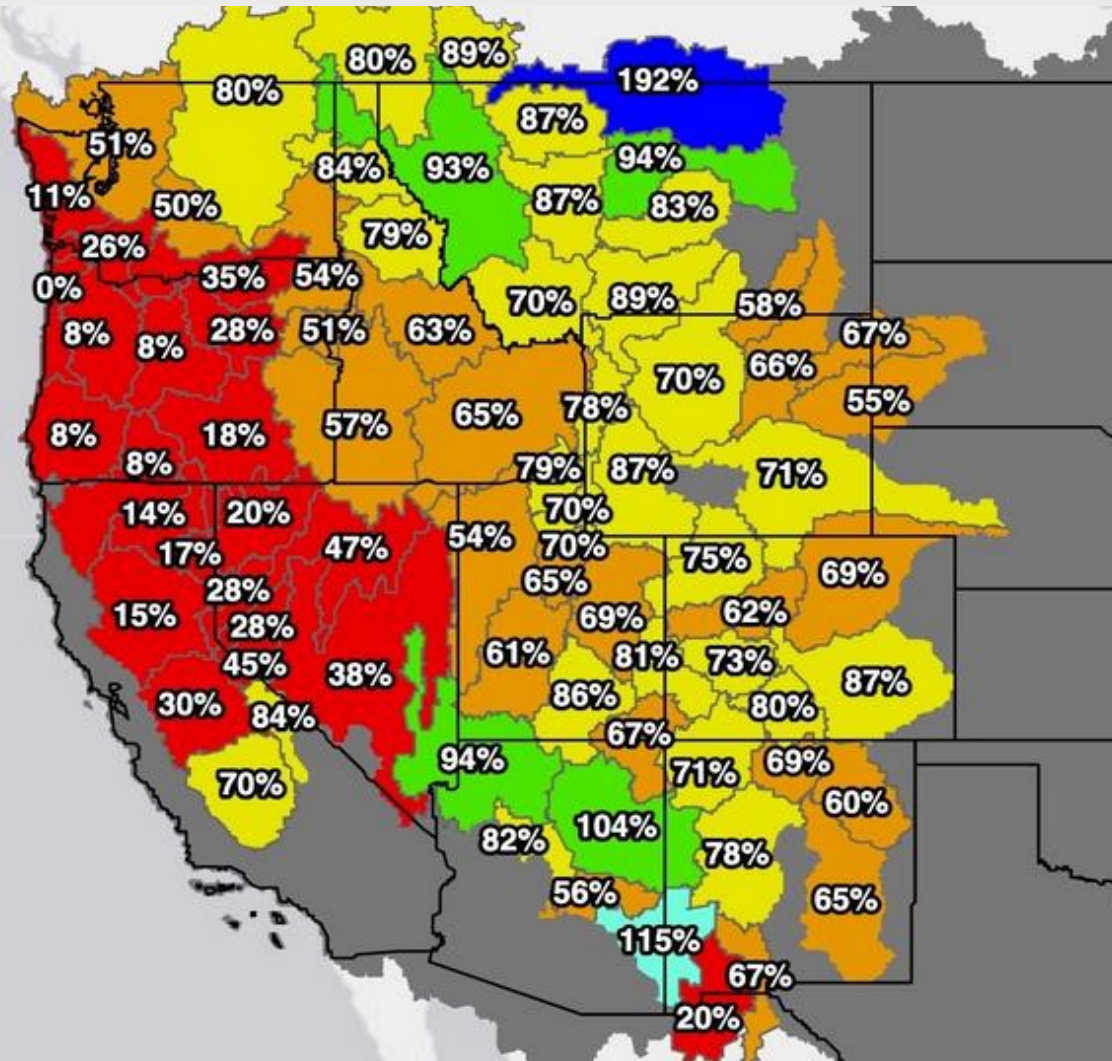


# NEAR TERM ANALYSIS: A LOWER BASIN PERSPECTIVE

# Drought Status Update – December 11<sup>th</sup>



Percent of Median Snow Water Equivalent



0% 50% 70% 90% 110% 130% 150%



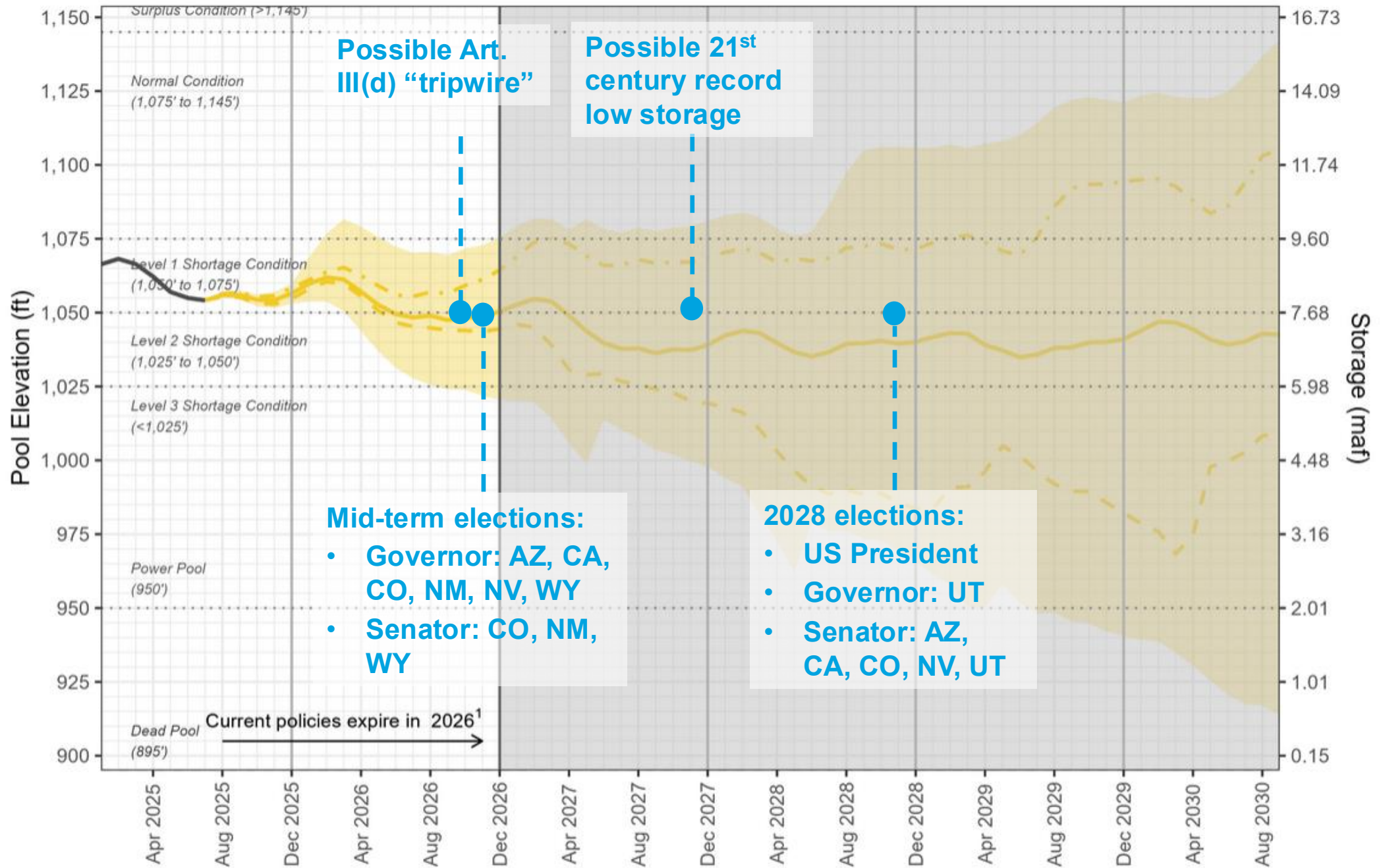
No basin value

Source: drought.gov

“Snow drought is most severe across much of the Sierra Nevada in California ... with snow water equivalent at less than 50% of median.”

# Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations

August 2025 CRMMS-ESP Projection





# ***Analysis of Colorado River Basin Storage Suggests Need for Immediate Action***

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