

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

2022 SWP Drought Planning



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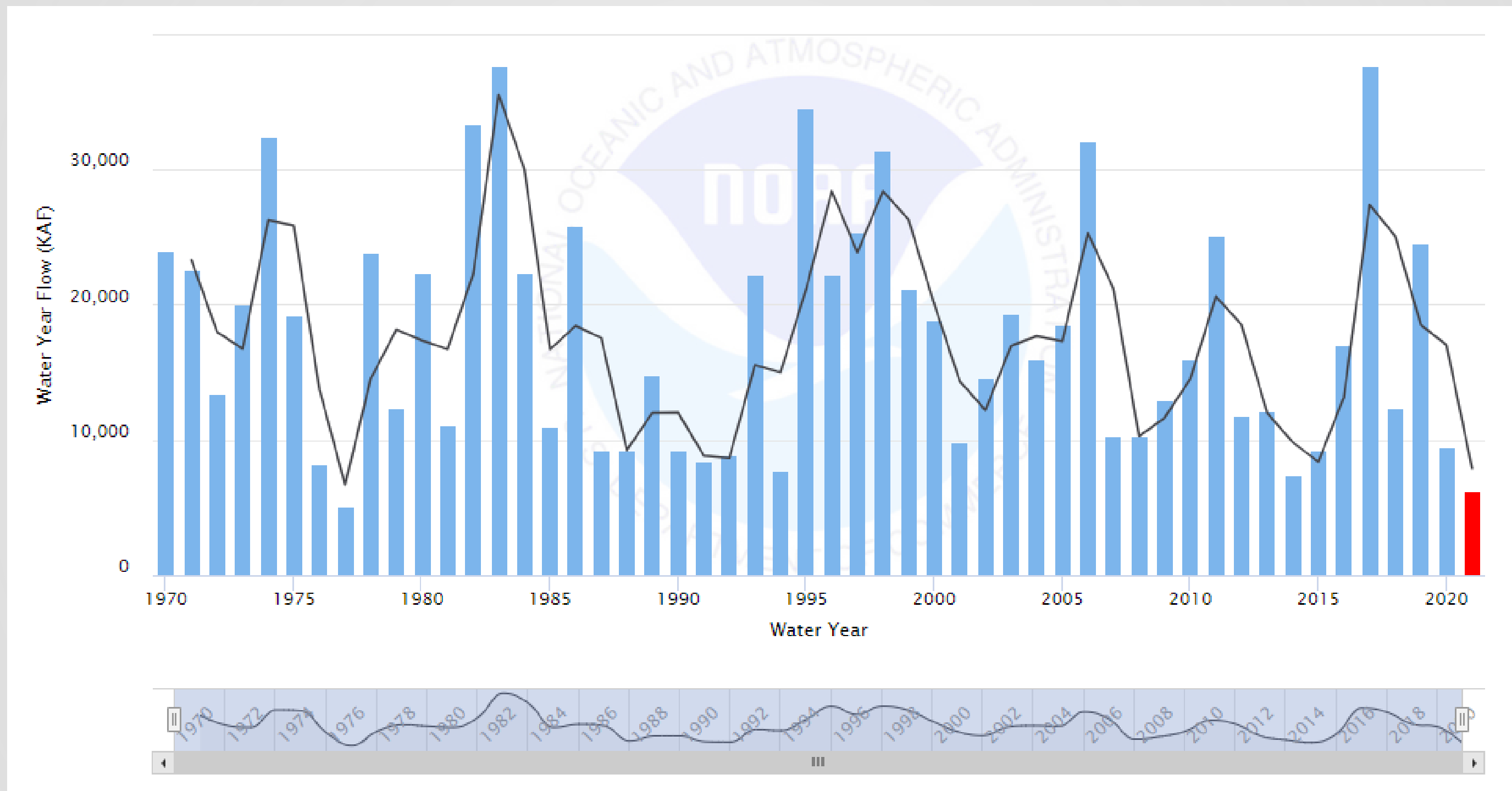
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Presentation Topics:

- 2021 Water Year Re-Cap
- 2022 Water Year to date
- Planning for the remainder of 2022

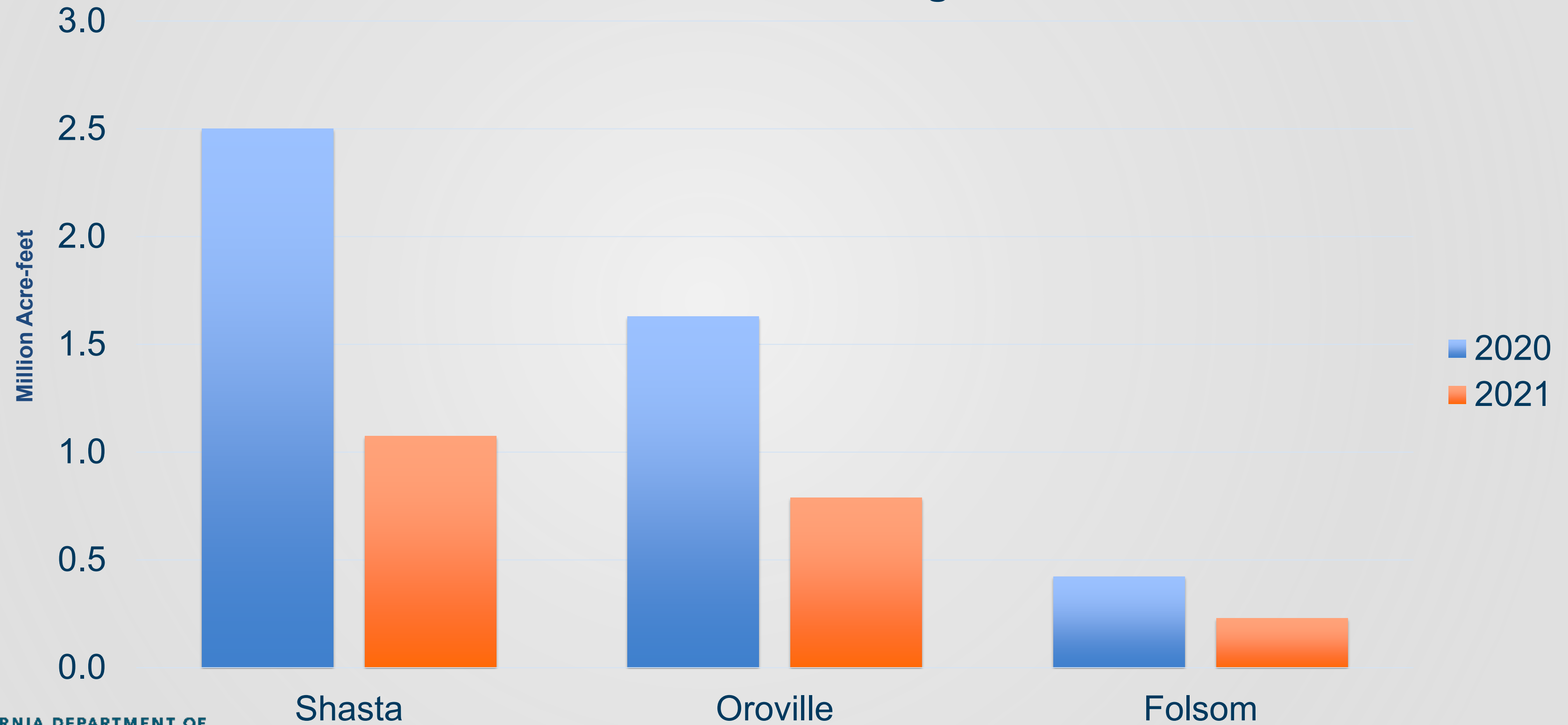


Key Takeaway: Dry Conditions = Low Runoff



2021 Ends with Record Low Storage

End of Year Storage



Total End of 2021 Storage: 2.09 Million Acre-Feet



2021 Takeaways:

- Spring 2021 was the warmest and driest on record
- These extremes challenged traditional water supply forecasting methods
- Water supply planning must consider more extreme scenarios



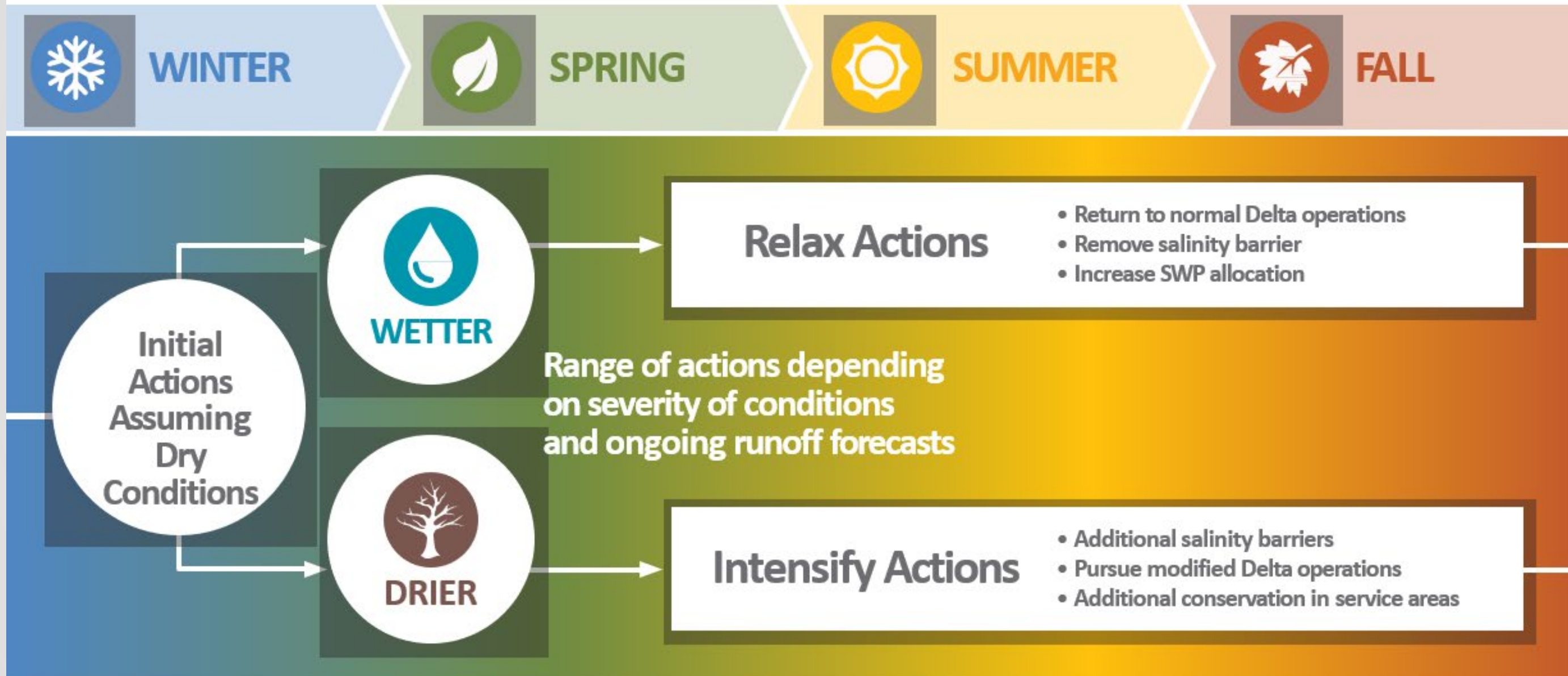
2022 Objectives

- Provide minimum health and safety needs
- Maintain Delta water quality
- Meet environmental needs to protect endangered species
- Conserve water storage to meet future critical needs
- Deliver water based on priority



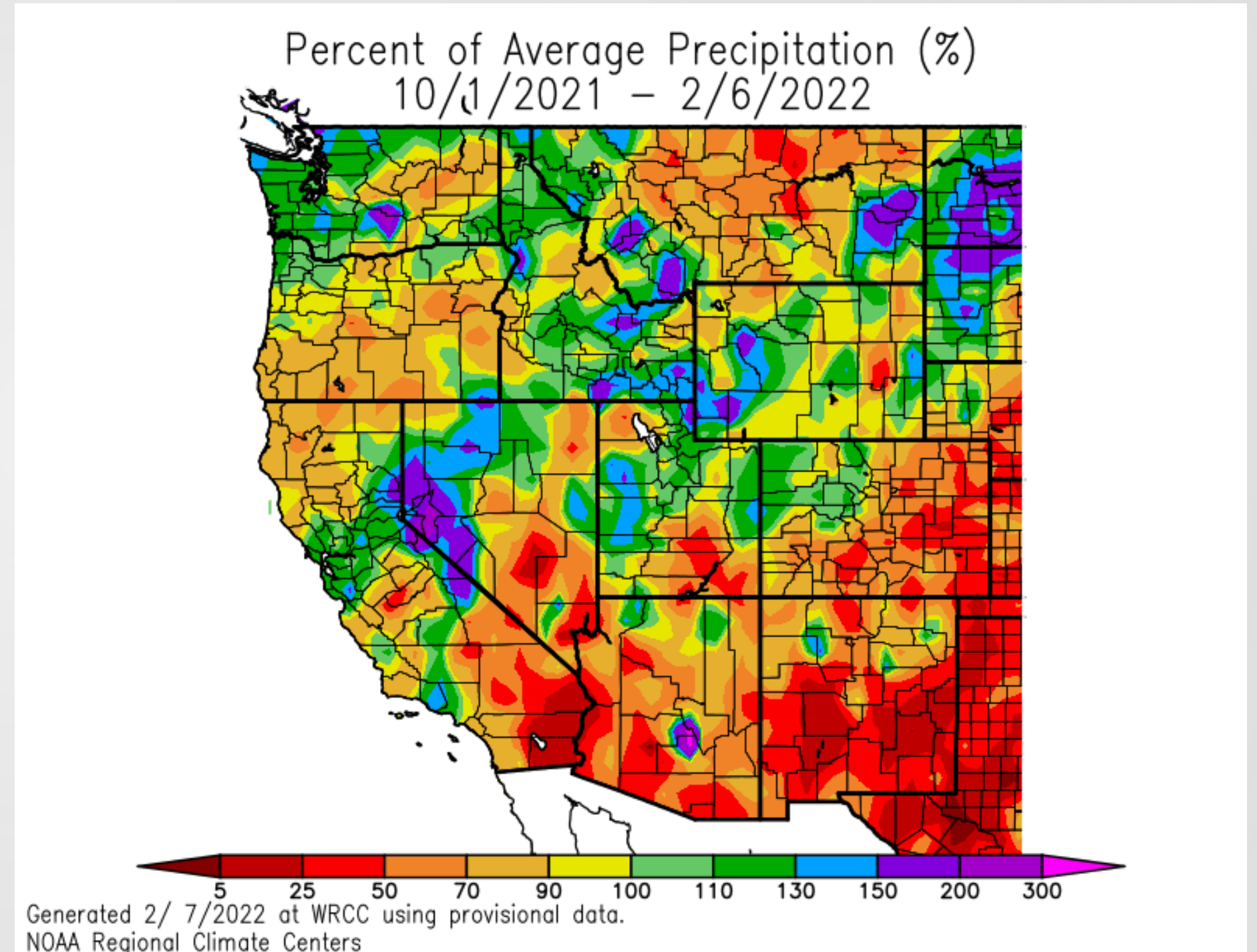
DECISION PROCESS

for Water Supply, Conservation and Environmental Drought Actions



Early Water Year 2022 Hydrology

- October: Wettest on record
- November: Top ten driest
- December: Top ten wettest
- January: Top 10 driest





December 1, 2021

- Filed TUCP for Feb-Apr
- Health and Safety based allocation

January 18, 2021

- 15% allocation
- Withdrew TUCP



WATER SUPPLY PRIORITIES when in a drought

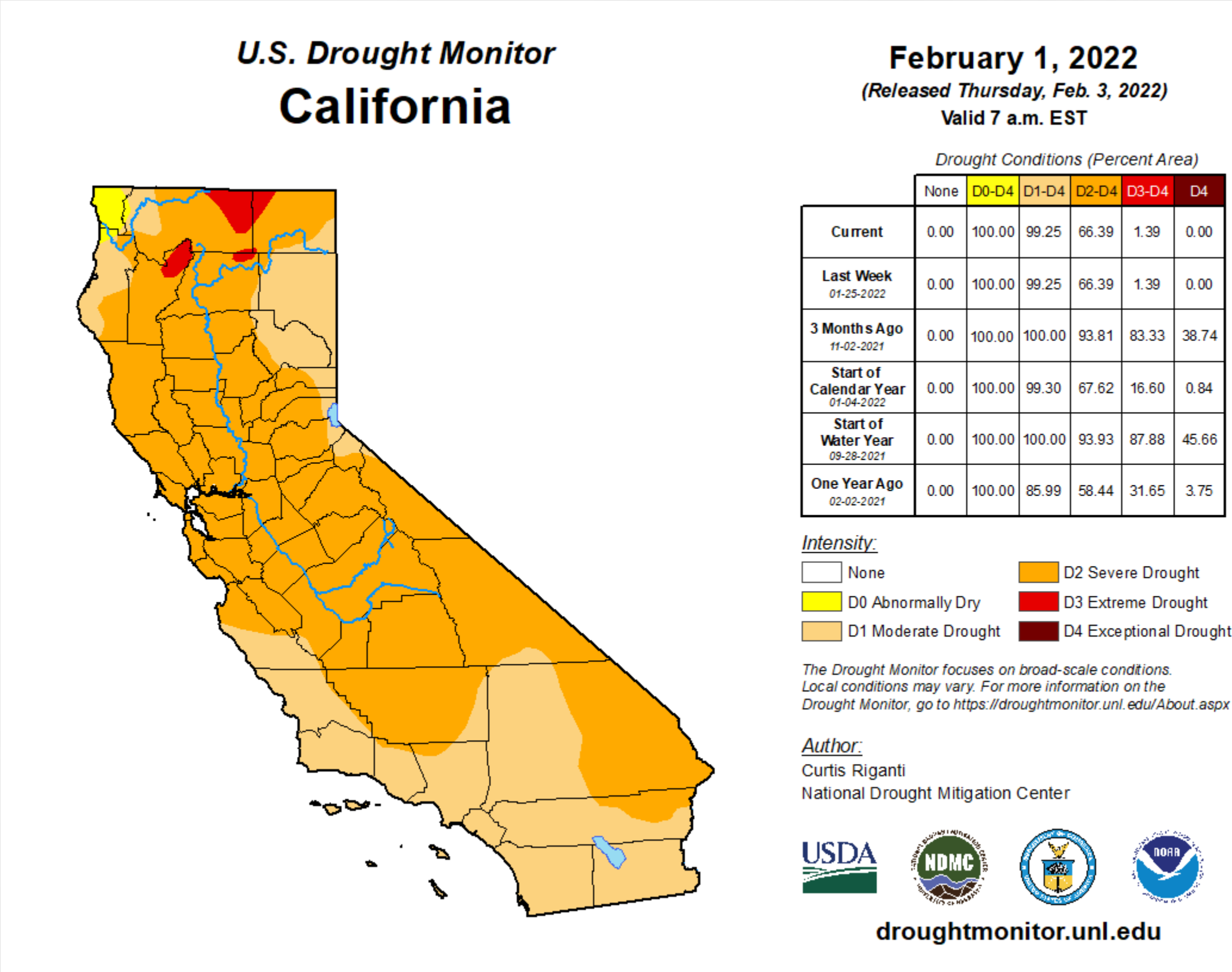
- Health & Safety**
Salinity Control for Water Quality
- Endangered Species**
- Conserve Storage**
- Additional Water Supply**

- ## DELTA EXPORTS
- WINTER/SPRING**
Capture storm flows
 - SUMMER**
Health & Safety needs



Drought Conditions

- Very dry conditions, reduced storage in reservoirs and groundwater basins
- However, much of California is in a better position than last year



Changes in Approach for 2022

- Consideration of more extreme scenarios when planning
- Adjustments to water supply forecasting approaches
- More frequent and earlier cross-agency coordination



2022 Drought Actions

- Currently not expecting to need most intense drought actions
- Continue close coordination with USBR and senior water holders to facilitate transfers
- Continue forecast and modeling improvement efforts
- Continue to monitor and evaluate conditions to determine whether to:
 - Seek modified Delta standards
 - Backfill notch in the West False River salinity barrier



Next Steps

- Continual update of water supply forecasts
- Analysis of whether drought actions are needed
- March 1 snow survey



The seal of the California Department of Water Resources is a circular emblem. It features a central landscape with a winding river, green hills, and a yellow field. Above the landscape are clouds and a sun. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES" at the top and "STATE OF CALIFORNIA" at the bottom, separated by two small dots.

Thank You

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