

Water and Recycled Water Update

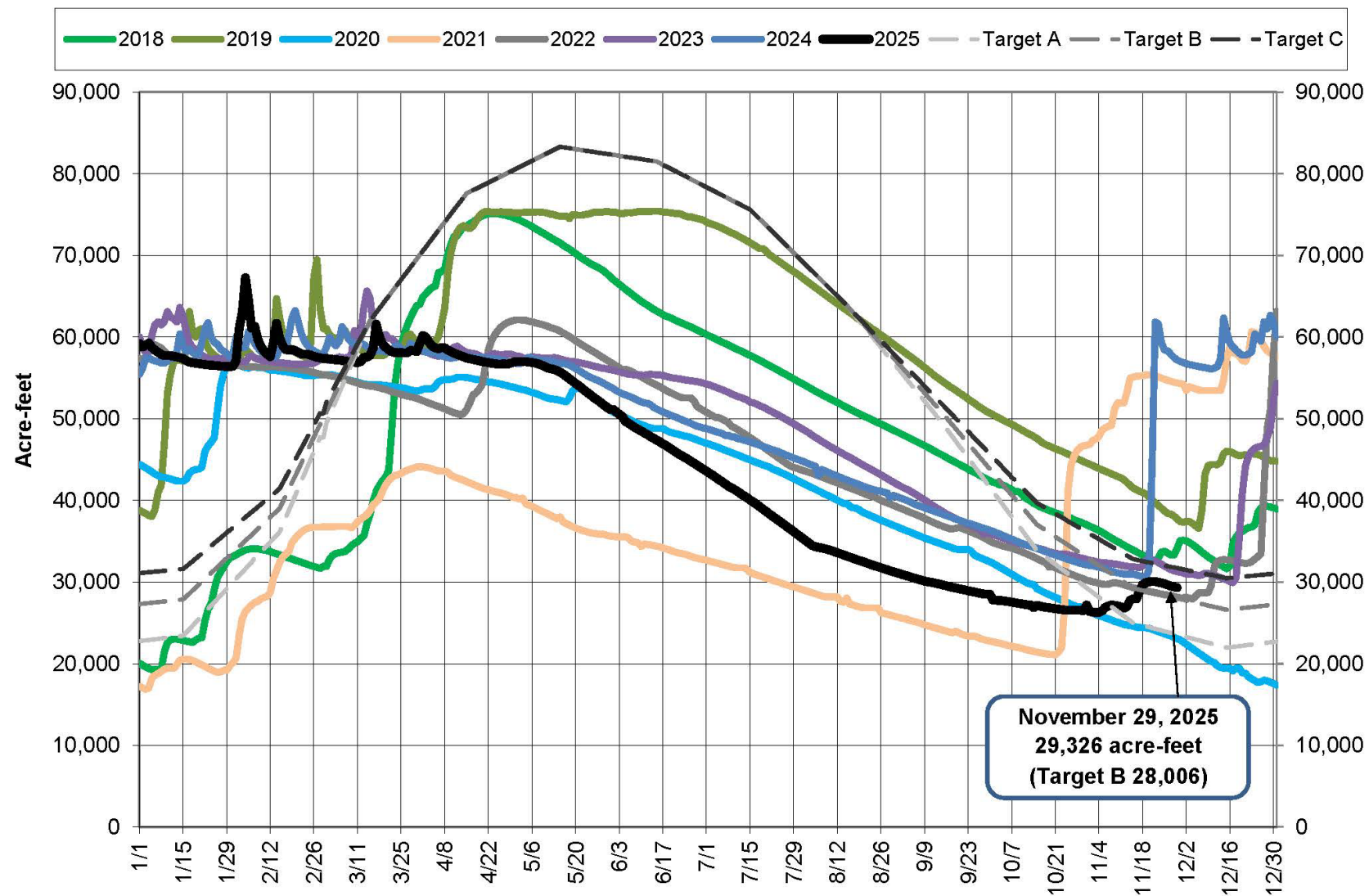
Board of Public Utilities Meeting

December 4, 2025

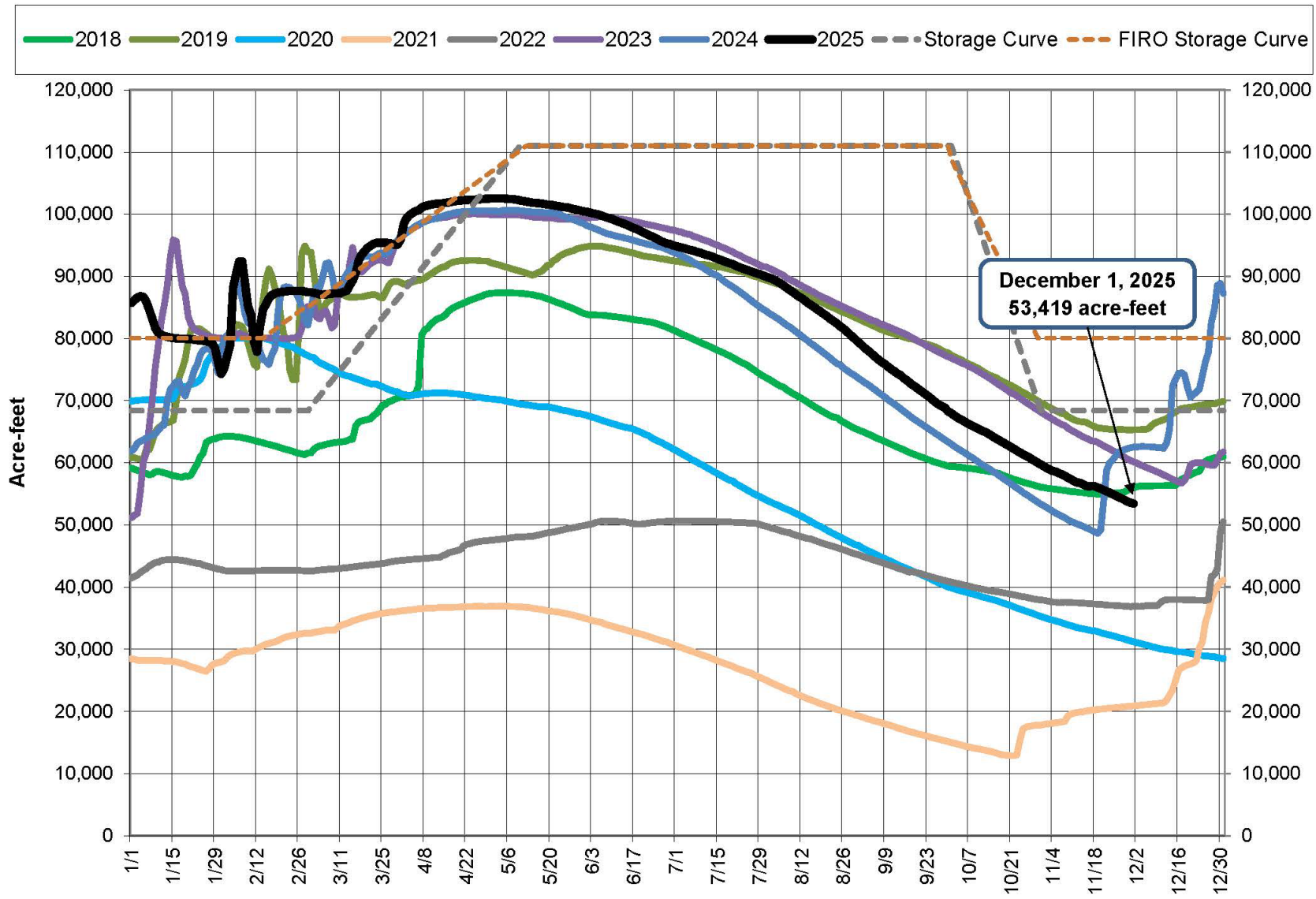
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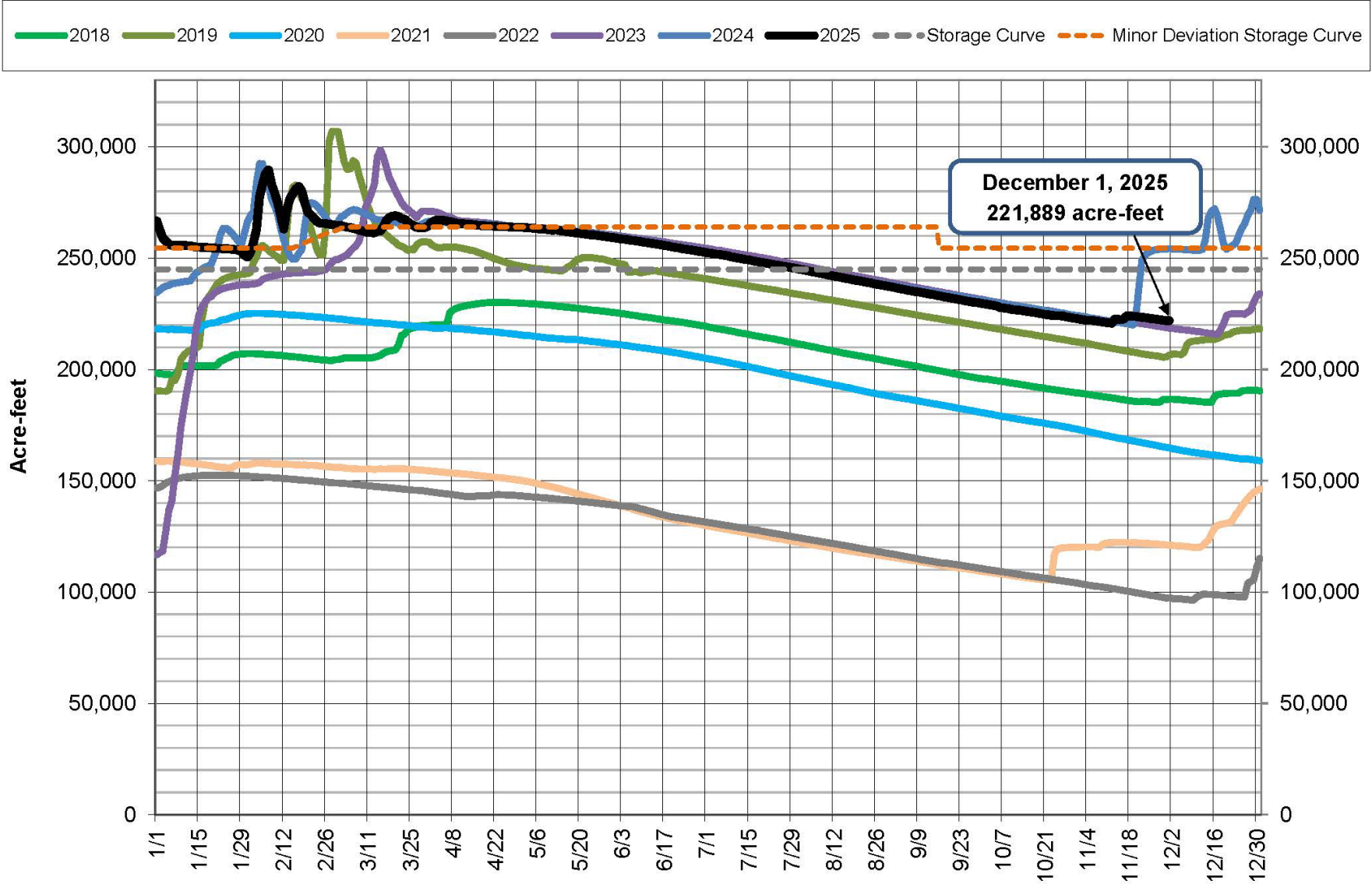
Lake Pillsbury Storage and Target Storage Scenarios



Lake Mendocino Storage



Lake Sonoma Storage



Sonoma Water: Fall / Winter Operations

- October 3: Sonoma Water filed a Temporary Urgency Change Petition with SWRCB
- For purposes of determining minimum instream flows, requests water year hydrologic index to be based on storage in Lake Mendocino instead of cumulative inflow to Lake Pillsbury
- Current Order expires 12/23. Sonoma Water anticipates issuance before then

Fall Outreach Campaign

- Seasonal reminders to adjust irrigation timing to reflect fall weather and arriving rains
- Planting season for CA natives and other low water use plants
- Flora Friday posts
- Rainwater catchment



AB 1572 Non-Functional Turf Irrigation Ban

- Customer education & outreach campaign planned for 2026
- Irrigation ban to be enacted in stages beginning 2027 through 2031.

LESS LAWN MORE SAVINGS

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & INSTITUTIONAL

Fact Sheet: New Rules, New Opportunities for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Properties

California law (AB 1572) will soon prohibit the use of potable (drinking) water to irrigate nonfunctional turf—lawns that serve no recreational or community purpose—at most commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties.

These new rules create a unique opportunity for property owners and managers to transform their lawns into water-wise landscapes—reducing maintenance costs and shrinking water bills, all while demonstrating leadership and staying ahead of the regulatory curve.



WHAT IS NONFUNCTIONAL LAWN?

Nonfunctional lawn refers to irrigated lawn that is purely ornamental and not regularly used for recreation or public gatherings. If the landscaper is the only person who ever walks on the lawn, it's likely nonfunctional.

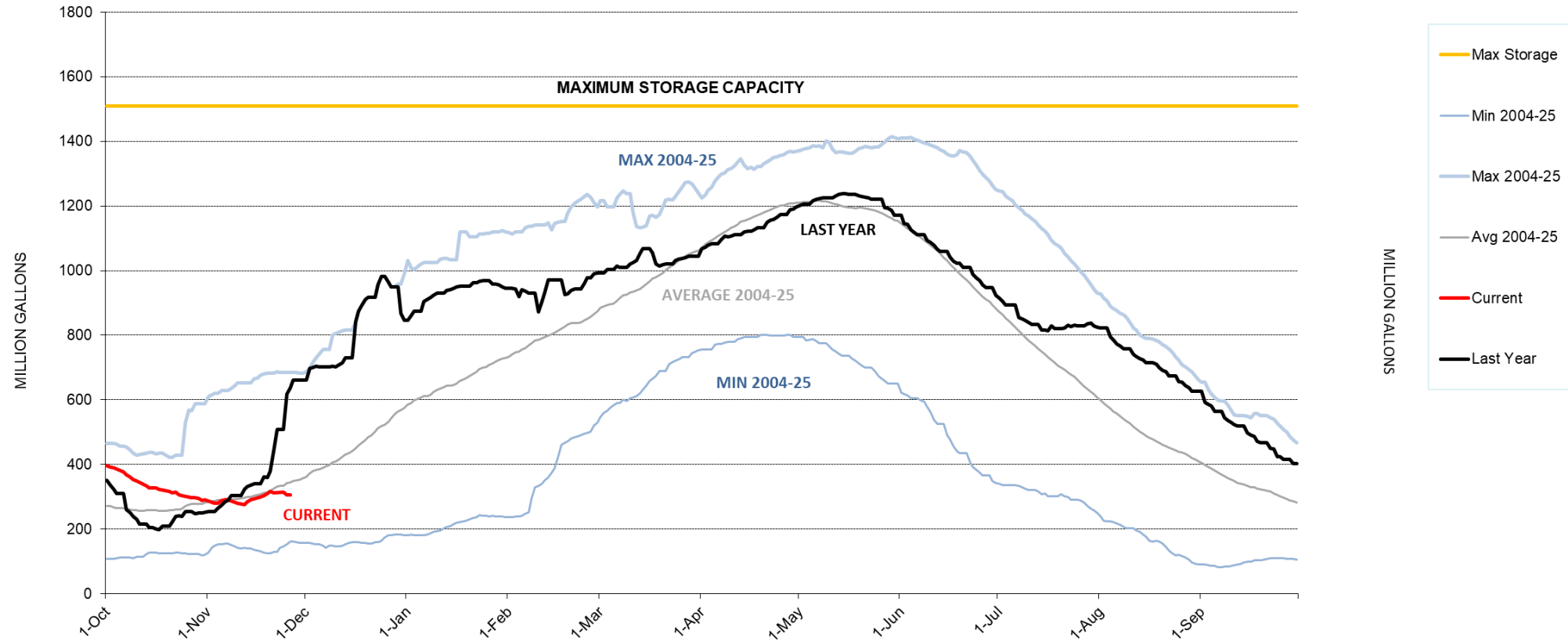
Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Narrow lawn strips in or around parking lots
- Decorative lawn along sidewalks, building edges, or fences
- Lawn between buildings with no seating, access, or activity
- Lawn in medians, roundabouts, or entry signage zones
- Sloped or oddly shaped areas that are hard to use or water efficiently

Recycled Water Supply Update



Current Recycled Water Storage



Questions?