

# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

## Natural Resources Group Hydrologic Update July 12, 2016



# Unregulated Inflow Into Lake Powell

As of July 11, 2016

	MAF*	% Avg**
• WY 2016 (Projected):	9.9	92%
• April-July 2016 (Projected):	6.7	94%
• June (Observed):	2.9	109%
• July (Forecasted):	0.7	64%

\*MAF=Million Acre-Feet

\*\*30-year average, from 1981-2010 (current normal)



# Storage Conditions

As of July 11, 2016

		<u>Percent of Capacity</u>	<u>Δ from last year</u>
Lake Mead elev.	1,071.79 ft	36%	↓ 3.95 ft
Lake Powell elev.	3,621.44 ft	57%	↑ 7.27 ft
Total System Storage (7/2016)	31.55 maf	53%	↑ 0.46 maf
Total System Storage (7/2015)	31.37 maf	52%	

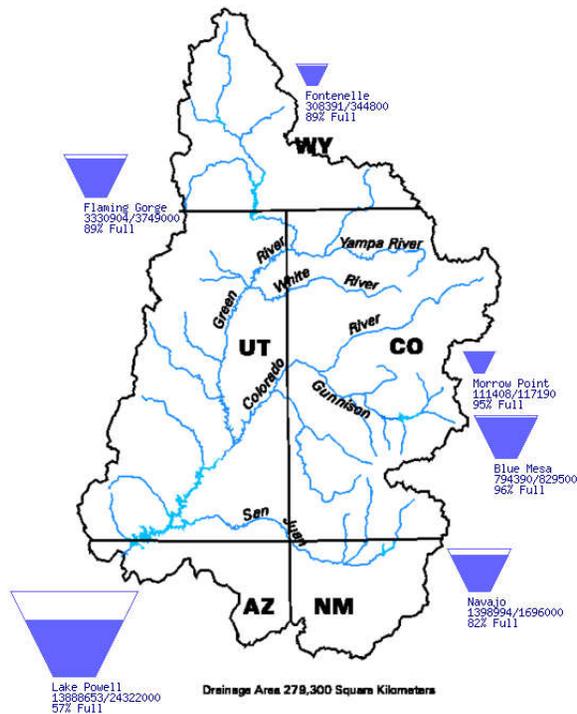


# Reservoir Storage

As of July 13, 2016

Data Current as of:  
07/13/2016

## Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



## Colorado River Reservoir Storages

Basin	Reservoir	Max Storage (af)	*Current Storage (af)	Percentage
Upper Basin	Crystal Reservoir	17,356	16,588	96%
	Flaming Gorge	3,749,000	3,330,904	89%
	Fontenelle	344,800	308,391	89%
	Morrow Point	117,190	111,408	95%
	Blue Mesa	829,500	794,390	96%
	Navajo	1,696,000	1,398,994	82%
	Lake Powell	24,322,000	13,888,653	57%
Lower Basin	Lake Mead	26,120,000	9,357,000	36%
	Lake Mohave	1,809,800	1,718,100	95%
	Lake Havasu	619,400	577,900	93%
TOTAL		59,625,046	31,502,328	53%

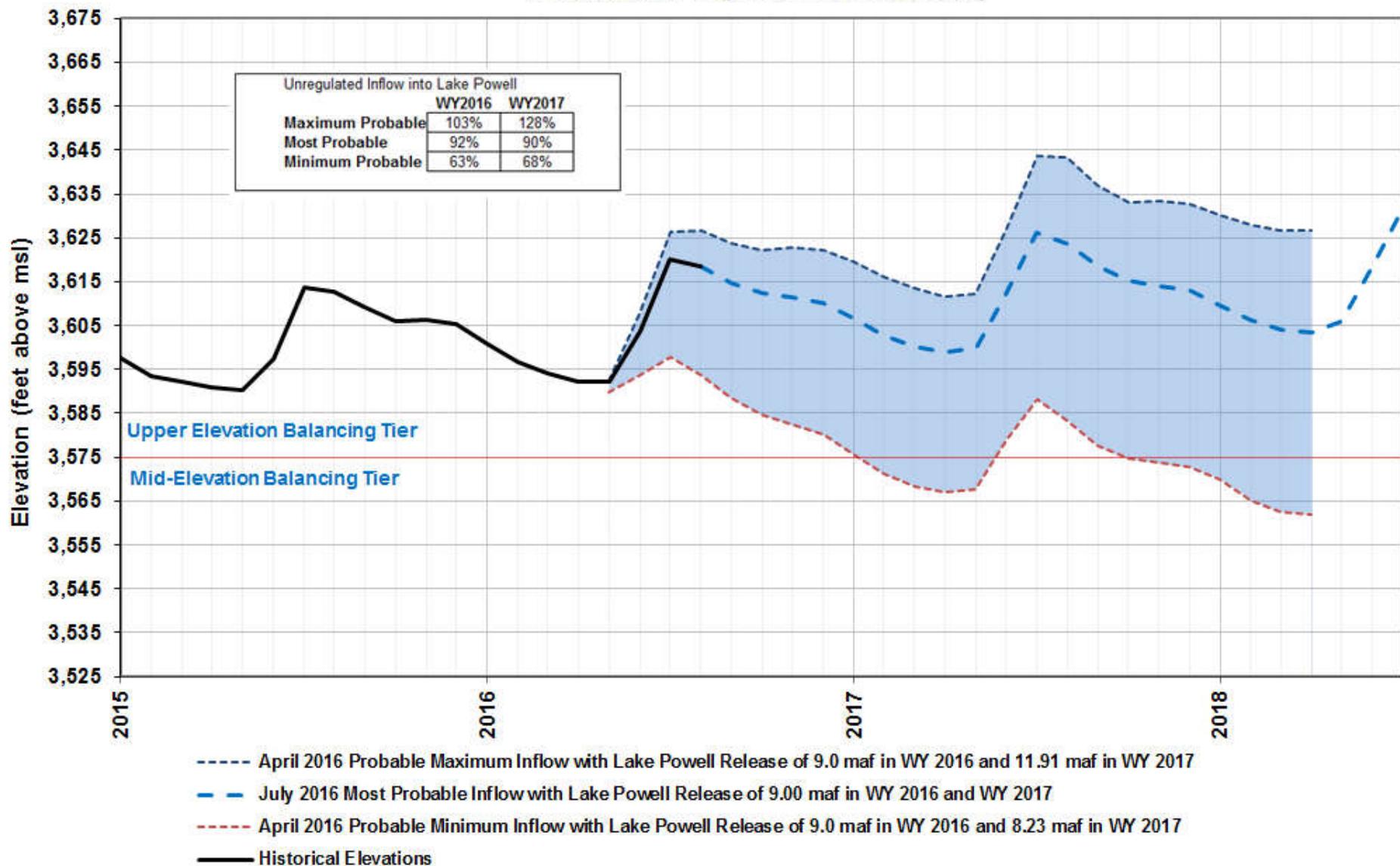
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<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/levels.html>

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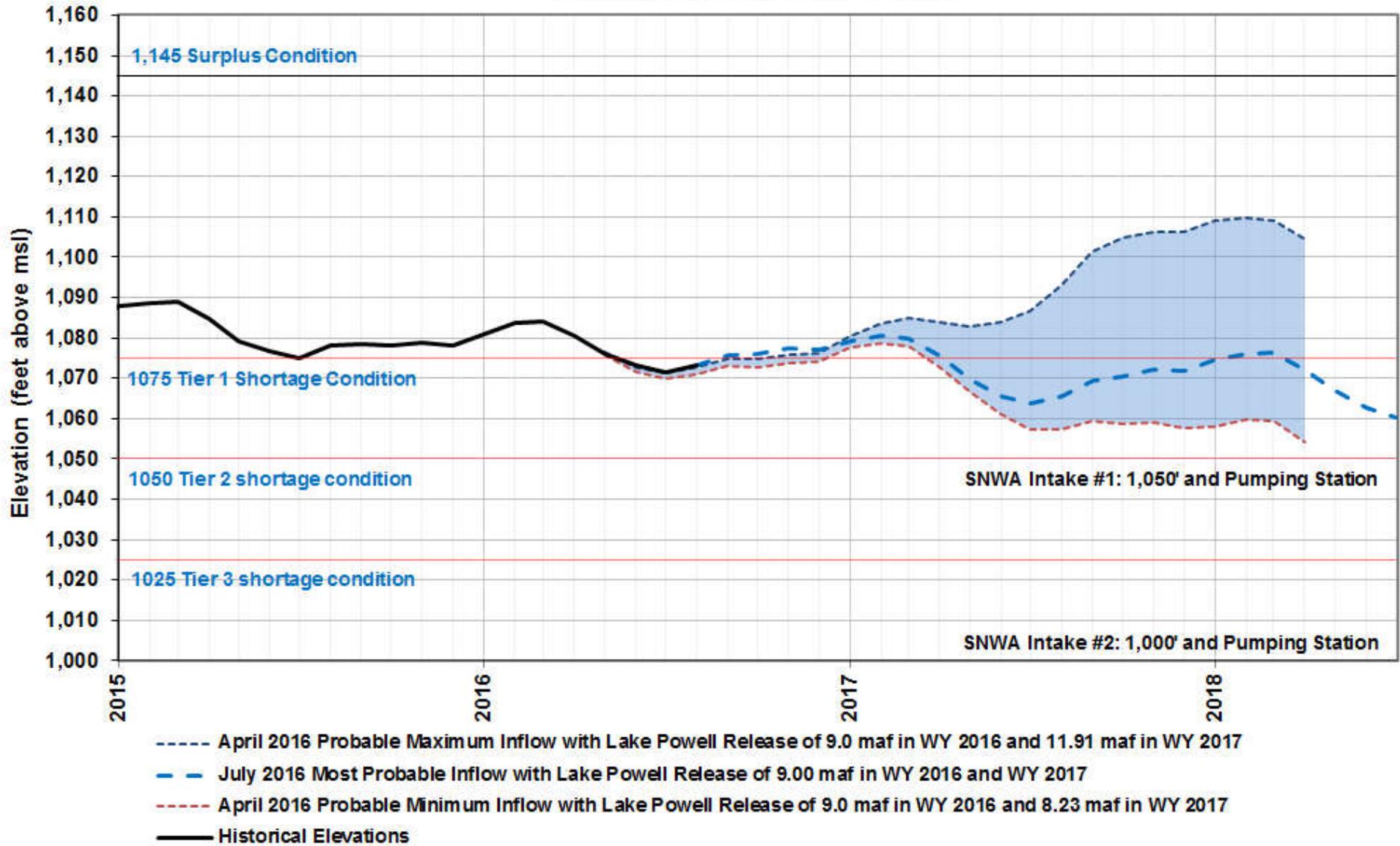
# Lake Powell Projections

## Reclamation's July 2016 24-Month Study



# Lake Mead Projections

Reclamation's July 24-Month Study



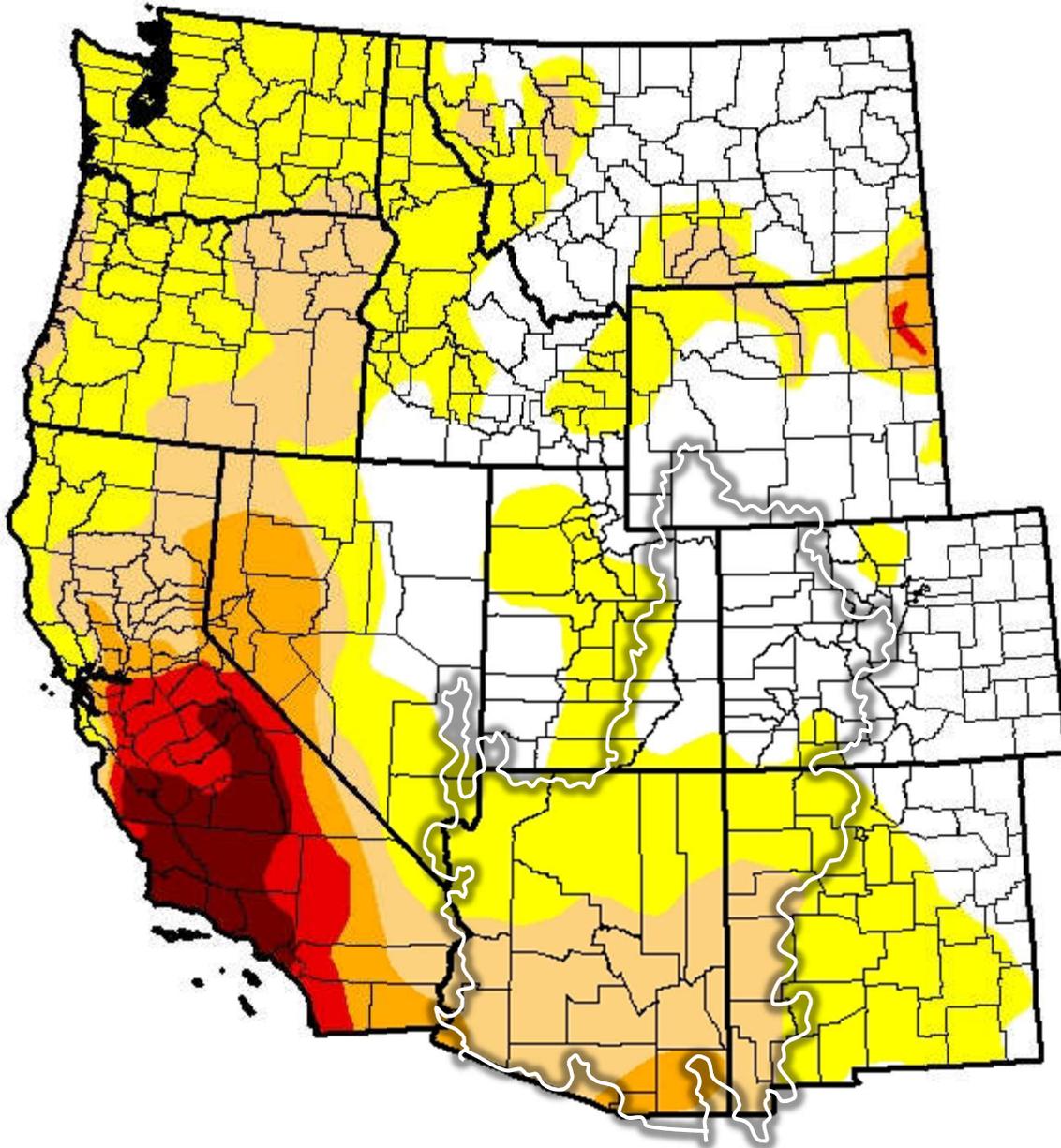
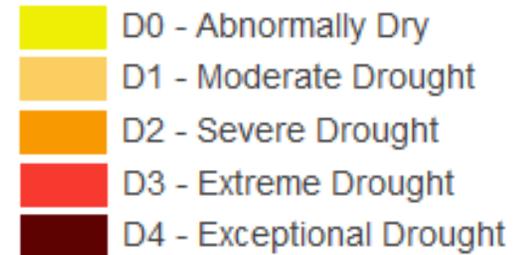
# U.S. Drought Monitor

**July 12, 2016**

*(Released Thursday, Jul. 14, 2016)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

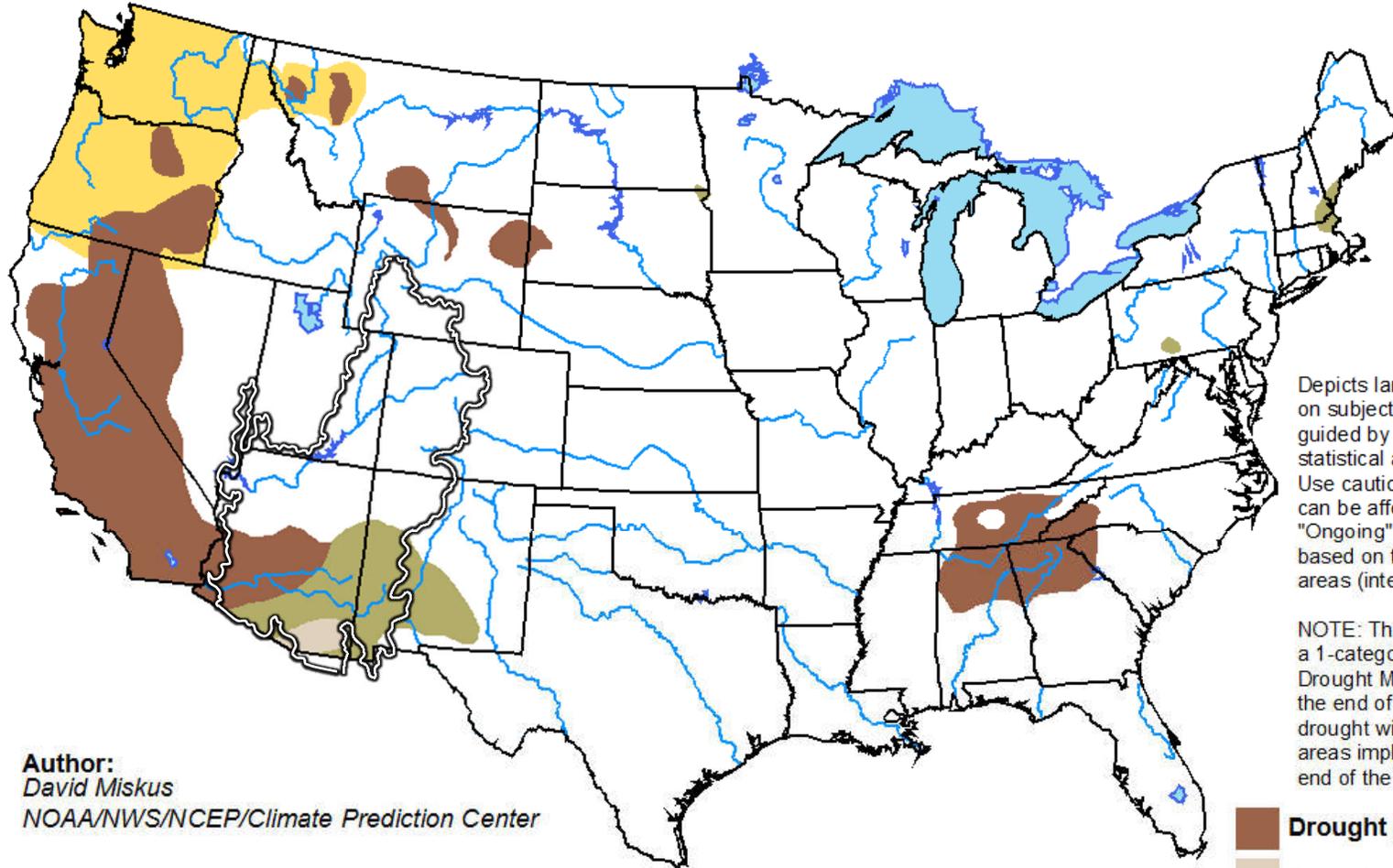
## Intensity:



# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

## Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 16 - September 30, 2016  
Released June 16, 2016



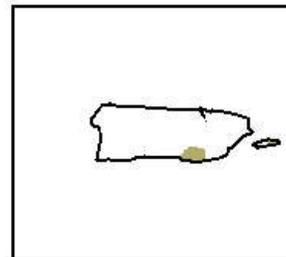
Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

-  Drought persists
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely



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# Precipitation – Colorado River Basin

As of July 11, 2016

## Upper Colorado Basin

WY Precip to Date

98% (25.1")

Current Basin Snowpack

NA

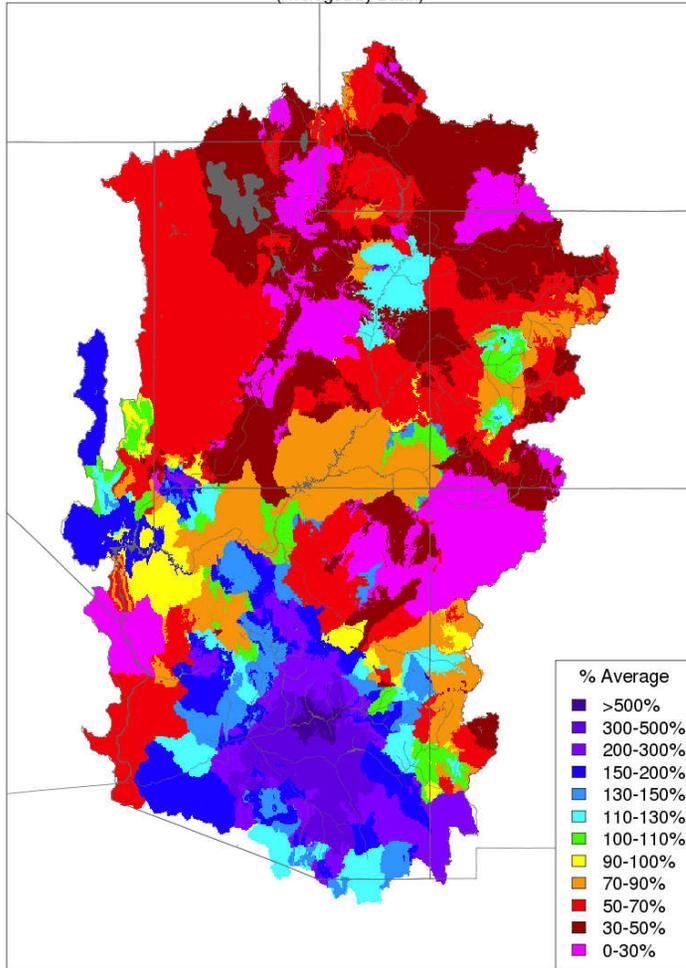
(Avg 1981-2010)



# Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation - June 2016

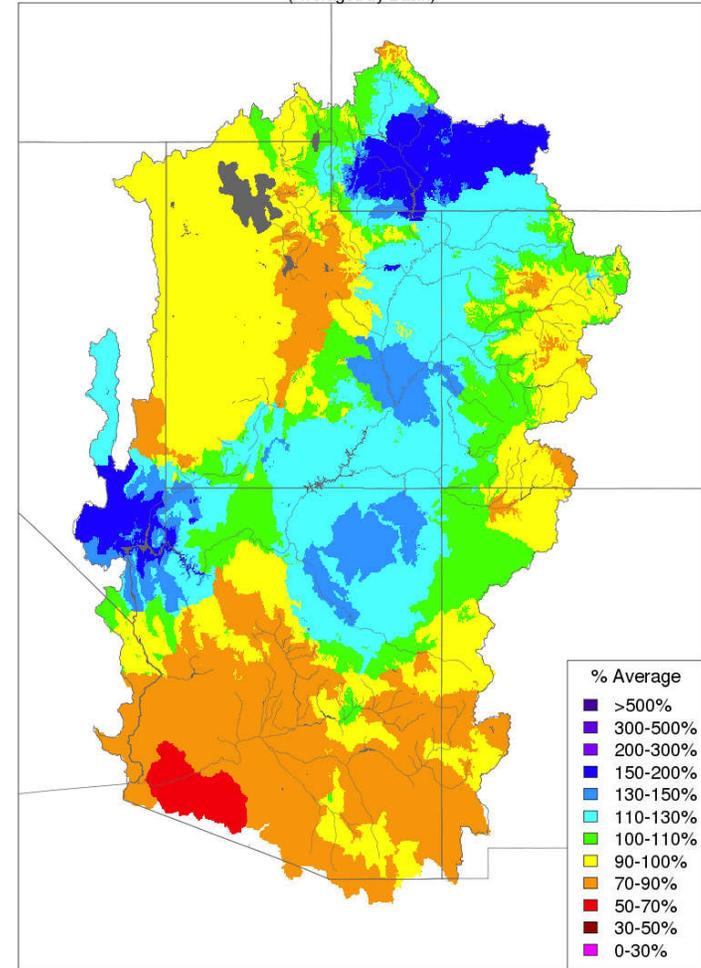
(Averaged by Basin)



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Salt Lake City, Utah, [www.cbrfc.noaa.gov](http://www.cbrfc.noaa.gov)

Water Year Precipitation, October 2015 - June 2016

(Averaged by Basin)



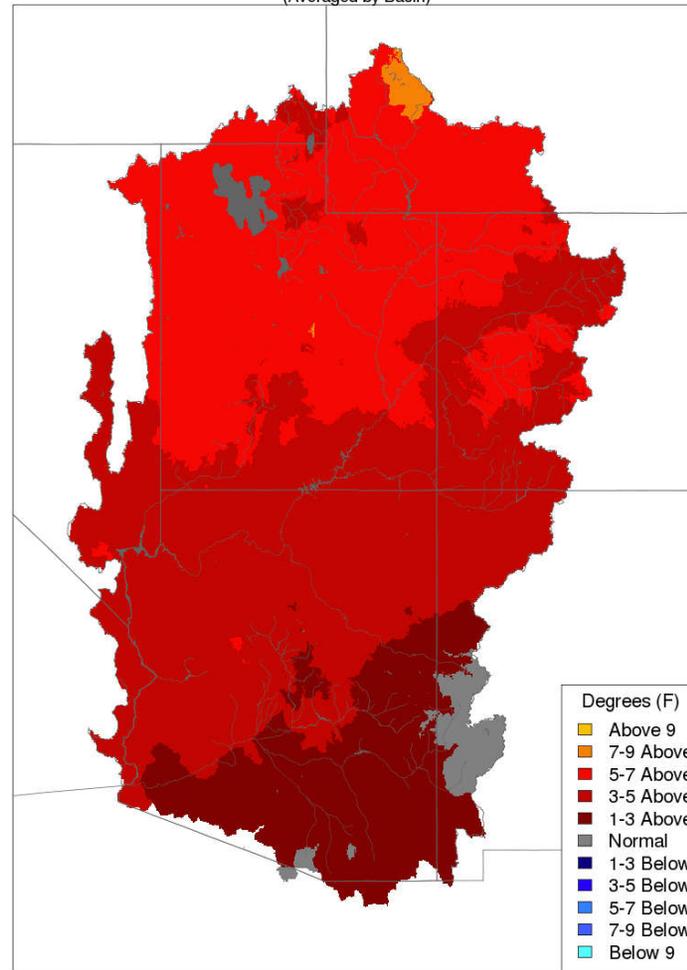
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# Temperature Deviations

Monthly Averaged Temperature Anomaly

Max Temp - Monthly Deviation - June 2016

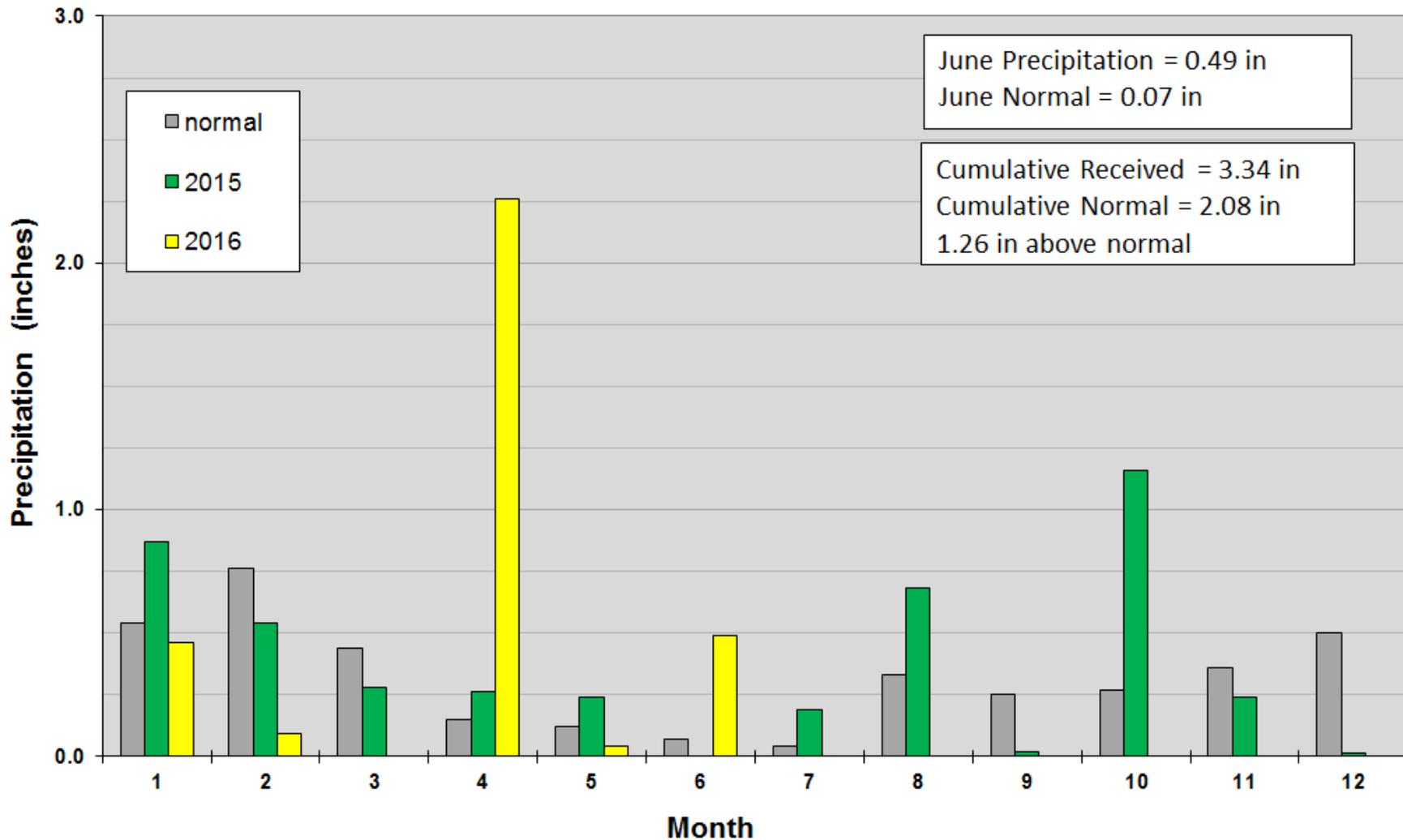
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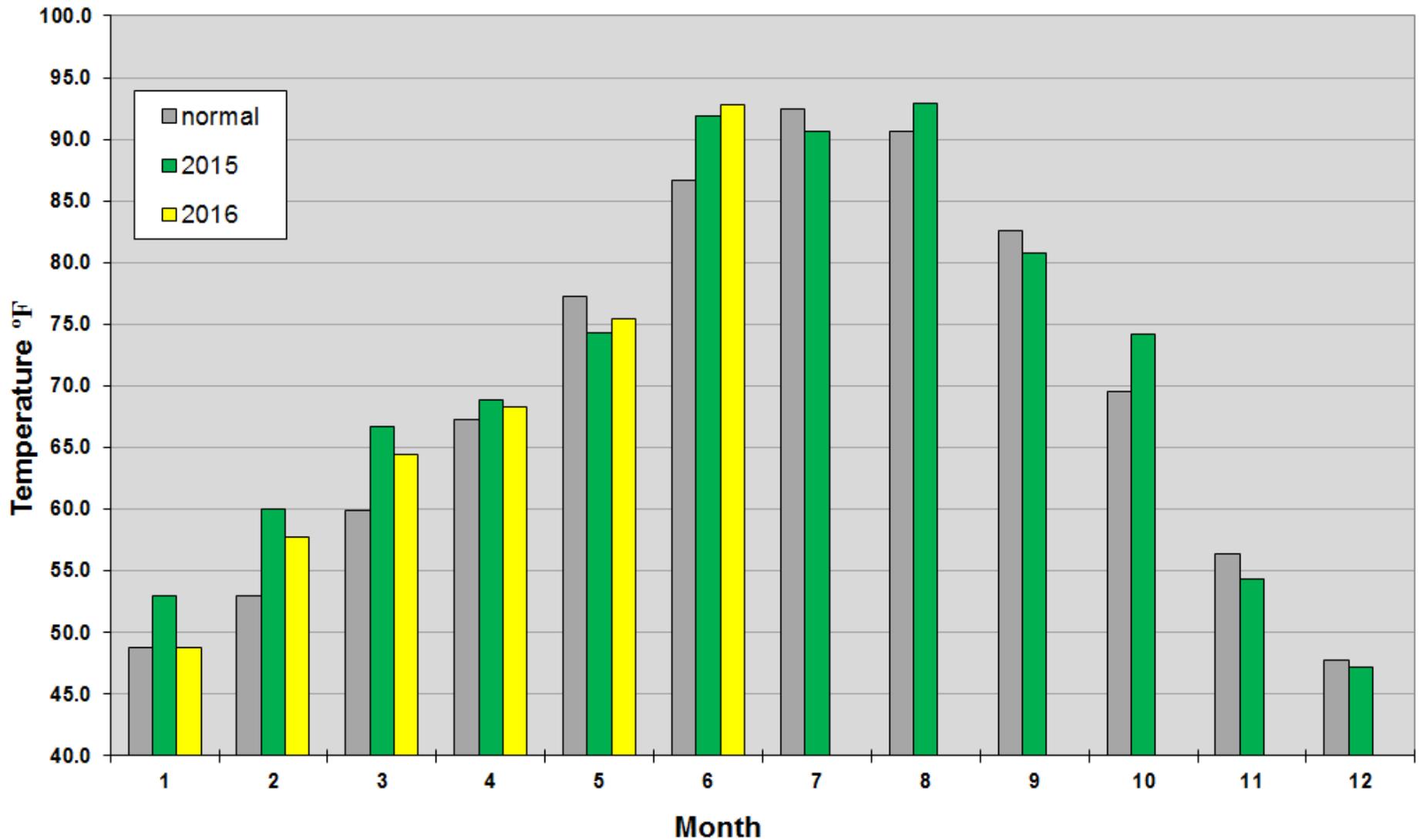
# Las Vegas Precipitation

## Monthly Precipitation at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, NV



# Las Vegas Average Temperature

Average Monthly Temperature at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, NV



# Water Use in Southern Nevada



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January – June 2016

2016: Consumptive Use = 105,818\* af

2015: Consumptive Use = 100,338 af

**Difference = 5,480 af**

\*Subject to final accounting.



# Water Use Comparison

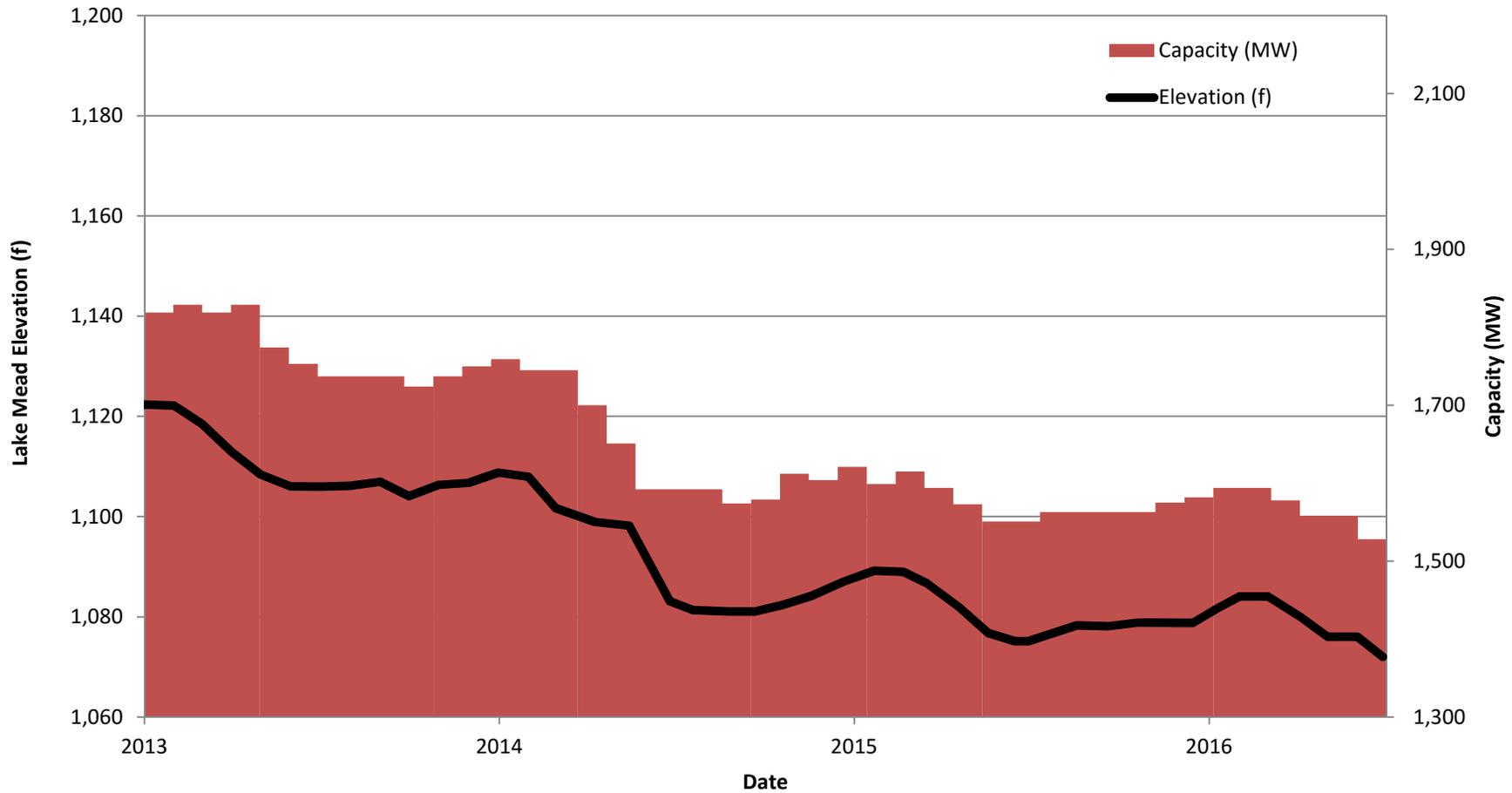
January - June

<b>Water Use</b>	<b>2015</b> Acre Feet	<b>2016</b> Acre Feet	<b>Difference</b> Acre Feet	<b>% Change</b>
Las Vegas Wash Gauged Flow	110,392	112,970	2,578	2.3%
Diversions	210,807	214,438	3,631	1.7%
Return Flow Credit	110,469	108,620	-1,849	-1.7%
Consumptive Use	100,338	105,818	5,480	5.5%



# Hydropower Capacity

## Lake Mead Elevation and Hoover Powerplant Generation Capacity



- On July 1, 2016 capacity was decreased 30 MW to 1,528 MW.

# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

## Questions?

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