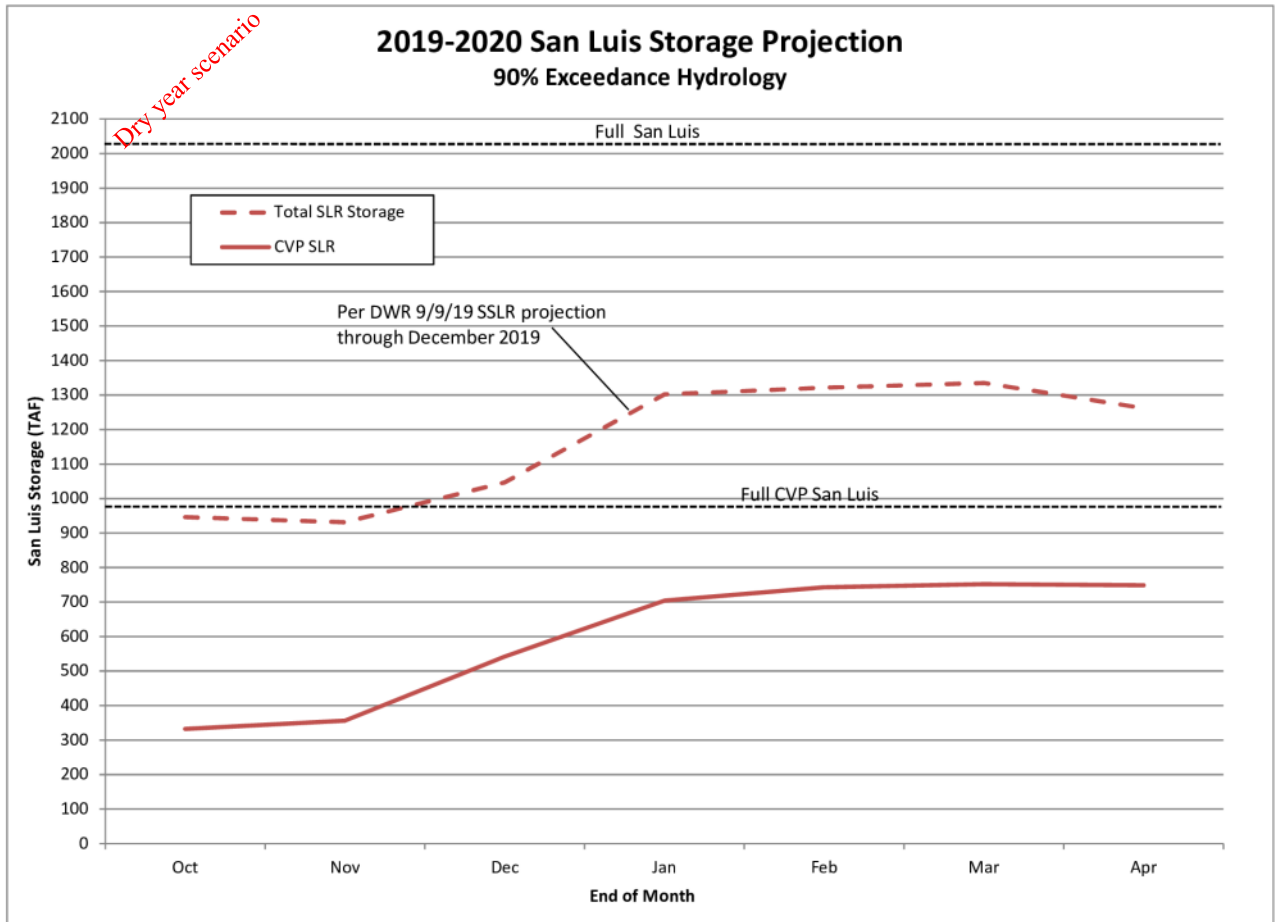


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2019 Fall Storage is significantly less than would have been expected in a year like this. That is due to the old Endangered Species Act Biological Opinions protecting Delta Smelt and Salmon.

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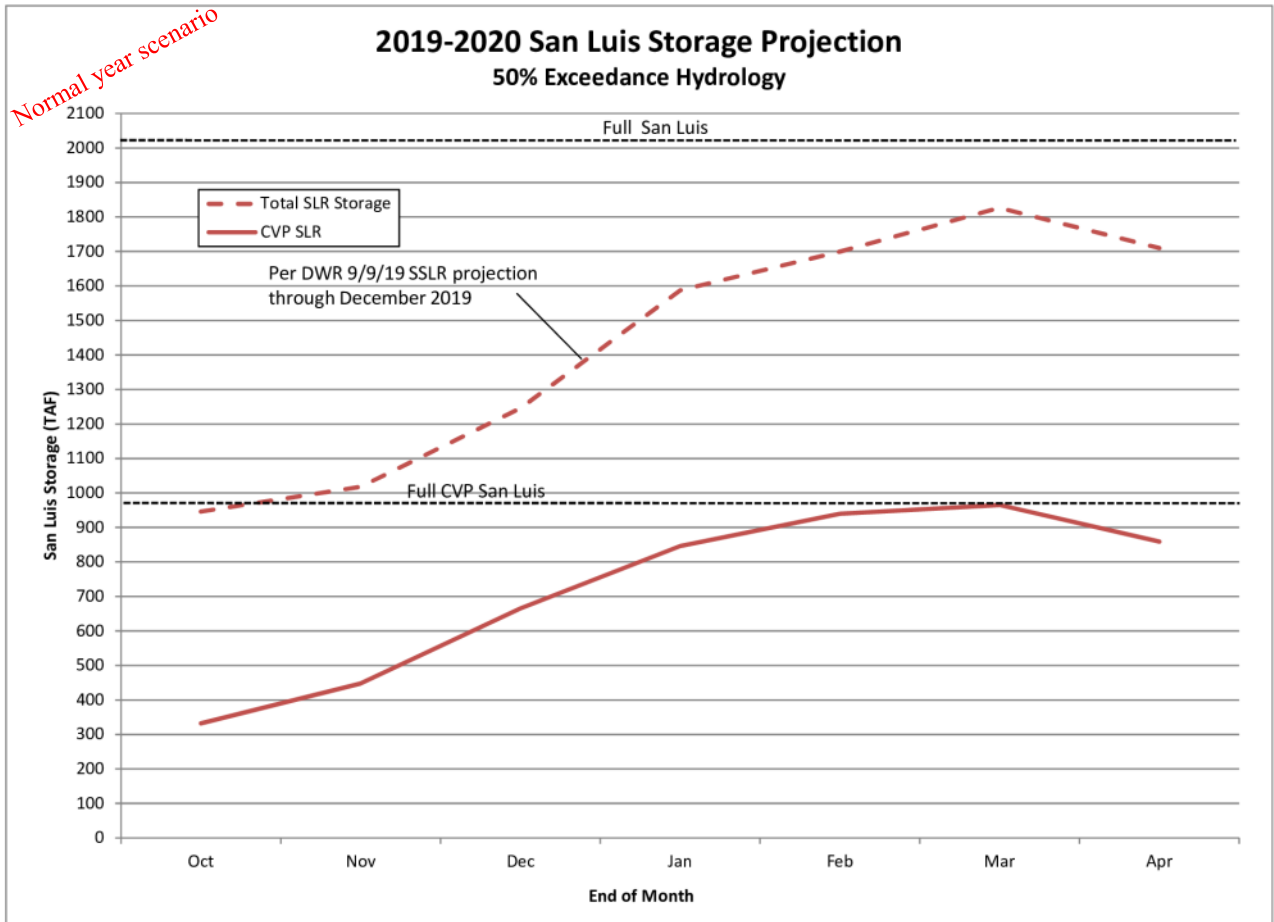
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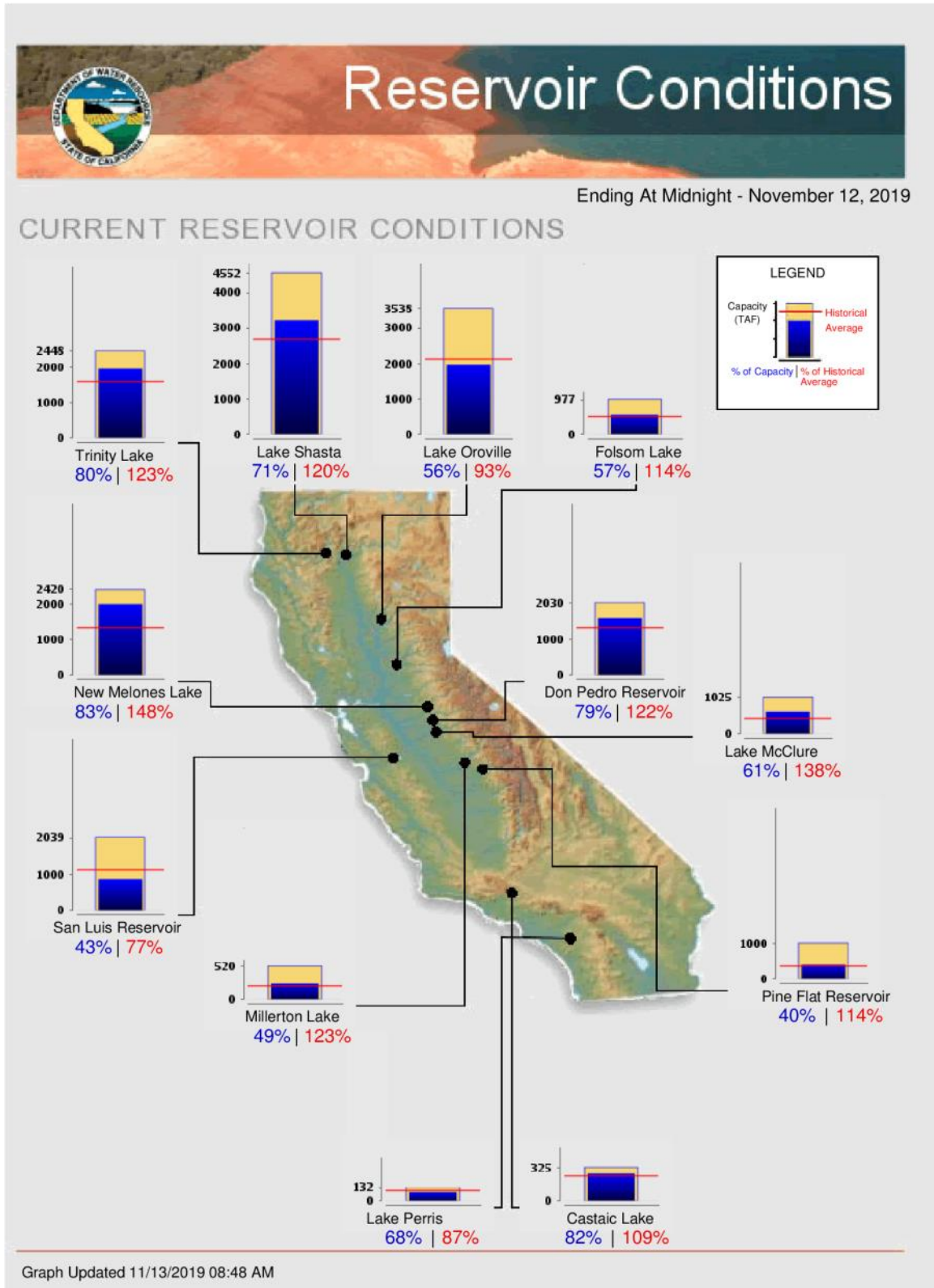


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# Reservoir Conditions

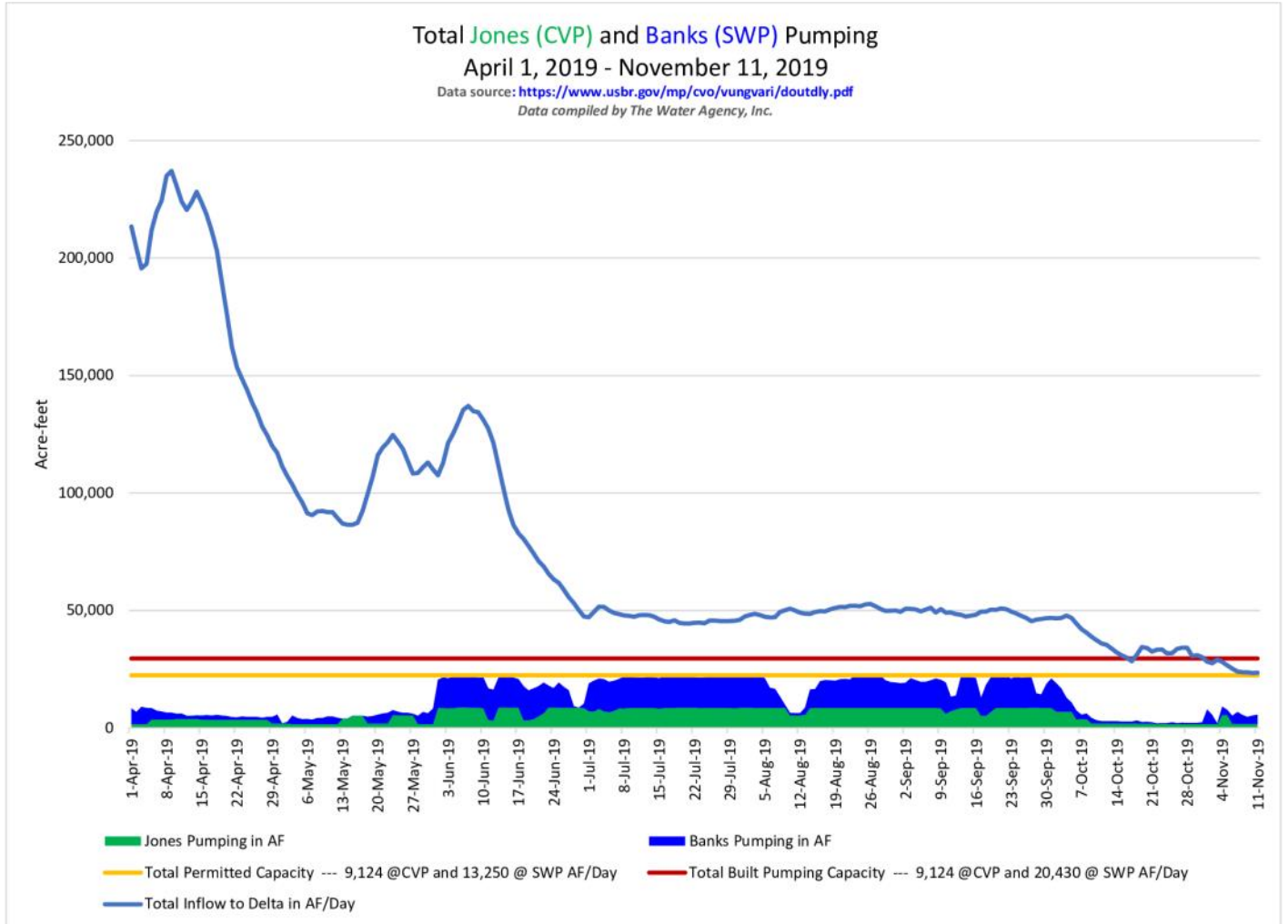
As of November 12, 2019, Northern California reservoirs are between 93-123% of historical average and 56-80% of capacity. The central ones are between 77-148% of historical average and 40-83% of capacity.



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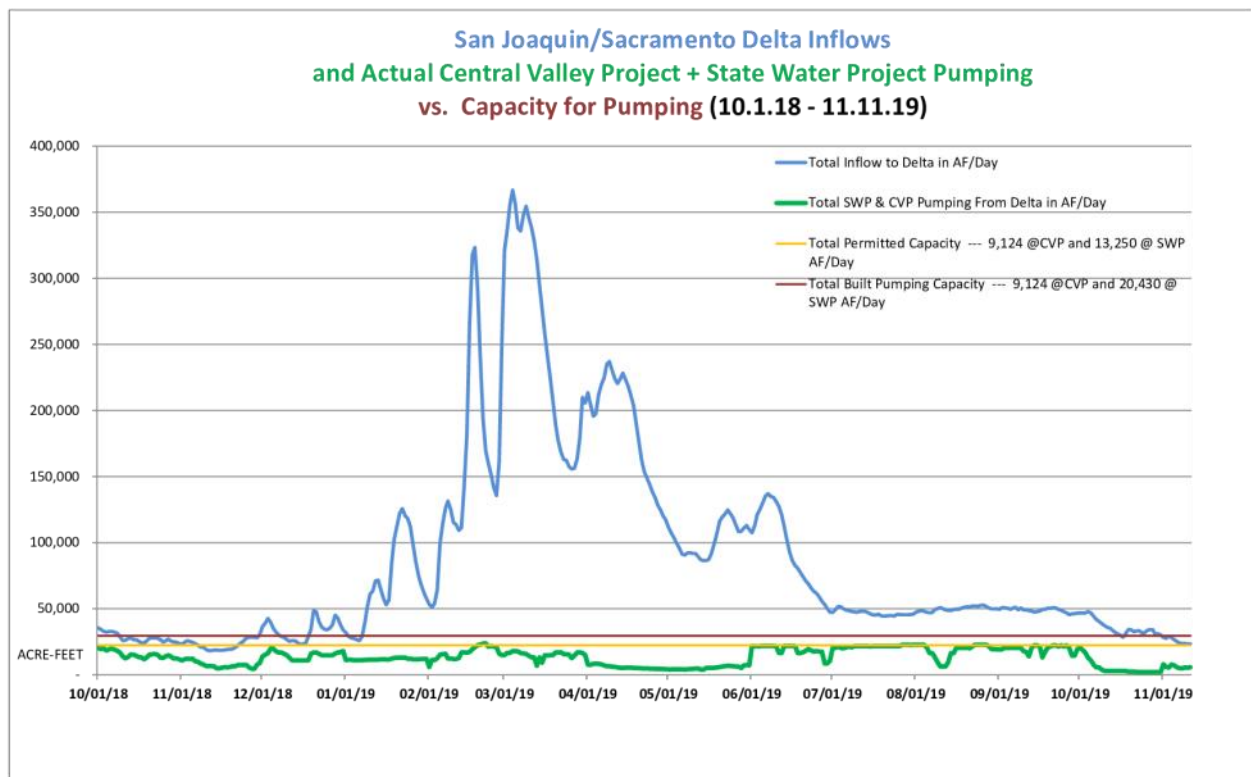
### Jones (CVP) and Banks (SWP) Pumping





# Wasted Water 10/1/18 to 11/11/19

**Total Inflows to Delta = 34,697,300 AF**



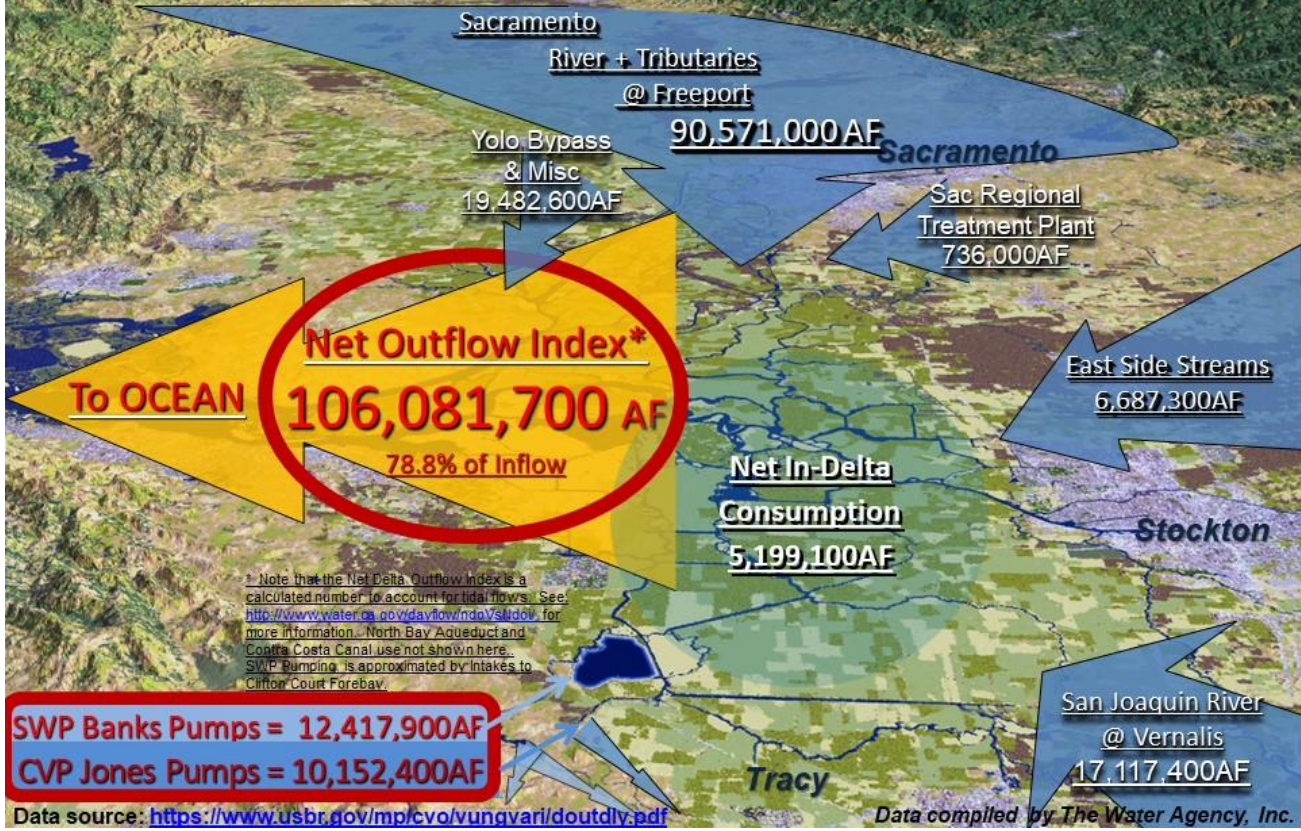


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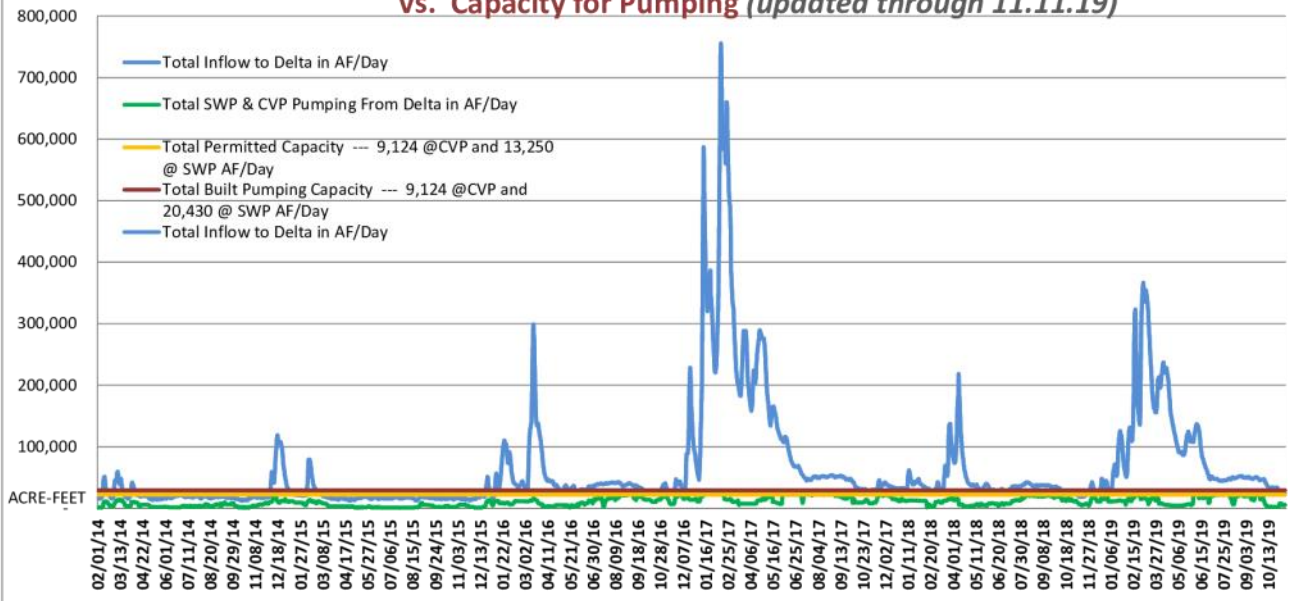
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### Delta Flows 2/1/14 to 11/11/19

**Total Inflows to Delta = 134,594,300 AF**



**San Joaquin/Sacramento Delta Inflows  
and Actual Central Valley Project + State Water Project Pumping  
vs. Capacity for Pumping (updated through 11.11.19)**





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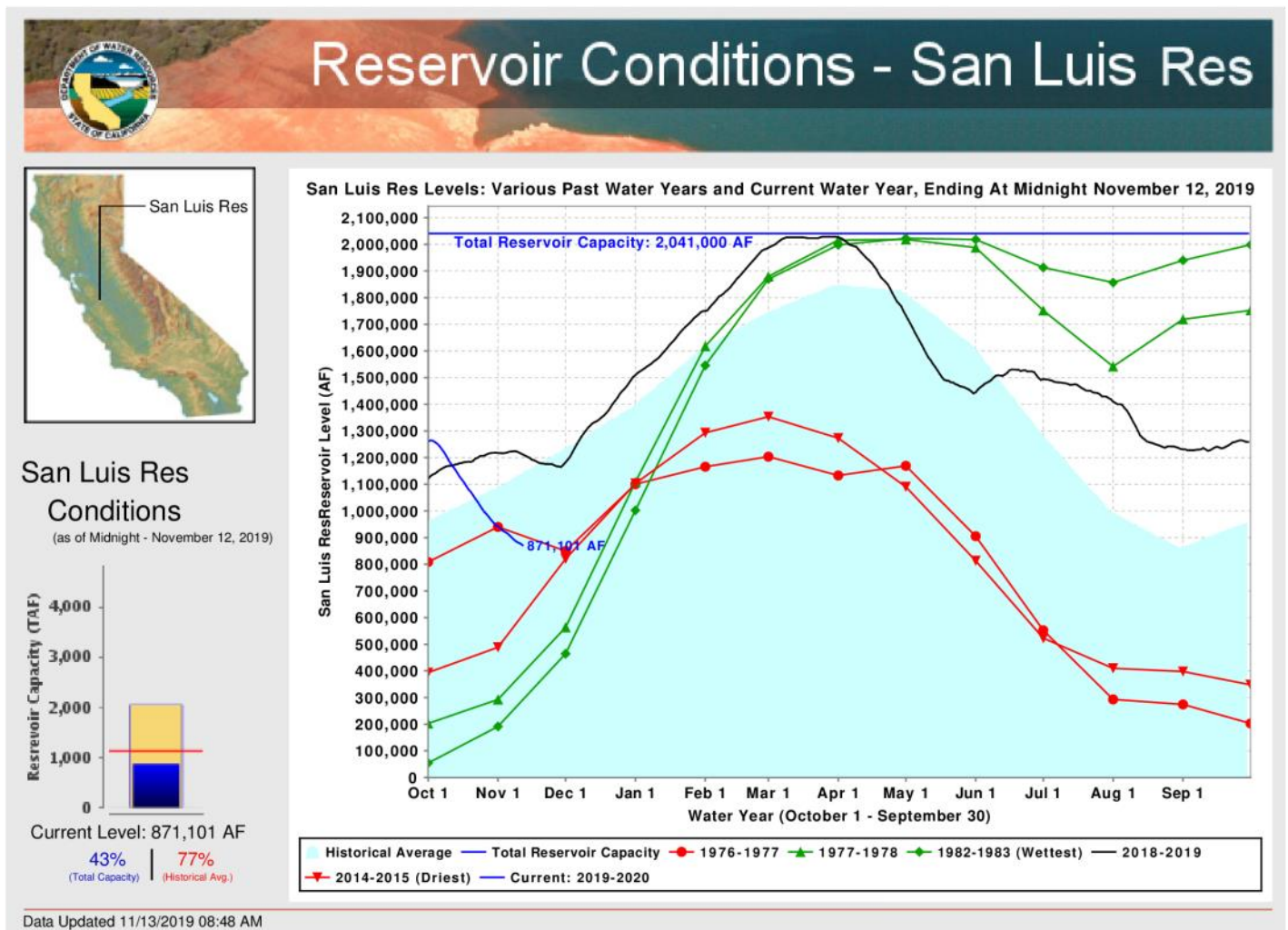
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### San Luis Reservoir

As of November 12, 2019, San Luis is at 77% of the historical average. San Luis total (CVP + SWP) storage is at 871,101 AF and is at 43% of the 2,041,000 AF of capacity. As of November 12, 2019, the CVP share is 283,271 AF (at 29.3% of capacity).

[https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/scao\\_snldop.pdf](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/scao_snldop.pdf)



<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/products/snres.pdf>

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### Federal Storage within San Luis Reservoir

As of November 12, 2019, federal storage was at 283,271AF (29.3% capacity). Total federal storage capacity is 965,655AF.

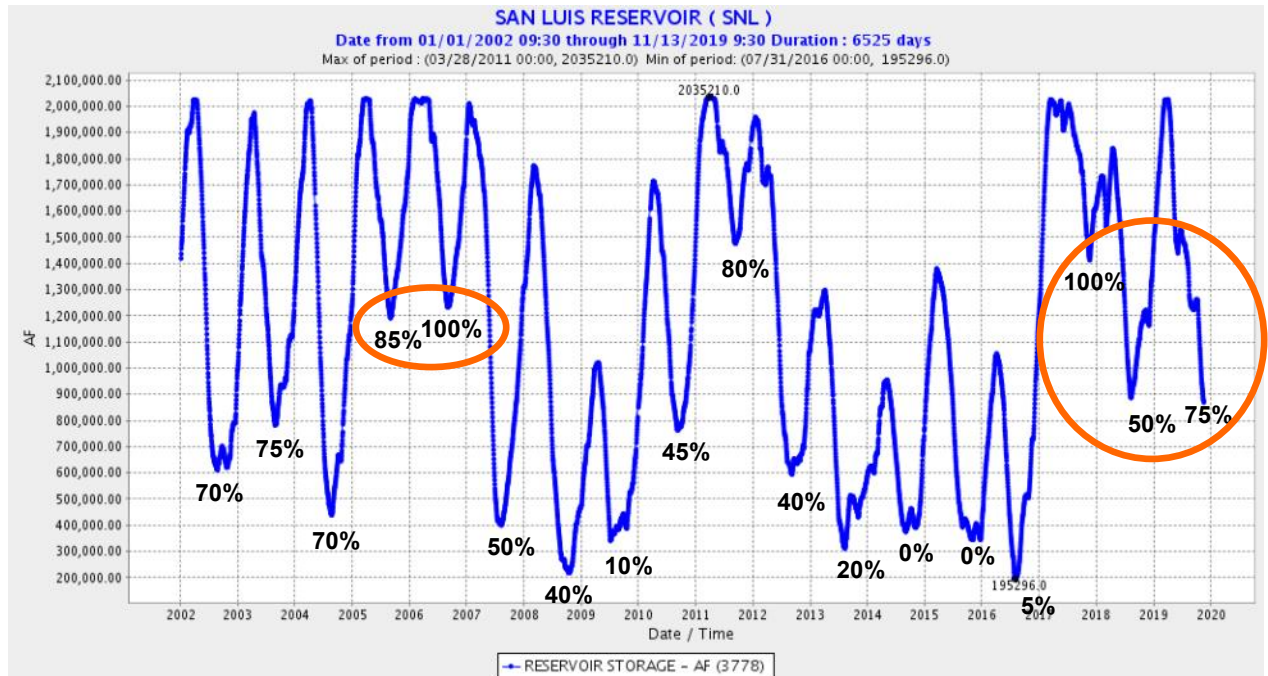
### State Storage within San Luis Reservoir

As of November 12, 2019, state storage was at 587,830AF (55.3% capacity). The total state storage capacity in SLR is 1,062,180AF.

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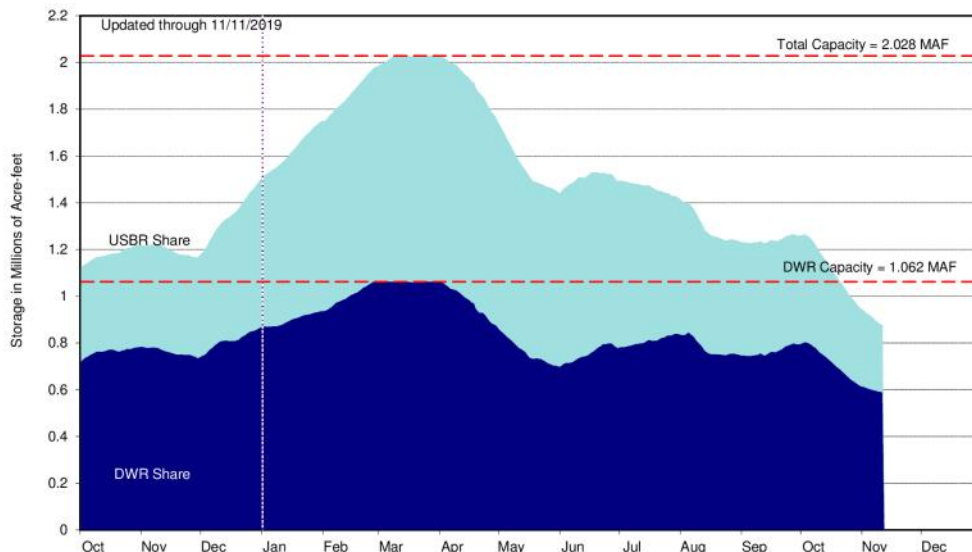
2019 Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation is 75%, and the State Water Project (SWP) allocation is 75%.

*(CVP Allocations have been added to this chart.)*



Reservoir Storage: [http://edec.water.ca.gov/jspplot/jspPlotServlet.jsp?sensor\\_no=3778&end=11%2F13%2F2019+9%3A30&geom=huge&interval=6525&cookies=edec01](http://edec.water.ca.gov/jspplot/jspPlotServlet.jsp?sensor_no=3778&end=11%2F13%2F2019+9%3A30&geom=huge&interval=6525&cookies=edec01)

**Summary of Water Supply Allocations:**  
[https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/water\\_allocations\\_historical.pdf](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/water_allocations_historical.pdf)



<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/State-Water-Project/Operations-And-Maintenance/Files/Operations-Control-Office/Project-Wide-Operations/San-Luis-Weekly-Reservoir-Storage-Chart.pdf?la=en&hash=8D8540CC235C213FD1DA5371CFECCD0B30BC310B>



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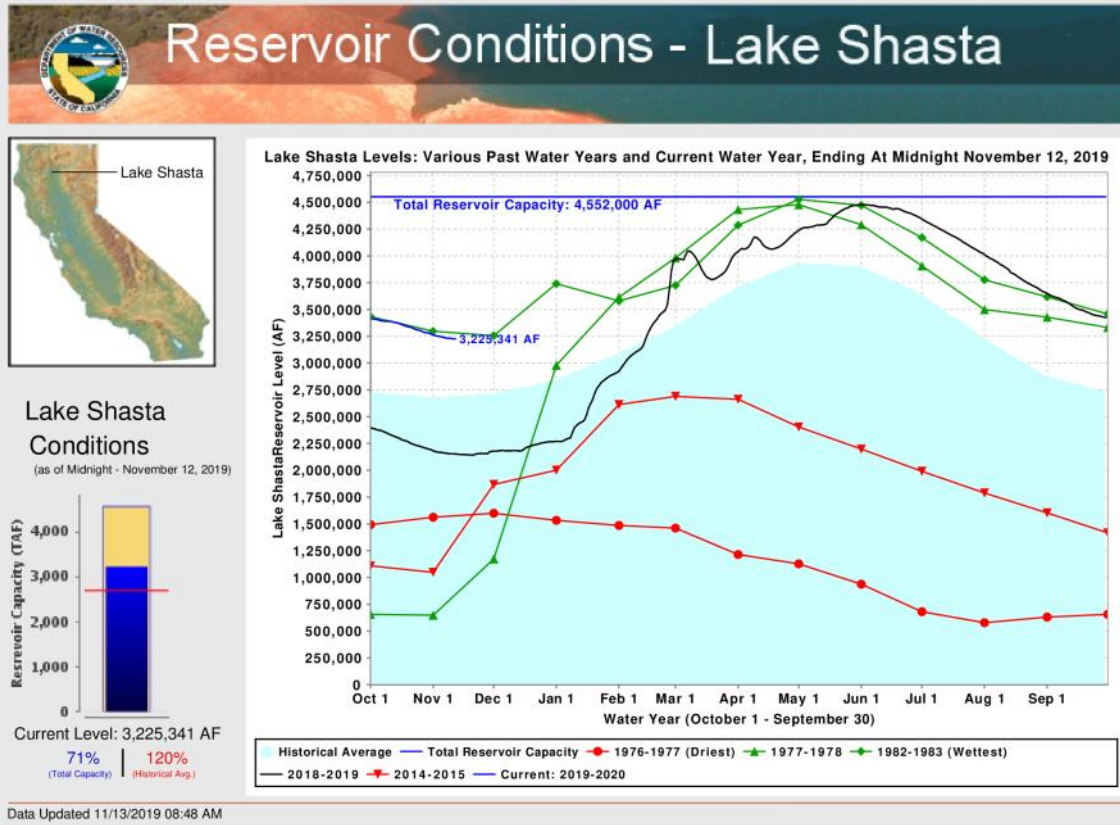
### Shasta Lake Storage

As of Tuesday, 11/12/2019, storage in Shasta Lake was approximately 3,225,341 AF

(71% of capacity and 120% of the historical average). That's down 26,508 AF from last week.

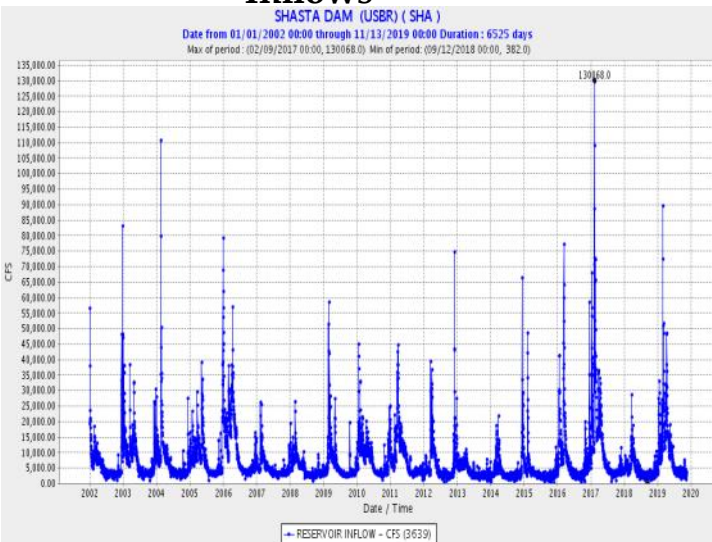
Total capacity is about 4,552,000 AF.

As of Sunday, the weekly average daily inflows were calculated as 2,880 CFS, and the weekly average daily outflows were calculated as 4,431 CFS.

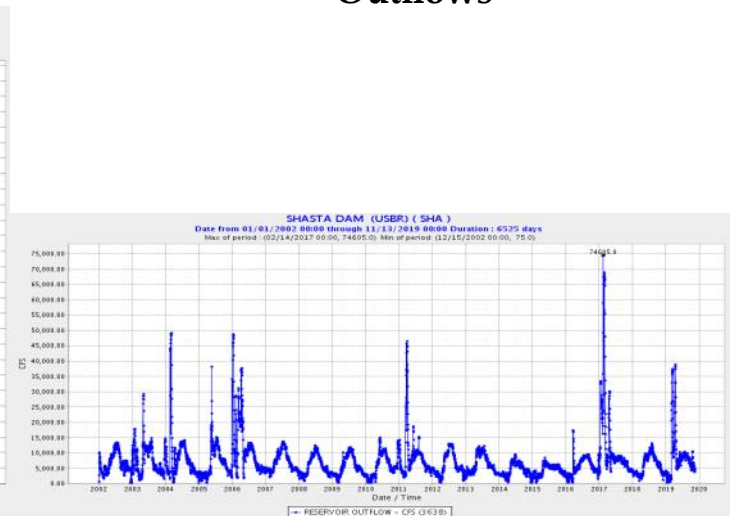


Reservoir graphs from: [http://cdec.water.ca.gov/reservoir\\_map.html](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/reservoir_map.html)

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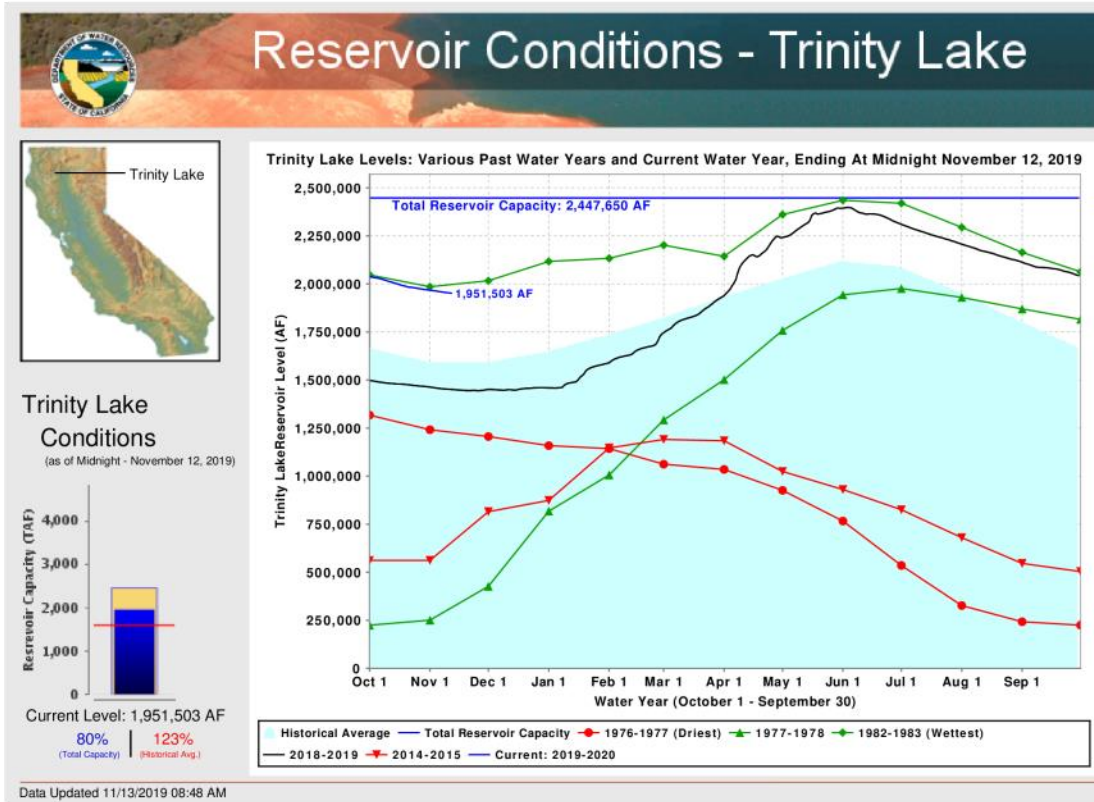


### Trinity Lake Storage

As of Tuesday, 11/12/2019, storage in Trinity Lake was approximately 1,951,503 AF (80% of capacity and 123% of the historical average).

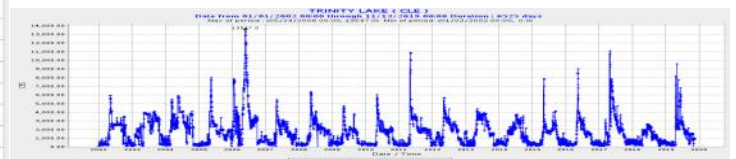
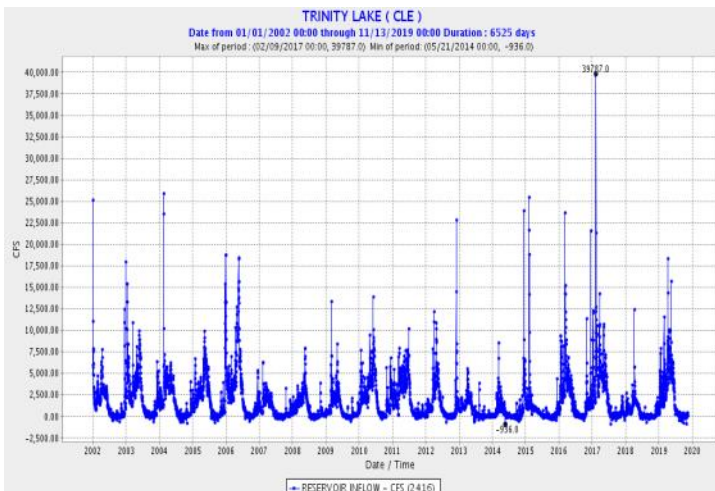
That's down 13,163 AF from last week. Total capacity is about 2,447,650 AF.

As of Sunday, the weekly average daily inflows were calculated as 227 CFS, and the weekly average daily outflows were calculated as 953 CFS.



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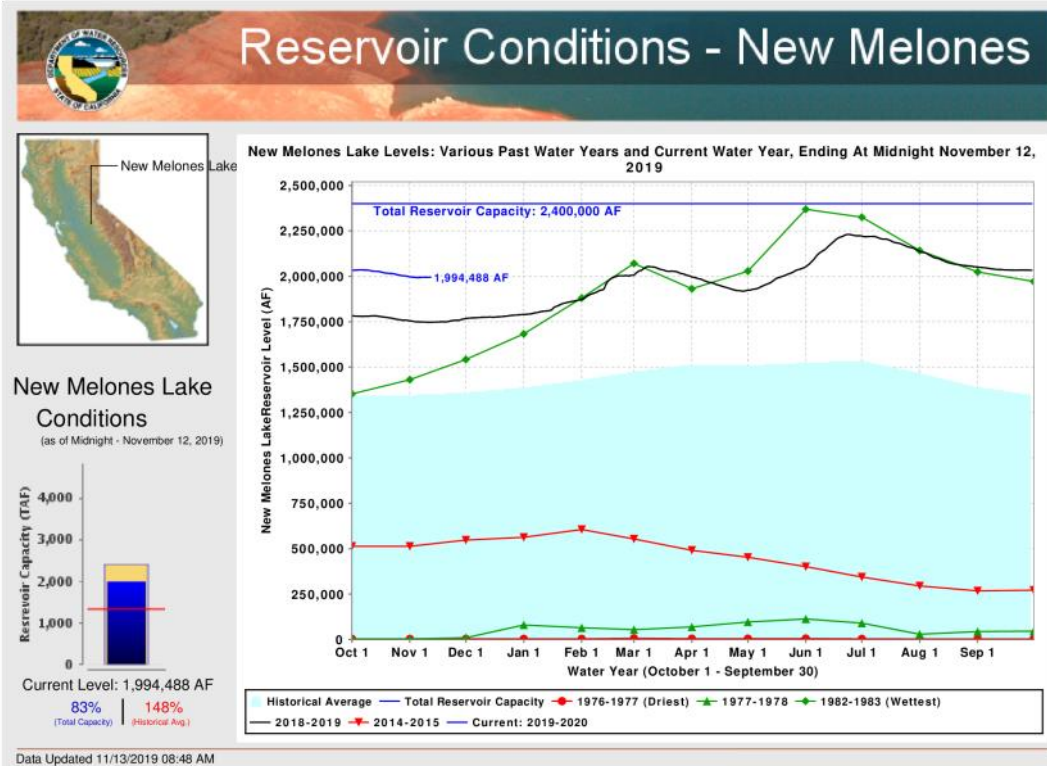


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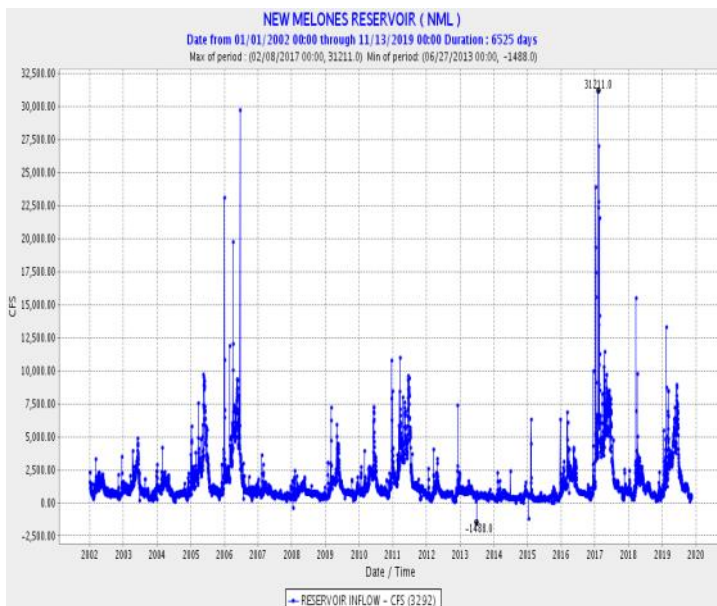
As of Tuesday, 11/12/2019, storage in New Melones was approximately 1,994,488 AF (83% of capacity and 148% of the historical average).

That's down 220 AF from last week. Total capacity is about 2,400,000 AF.

As of Sunday, the weekly average daily inflows were calculated as 487 CFS, and the weekly average daily outflows were calculated as 406 CFS.



### Inflows



### Outflows

