

WATERWORKS

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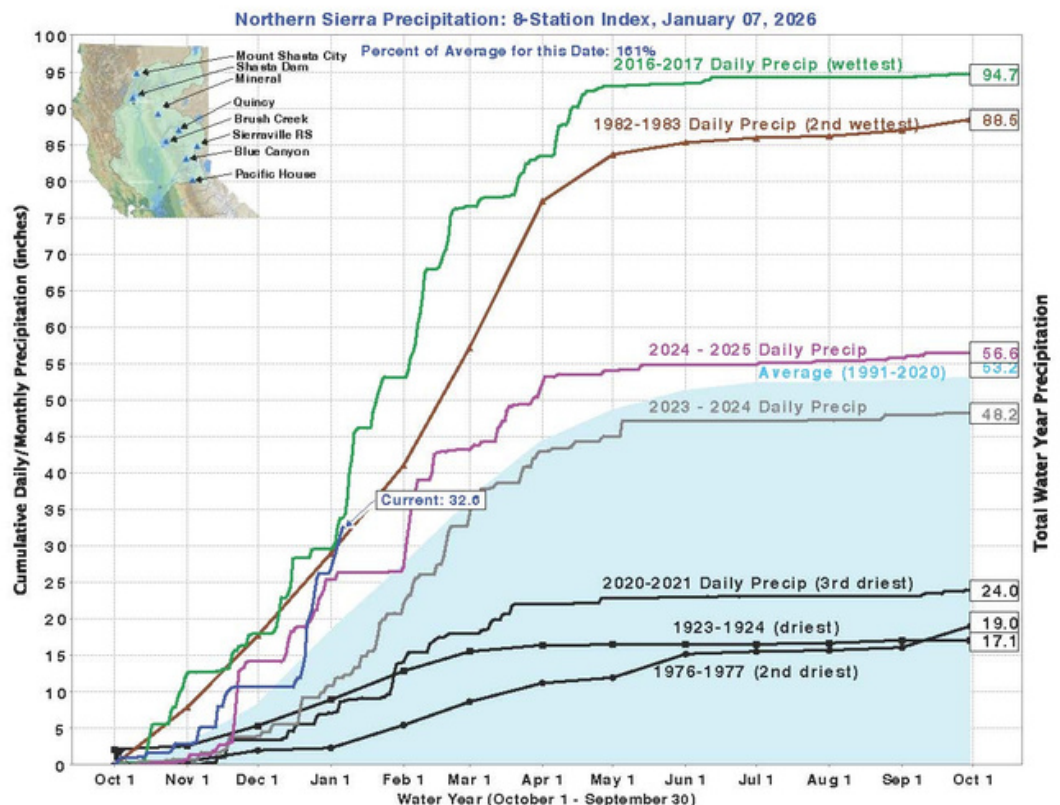


WINTER EDITION
January 2026



Early Water Outlook 2026

Winter is here and the rain has been falling! Shasta Reservoir conditions are tracking nicely at this point for next year. Precipitation is well above average at the point of this writing, see the chart here:



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Meet the TCCA Family

Jordon Navarrot - Manager of Dunnigan Water District and Deputy Manager of Reclamation District 108

During his 11-year (and growing) tenure with RD 108, Jordan has worked his way through the ranks, serving in maintenance, water delivery, supervisory, and superintendent roles prior to his recent transition to management.

With a B.S. in Business Administration (Accounting emphasis) and a minor in Sustainability from CSU Chico, Jordan brings a strategic, data-driven approach to water resource management - balancing financial stewardship with long-term environmental resilience. Jordan recently moved back home to Yuba City with his wife, Paige, and their two children, Rosalin and Cooper. In his spare time, he enjoys snowboarding and weightlifting.

Driven by a deep respect for the agricultural community, Jordan builds trusted relationships with local growers and external partners alike. His work bridges hands-on operational experience with regional water policy, advancing practical and innovative solutions that strengthen the future of California agriculture.

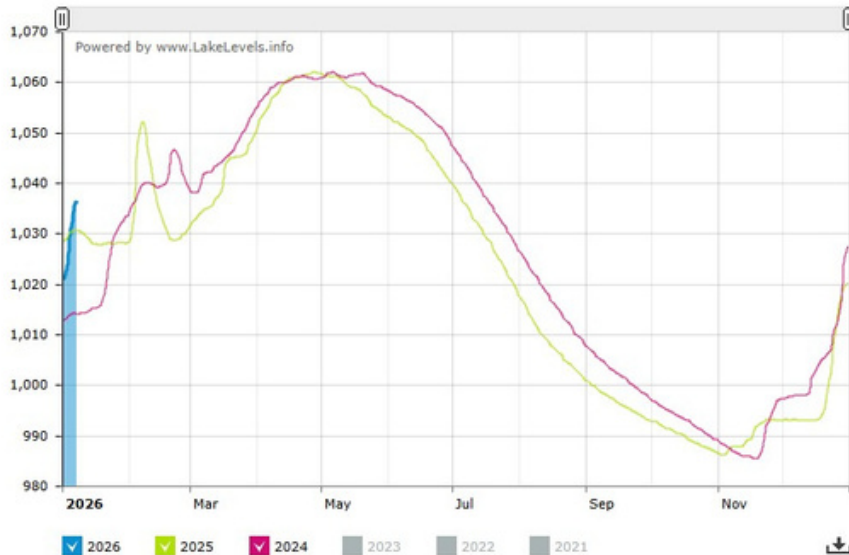
When the Water Level Drops...



Lake Shasta Water Level

WATER LEVEL
1,036.44
Feet MSL

Wednesday, January 7, 2026
12:00:00 PM
Level is 30.56 feet
below full pool of 1,067.00



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Shasta Reservoir is entering into flood control curve releases as I write this, so you can expect to see a reduction in the storage over the next few days/week. It will look like the bump in the water level from around this time last year. Also, overall state water conditions are in

Farmer: "Why did the scarecrow win an award?"
Visitor: "Because he was outstanding in his field."



good shape so far. Hopefully this trend will continue and we'll get another storm or two in February/March to top things off for the year.

Q: Why did the farmer's tractor get a promotion?
A: Because it was always on the move and had great drive!

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Concrete Repairs

We are in repair season at the TCCA. This season the focus is on the checks above Funks Reservoir. First, we identify areas in need of repair. The picture on the right is located in Check 5. Ground movement caused the concrete to lift and buckle. This allowed water to get behind the concrete for potential infrastructure failure. Though all buckles are bad, depending on the location of the buckle need for repair can be greater. This damaged area actually had an animal living in it, which caused more damage by digging into the bank.



Step 1: Identify repair needs



Step 2: Remove damaged sections



Step 3: Pour fresh concrete

Congressman Doug LaMalfa In Memoriam

Doug LaMalfa was a fourth-generation rice farmer and business owner who lived in Northern California all his life. Doug attended local schools and grew up learning the value of hard work and community service. Doug earned his degree in Ag/Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Doug was elected to the California State Assembly and State Senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012. In 2025, Congressman LaMalfa was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus, the second largest membership organization in Congress and is focused on addressing rural issues.

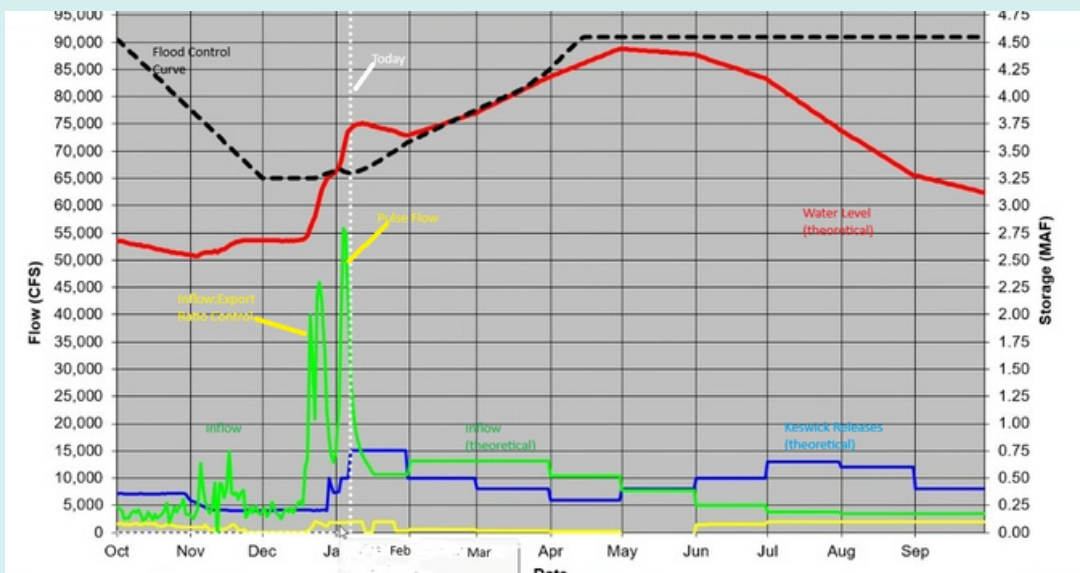
Water is the North State's most precious natural resource and Doug believed in protecting our water rights and developing more water storage. He continually advocated for increasing California's water supply, and passed legislation authorizing construction of Sites Reservoir. He also wrote and passed language to protect North State water from Southern California water grabs.

"Doug was a principled conservative and a tireless advocate for the people of Northern California," National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Richard Hudson said in a release. "He was never afraid to fight for rural communities, farmers, and working families. Doug brought grit, authenticity, and conviction to everything he did in public service."

We at the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority send our deepest condolences to the LaMalfa family and friends.



3.F Availability over Christmas and New Years



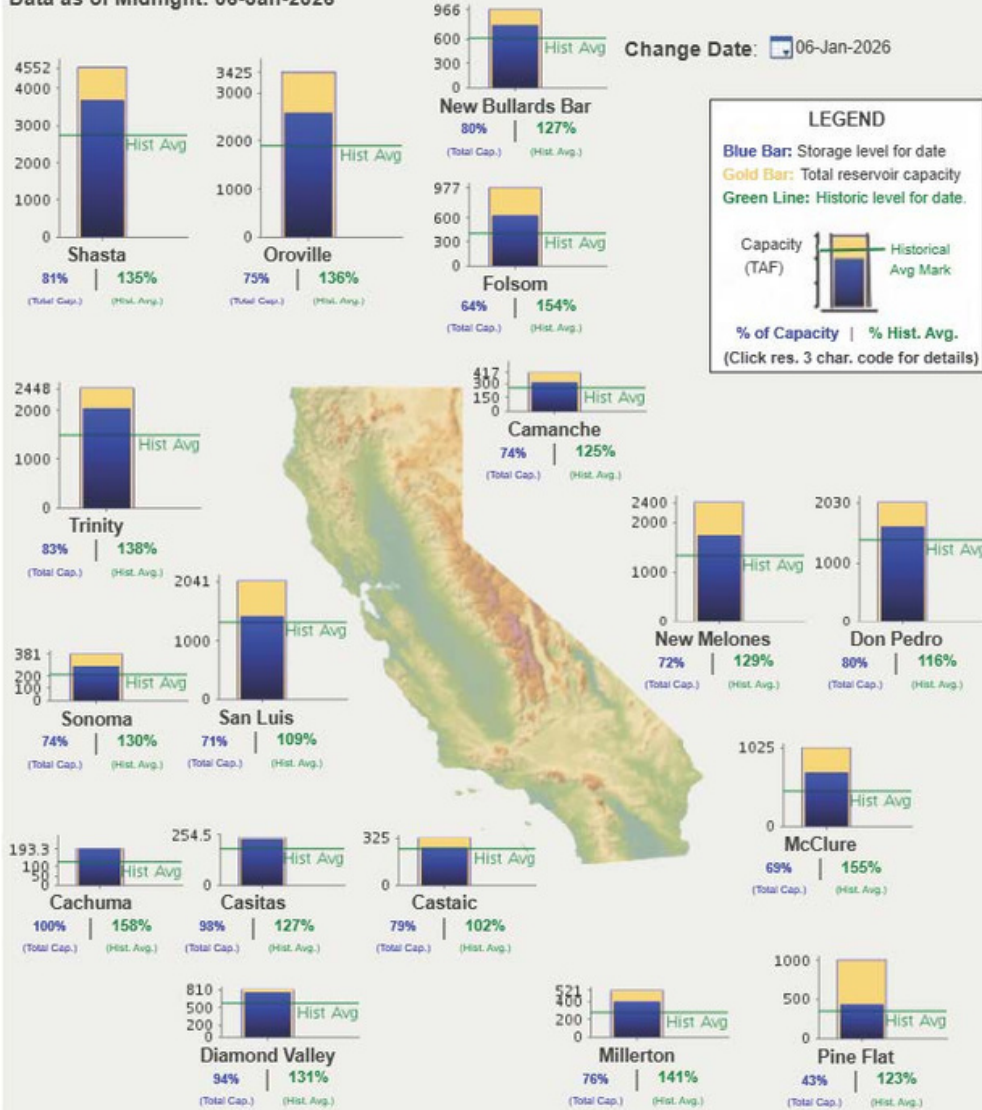
Manager Vanderwaal and O&M Superintendent Babb recently had a call with the USBR Operators at the Central Valley Operations (CVO) office to talk about why Article 3.F water wasn't available earlier in the week of Christmas. Most will recall that we received significant rainfall over the weekend prior to Christmas. On Monday of that week, many expected to hear about 3.F being available. However, one of the criteria controlling the availability of 3.F is the Delta

Operations, including what is called the "I:E ratio," which is basically, the ratio of inflow into the Delta and the flow being exported out of the Delta by the State and "South of Delta" CVP exporters, hence Inflow to Export ratio. During that week of Christmas, the pumps exporting water to San Luis Reservoir were not able to run at full capacity within the limiting ratio, so 3.F water was unavailable; recall that 3.F water is "Excess water". For the time being, Article 3.F is now available since they are releasing flood control flows to bring Shasta back to the Flood Control Curve and the export pumps are operating at full capacity without encroaching on the I:E ratio. There are several other Delta Criteria that can affect us including "Pulse Flows", "OMR Flows" and more, that I will get into another time.

The graph shows how the Bureau would look at its operation on a specific day to determine if 3.F is available to us, it shows the actual inflow, projected water level, flood control curve, projected outflows and projected inflows. It also changes each day, so do not base any decisions on this graph since it is several days old by the time you are seeing it.

CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:06-JAN-2026

Data as of Midnight: 06-Jan-2026



[Click to download printable version of current data.](#)

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Our winter projects have progressed well. Concrete repairs above Funks were done early and we have moved to get ahead of next years scheduled repairs, in the Check 18 vicinity.

We were able to fully dewater the Colusa County Water District checks to aid with their Bryozoa issues (it's a freshwater sponge type of creature that occurred in their pumping plants), while maintaining water for recharge in other districts.

Numerous underdrains have been cleaned out and Pumps 4 & 9 will have had their bearings replaced and will be ready for full use by the time irrigation season starts in earnest.

The Water Users Conference will be held in Reno, NV, as usual, in late January. By February 20th the Bureau will have to make their initial allocation. Hopefully, we will be able to receive a good allocation then, and not have to wait on more weather developments.

Please feel free to reach out to Manager Vanderwaal at wvanderwaal@tccanal.com or at 530.934.0575.



Joke of the month:



A man was driving down the road when a policeman stopped him. The officer looked in the back of the man's truck and said, "Why are these penguins in your truck?" The man replied, "These are my penguins. They belong to me." "You need to take them to the zoo," the policeman said. The next day, the officer saw the same guy driving down the road. He pulled him over again. He saw the penguins were still in the truck, but they were wearing sunglasses this time. "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!", the officer said. "I did," the man replied. "And today I'm taking them to the beach."



Meet the TCCA Family

Fred Lutz – Maintenance Operator

Fred was born in Fresno while his parents were there on vacation. He has lived in this area for over 60 years. Before coming to the TCCA, Fred was in trucking for 40 years and ran his own company. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and NASCAR.

Fred with his grandson/sidekick, Mason



The TCCA Staff enjoying a wonderful Christmas dinner.
Thanks to the Board of Directors.

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