

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Tuesday, June 6, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen	President
	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President (Zoom)
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Wade Workman	Director

Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Dan Lahde	Bureau of Reclamation
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Don Snodgrass	Greenhead Hunting Club
Michael Laca	Self
Ashley Laca	Self

The following agenda items are not necessarily in the order they were heard or decided but in the order as appearing on the agenda.

1. **Call to Order**
 President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Laca.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

Ashley Laca spoke during public comment regarding a cease and desist letter she had received regarding irrigating non-water righted land. Her complaint arose from the fact that the irrigation in question had occurred before Michael Laca and herself took ownership of the property and that the accusation made in the letter had serious legal consequences including a \$10,000.00 per day fine and potential jail time. The letter caused her and her husband substantial distress and she brought it to the Board's attention to ensure that in the future more research is done by the District office before such letters are sent to land owners in the District.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review for the month of May 2023.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that spread water is likely to end sometime next week, depending on when the Bureau receives the data from the ASO flight. The new weir has been tested successfully and is currently closed. The District, in cooperation with Churchill County, has received a five year license to work in the Carson River channel. Shawcroft also showed pictures of the Truckee Canal construction project.

• **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**

Not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions in the Carson Division. See the attached report. There was discussion regarding spread water vs spilling and future use of the new weir.

• **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Not present to report, but Shawcroft reported that all power stations are operating at full capacity.

7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

9. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**

Jack Worsley, LBAO Area Manager, had no report.

Dan Lahde, BOR, presented the latest weather outlook. See attached presentation.

10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Director, reported that the Tribe is meeting weekly to discuss emergency operations; everything is going well. She thanked the District, BOR and Churchill County for the excellent cooperation during this season.

11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

14. **Approval of Budget 2023-2024**

Deliberation and decision by the Board of Directors regarding approval of the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

This topic was tabled until the July Board meeting.

15. **Insurance Renewal**

Deliberation and decision relating to, without limitation, proposal for renewal of general liability, errors and omissions, commercial auto insurance, commercial excess liability, other mechanical and property coverage, and commercial inland marine coverage for the District for coverage that will renew on or about July 1, 2023.

This topic was tabled until the July Board meeting.

16. **Ratification of Protest**

Ratification of TCID's filing of a protest on Applications 92476, 92477, 92478, 92479, 92480, 92481, 92482, 92483 and 92484 made by NV-Reno Industrial, LLC and WS-Buckland, LLC for the waters of Carson River situated in Lyon County, State of Nevada.

General Manager Shawcroft informed the Board of the protest that was made by the District and Churchill County of the named applications to move the place of use of water rights. Moving the place of use from the current location will result in less water available downstream for water right holders in the Carson Basin.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to ratify the Protest of the Named Applications, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. **Resolution 2023-03**

A Resolution designating the President of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors as the person authorized to make any decision regarding litigation in which the District is a party pursuant to NRS 241.0357.

General Manager Shawcroft presented an overview of Resolution 2023-03 and detailed the changes made that were requested at the last Board meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve Resolution 2023-03, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of May as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of May 2, 2023.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

19. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**

Decision on the Continuation of Pumping Water into the L12 Lateral for Purposes of Irrigating the Carson Lake Pasture and Whether the Costs will be Covered by the Grazers or from TCID funds (approximately \$225/day).

Treasurer deBraga reported that a meeting was conducted on May 24th. Due to the operation of the Big Dig, the L12 irrigation ditch is not usable and is currently having water pumped into it in order to irrigate the usable portions of the Pasture. TCID is supplying the pump and manpower to service it, as well as the fuel. The question before the Board is who should pay for the costs of running the pump; the grazers or the District? Discussion followed including estimates for how long the pump will need to run, the possibility of splitting the costs between the grazers and the District, and the fact that as water right holders the grazers already pay O&M fees to the District.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to not charge the grazers for costs associated with running the pump up to \$7,500.00, seconded by Vice-President Stix, request for comment and the motion was approved 5 to 2, with Directors Gomes and Workman opposing.

- **Employee Relations Committee**

Approval of Recommendations Relating to Terms of Employment, Including Wage Scale, Upon a Process of Collective Bargaining Had by Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Employees Association and the Employee Relations Committee of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and Related Matters

Deliberation and decision, by the Board of Directors, upon recommendation by the Employee Relations Committee, and the Finance Committee, of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, that the employees of the District be granted a three (3) percent step in grade if eligible upon evaluation and a three (3) percent cost of living increase (COL) as provided for by Article 13 (Wage Scale) of that certain Agreement entitled Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Employees Association Agreement dated December 14, 2022.

Shawcroft reported that the Employee Relations Committee is recommending the Board approve the 3% COL and Step Increase, as negotiated by the Employee Association and the Committee.

Director Schank commented that a concern of the Association is to modify and update the employee's review process to give their annual review more weight and purpose.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Step Increase and 3% Cost of Living, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on June 5, 2023.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 43336 through 43411, online, phone and automatic payments, and the transfer of \$788,665.00 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Negotiations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.

- **Policy Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.

- **Public Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**


There was no meeting held for the month of May 2023.

20. Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment.

21. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:26 a.m.




Eric Olsen - President



Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary



Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

6/06/2023

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Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager &
General Counsel

Board Meeting

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - TC Canal is off
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **4,100**cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **194,700** a.f. (May 6, 2023 @ 87,849)
 - Release below Lahontan: **794**cfs / approx. 1,572 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total Inflows: **4,100**cfs/ approx. 8,118 a.f. at 24hrs (net gain 6,546 a.f.)

FORECASTING:

Cal-Nev River Forecasting Center

- June Probability: @25%: 225kaf / @ 50%: 214kaf
 - RFC 4x5 Day Probability:

6/05-6/10=	@25%: 40.5kaf / @50%: 40.3kaf
6/10-6/15=	@25%: 39.9kaf / @50%: 36.3kaf
6/15-6/20=	@25%: 38.9kaf / @50%: 33.1kaf
6/20-6/25=	@25%: 34.2kaf / @50%: 30.2kaf
 - Total average between 25-50%= 146.7kaf

*avg. release of 800cfs= 1,584af 24hrs * 5 day= 7,920af | 20days = 31,680a.f.

**Forecasted net gain of 115kaf + Lahontan storage (current) 194,700= 309,720 near June 25th

***Flood Operations will need to increase release rate near end of month to manage/ eliminate spill & maximize Lahontan Reservoir storage.

FPST STATUS:

- S7-t25: 10cfs open order & has another to follow.

USFW STATUS:

- S-t75: 10cfs open order
 - Also receiving flows from the Big dig as well as the Diagonal drain.

DISTRIC STATUS:

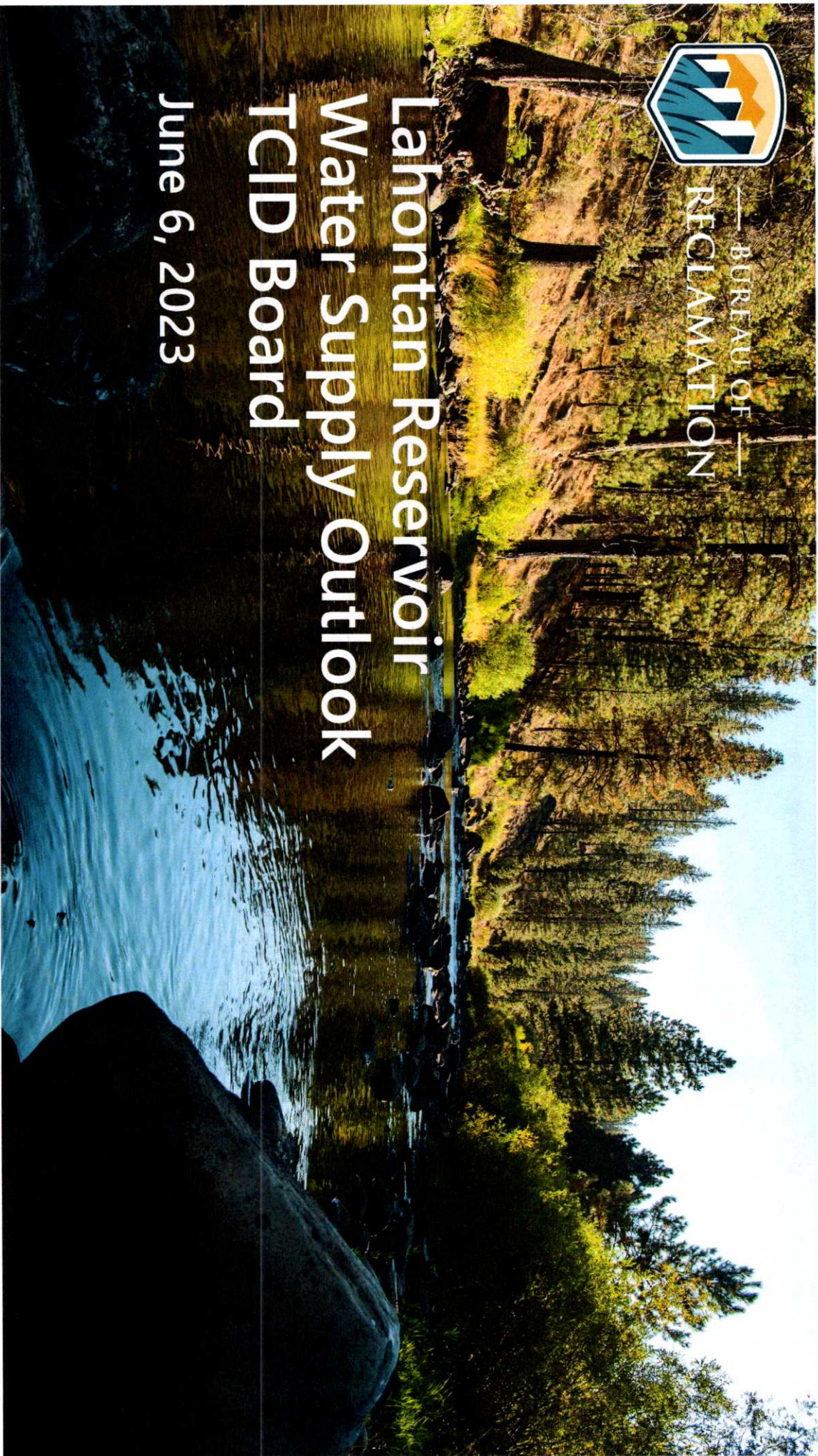
- Spread water (free water declared emergency) is available to all user's at no charge to balance.
 - Waiting for Lidar Data to come for scheduled flights to take place this week.
 - Data will be analyzed and potentially coming out of spread near mid-June.
- Drains: User's are taxing the drains; which were expected.
 - This creates issue with drain filling and plugging. Maintenance crew are working diligently.



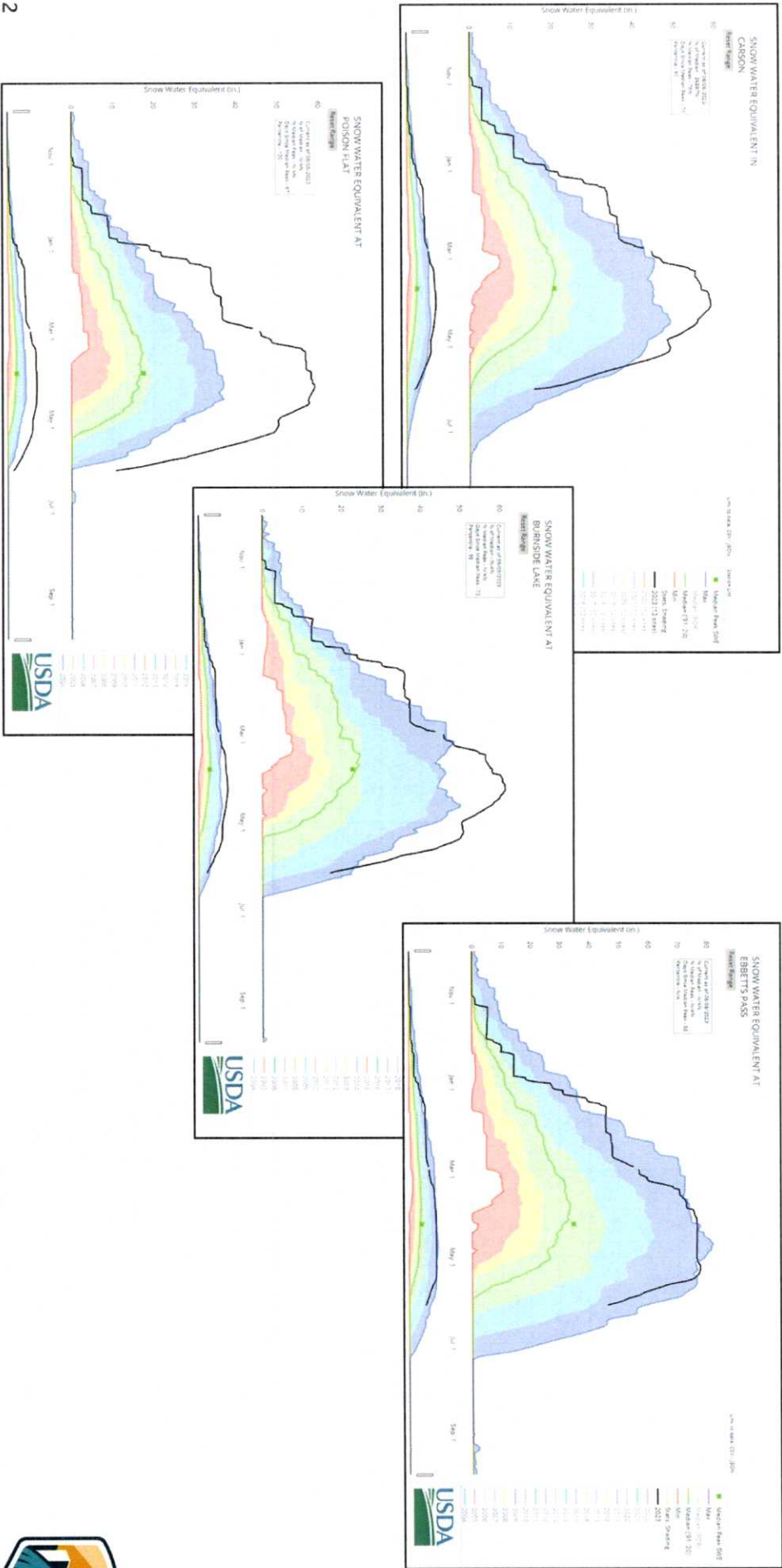
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RECLAMATION

Lahontan Reservoir Water Supply Outlook TCID Board

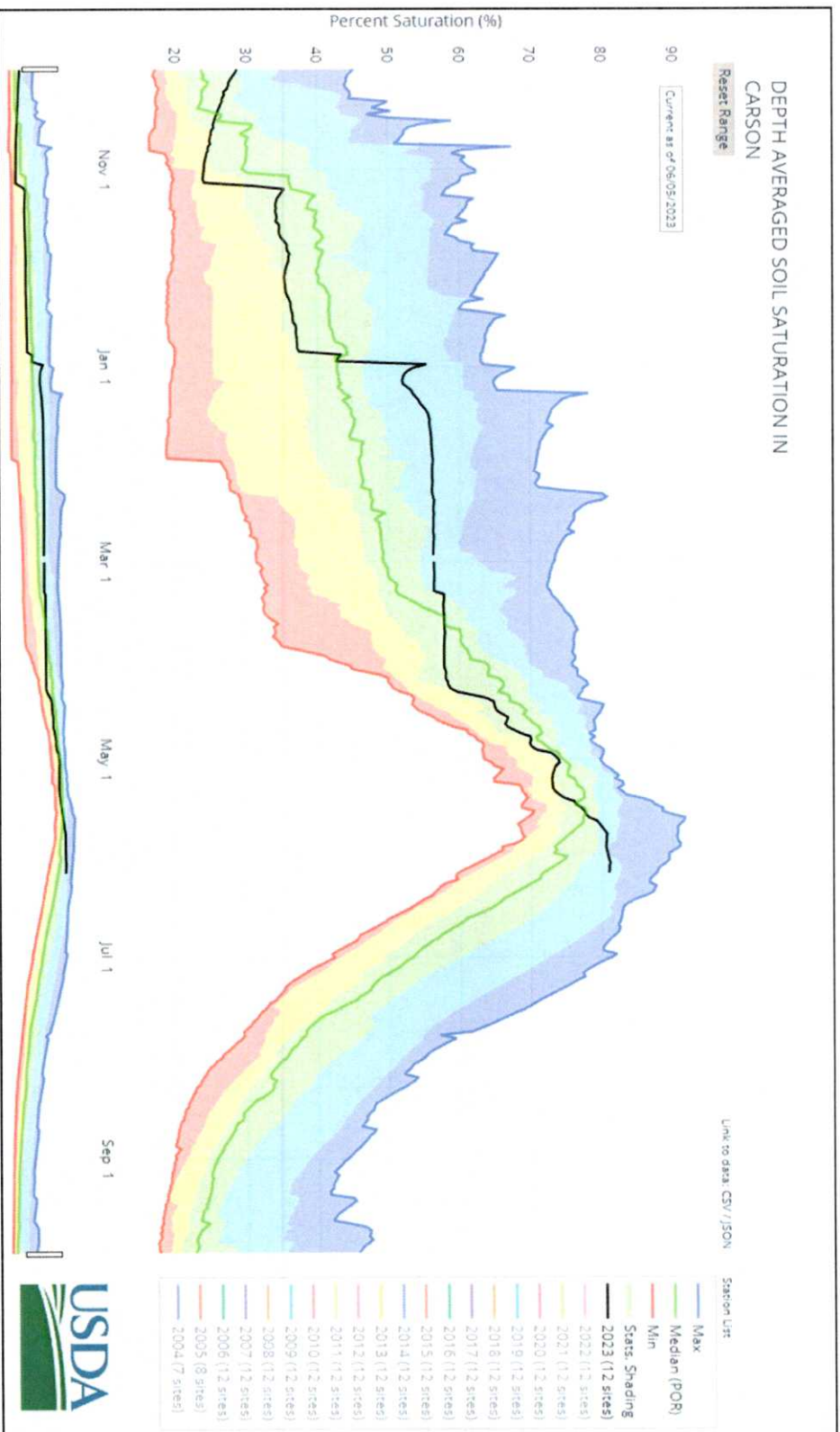
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Current Snow Water Equivalent

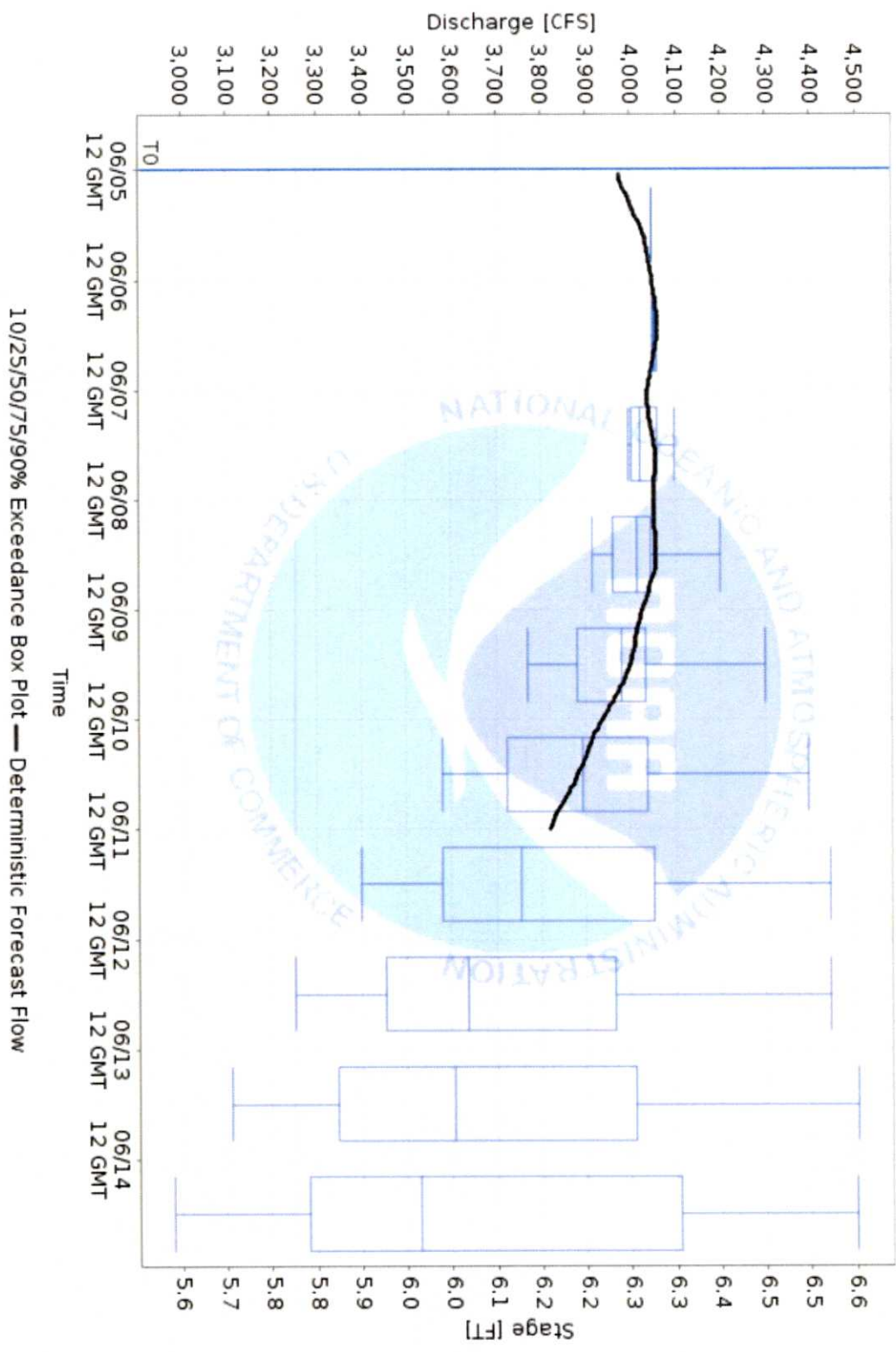


Current Soil Saturation



Today		Chance T-storms then Showers Likely	High: 58 °F
Tonight		Chance T-storms	Low: 36 °F
Wednesday		Showers Likely	High: 58 °F
Wednesday Night		Chance T-storms then Mostly Cloudy	Low: 36 °F
Thursday		Showers Likely	High: 53 °F
Thursday Night		Chance T-storms then Mostly Cloudy	Low: 36 °F
Friday		Chance T-storms	High: 54 °F
Friday Night		Chance Showers	Low: 35 °F
Saturday		Showers Likely	High: 52 °F



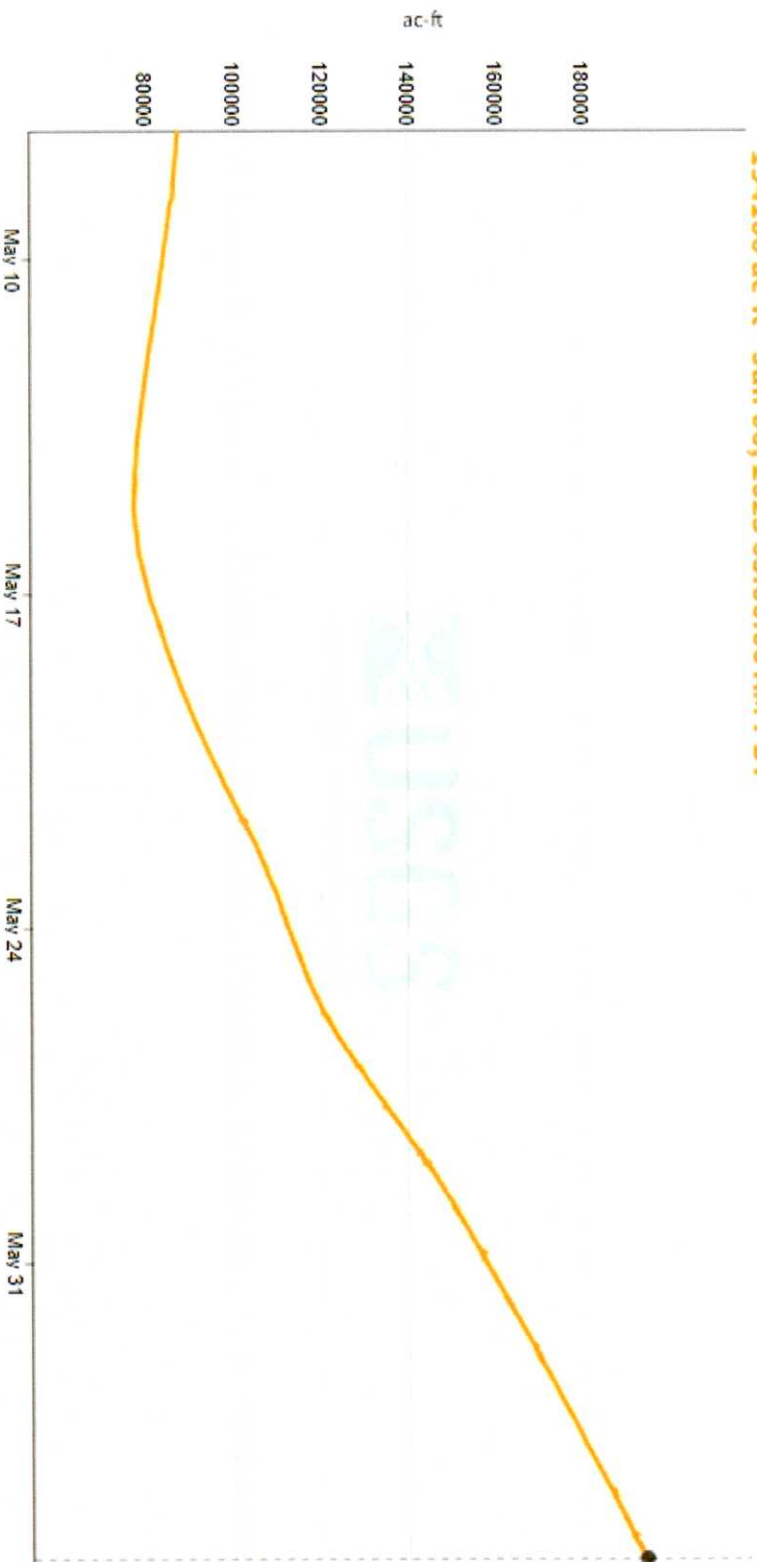


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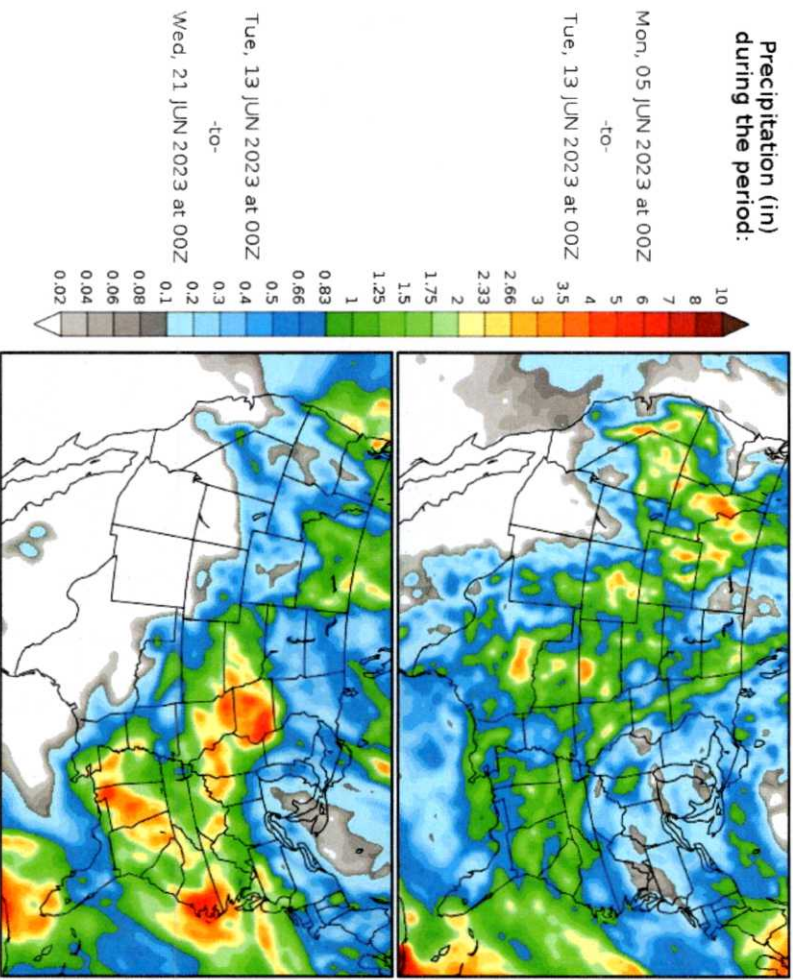
May 7, 2023 - June 6, 2023

Reservoir storage, acre-ft

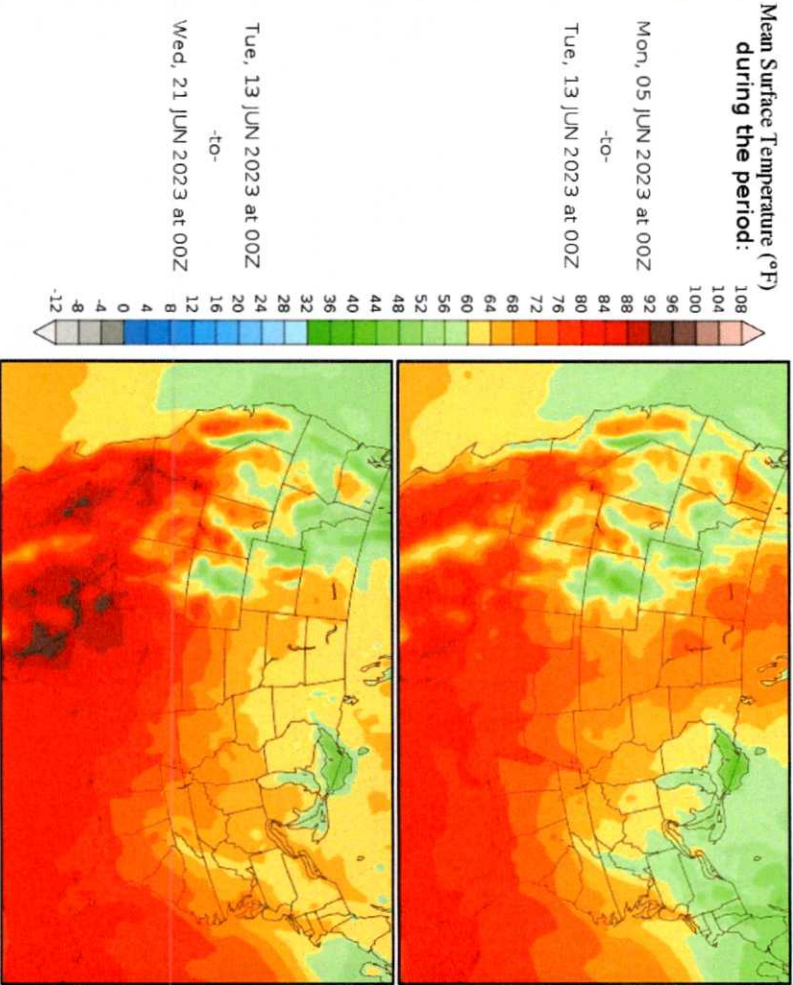
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Precipitation Forecasts



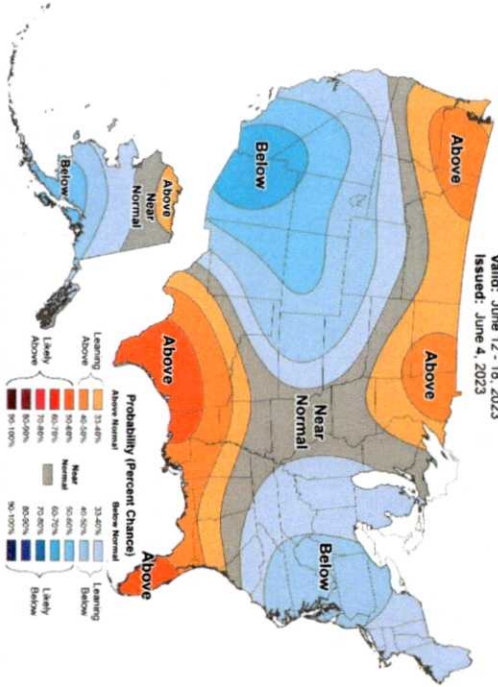
Temperature Forecasts





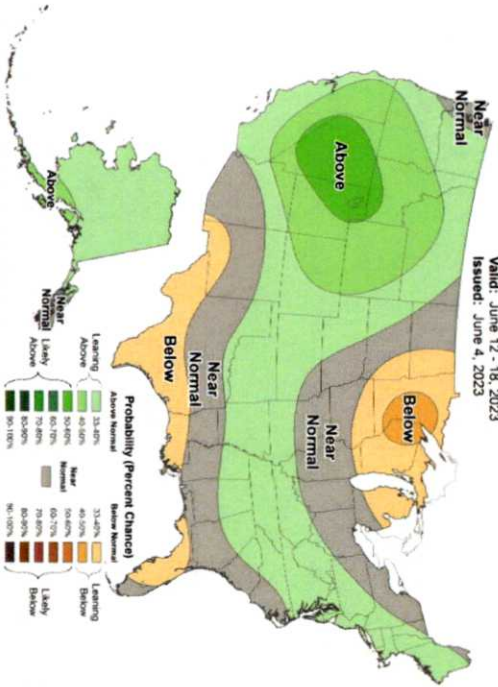
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Valid: June 12 - 18, 2023
Issued: June 4, 2023



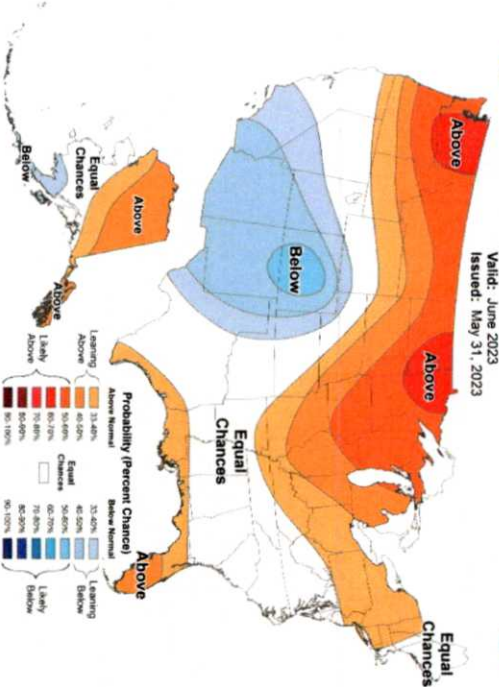
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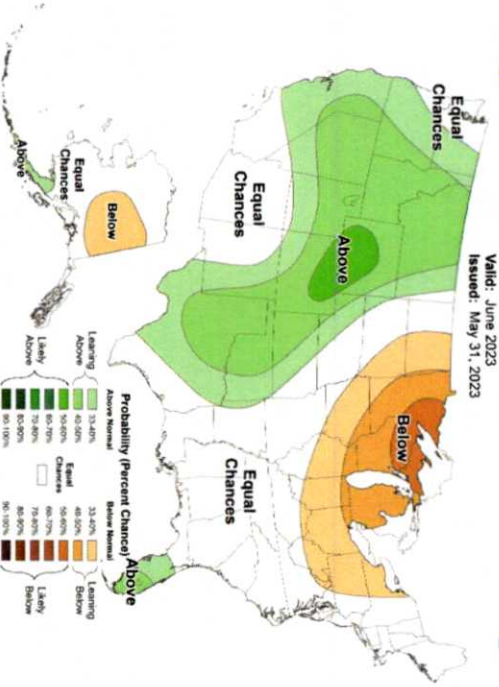
Monthly Temperature Outlook

Valid: June 2023
Issued: May 31, 2023

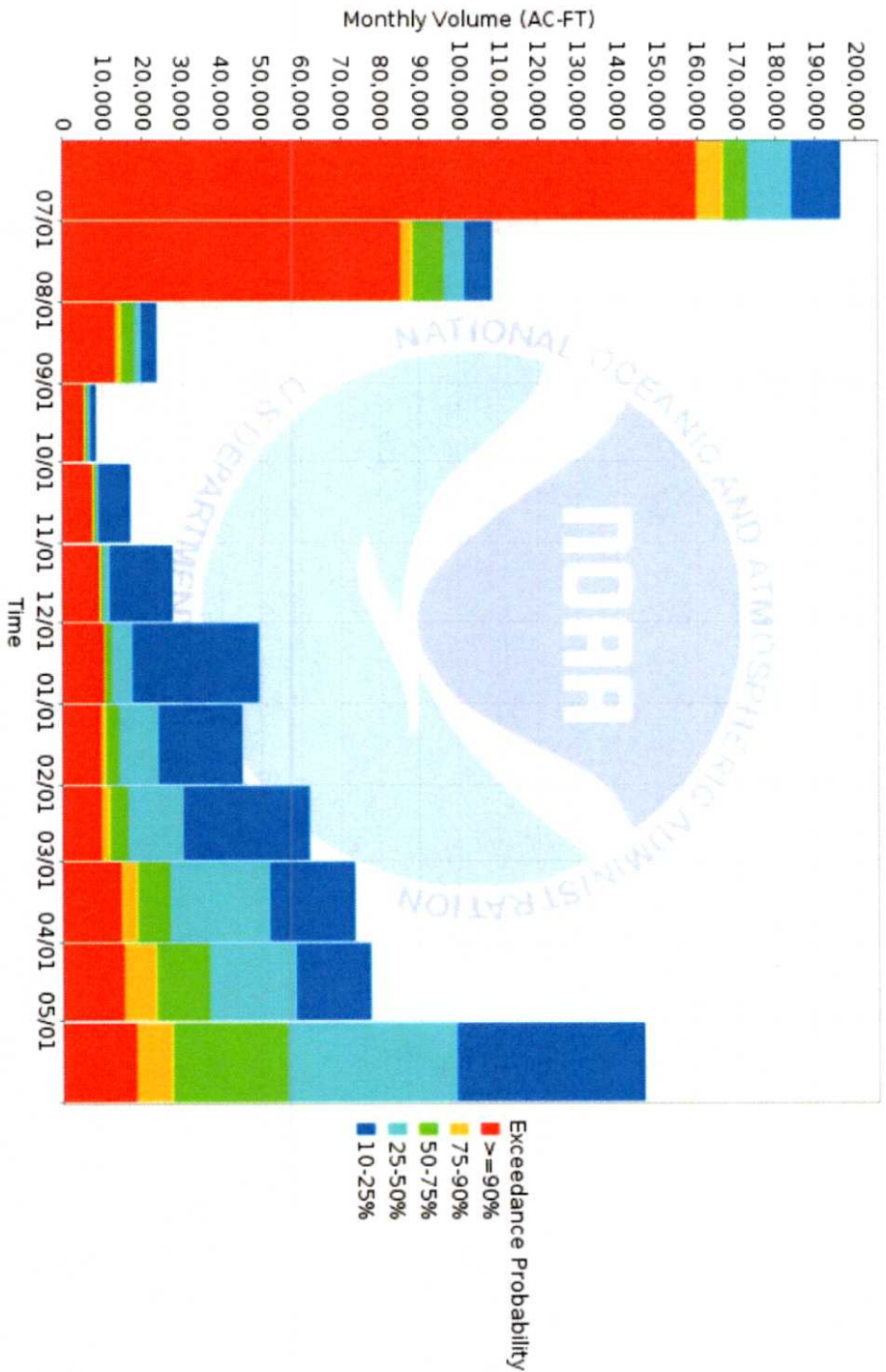


Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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Fort Churchill RFC Forecasts



May 21, 2023

