

April Showers Bring a Flattened Curve

Ojai Basin conditions
April 2026

OBGMA
Ojai, California

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30 April 2026



52.99

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133%

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CURRENT RAIN

TIME INTERVAL

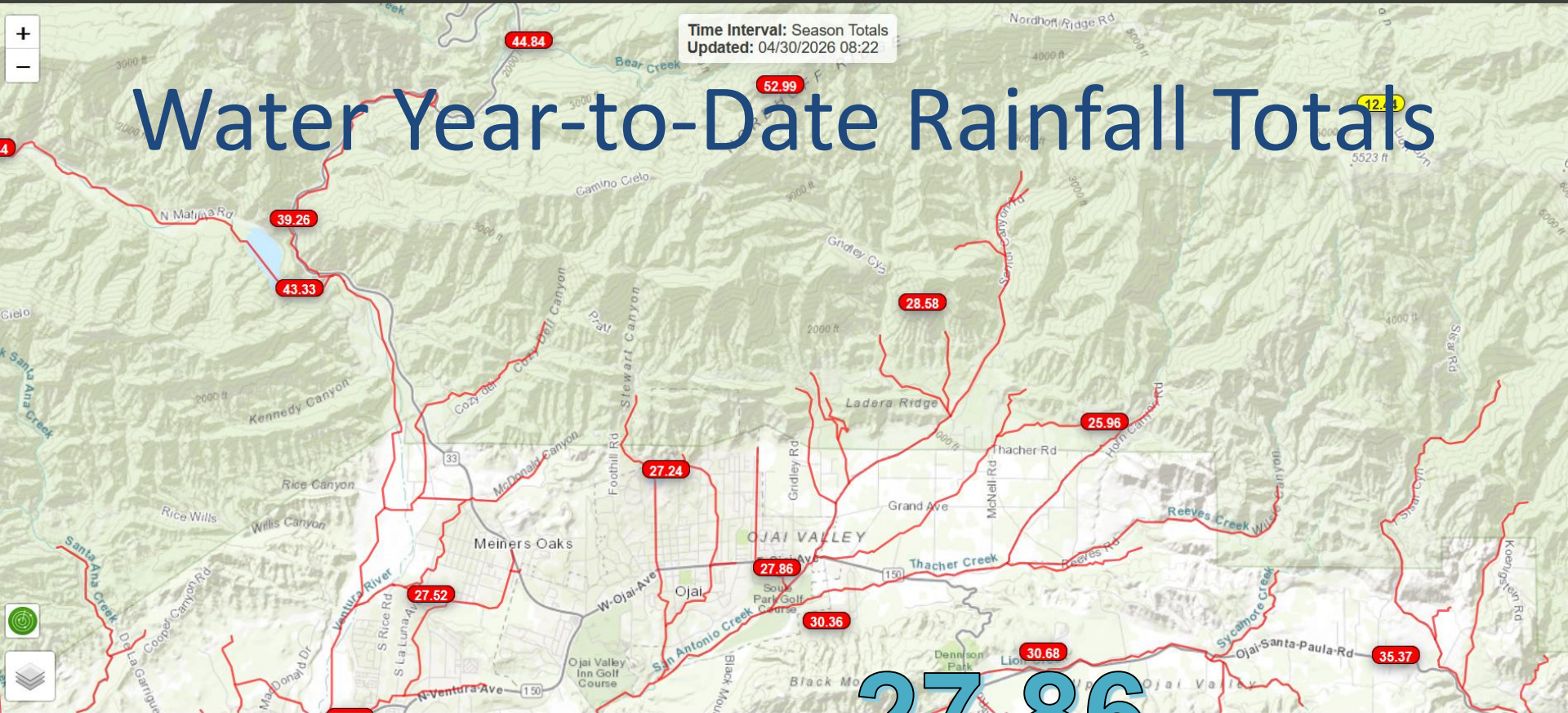
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ABOUT

DATA PROVIDED BY:
VCPWA - WATERSHED
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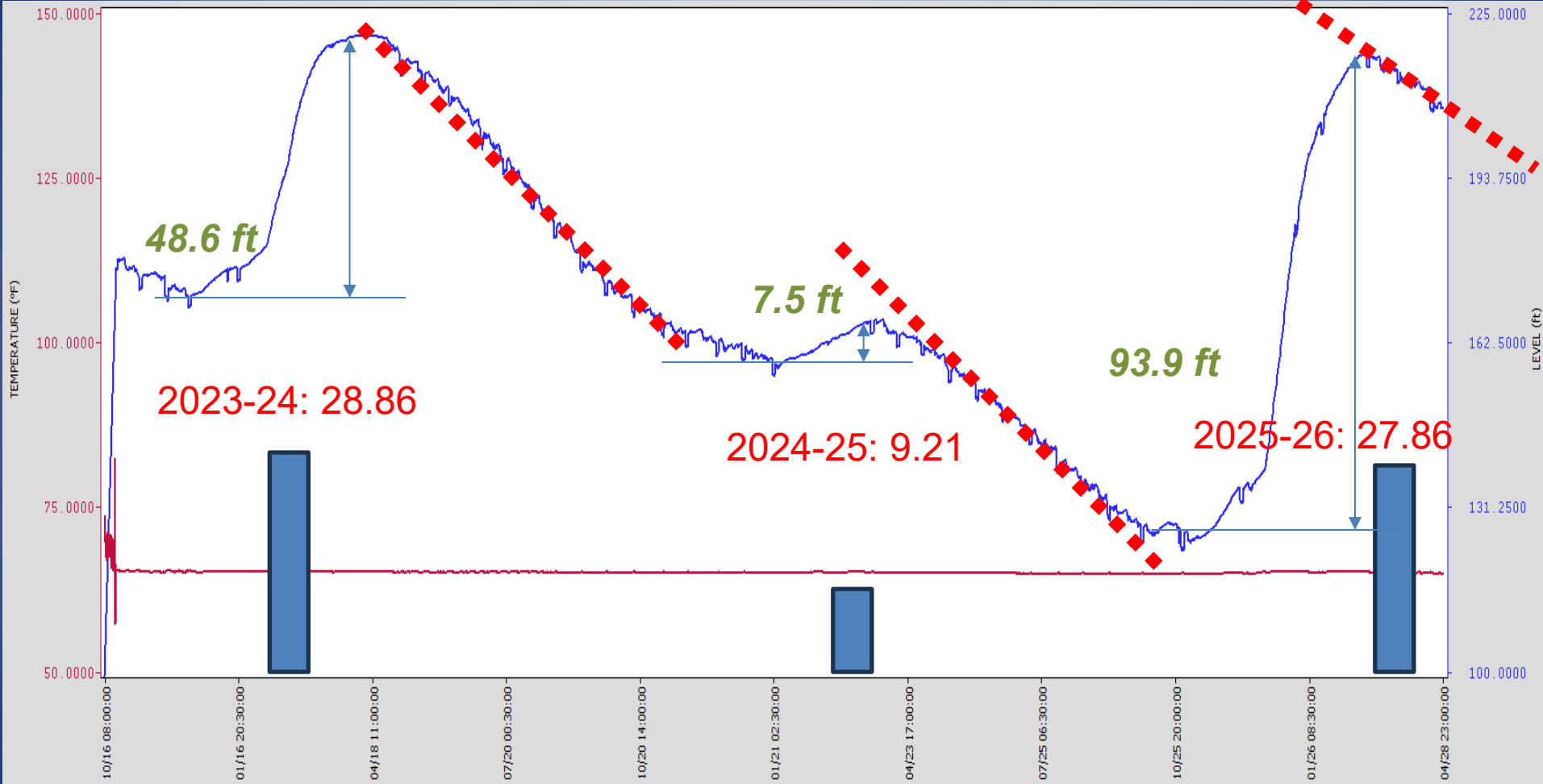
Time Interval: Season Totals
Updated: 04/30/2026 08:22

Water Year-to-Date Rainfall Totals



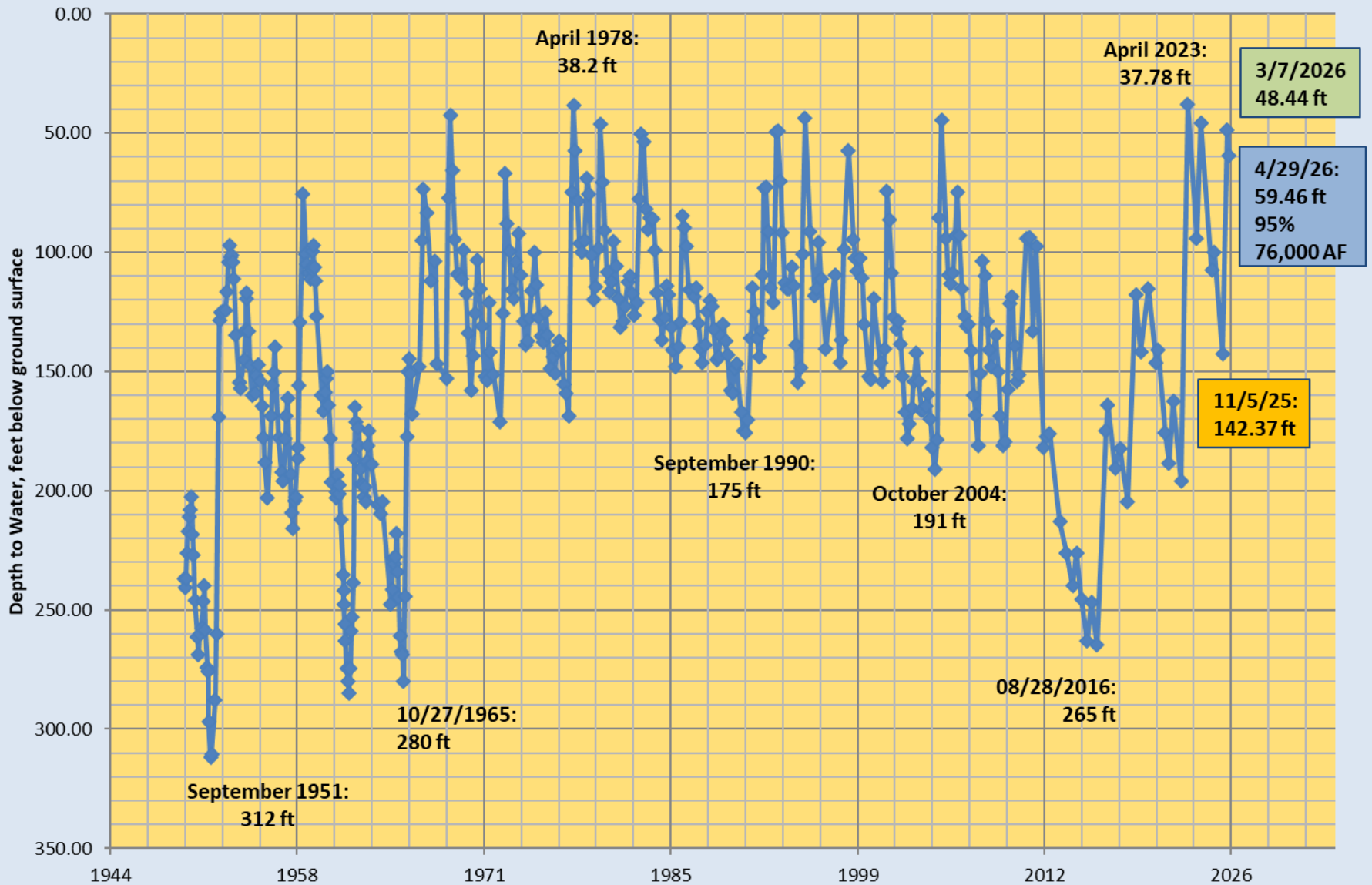
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Elrod Well Since October 2023



*Not pictured:
2022-23: 44.07; 158 ft rise

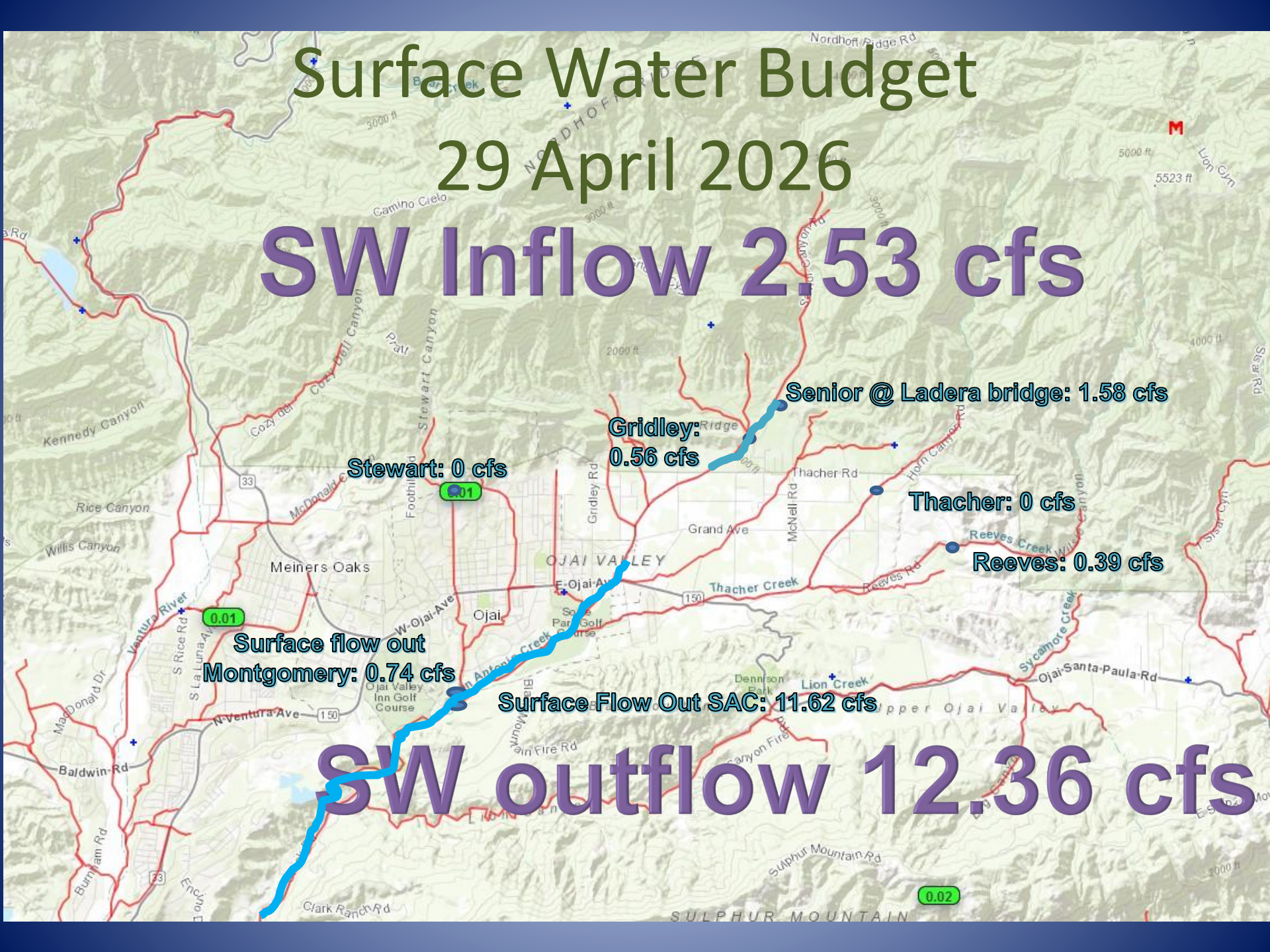
Depth to Water: Ojai Basin Key Well Area 04N/22W-5L8 & 5L5 (Carne and Grand)



Surface Water Budget

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SW Inflow 2.53 cfs



Senior @ Ladera bridge: 1.58 cfs

Gridley:
0.56 cfs

Stewart: 0 cfs

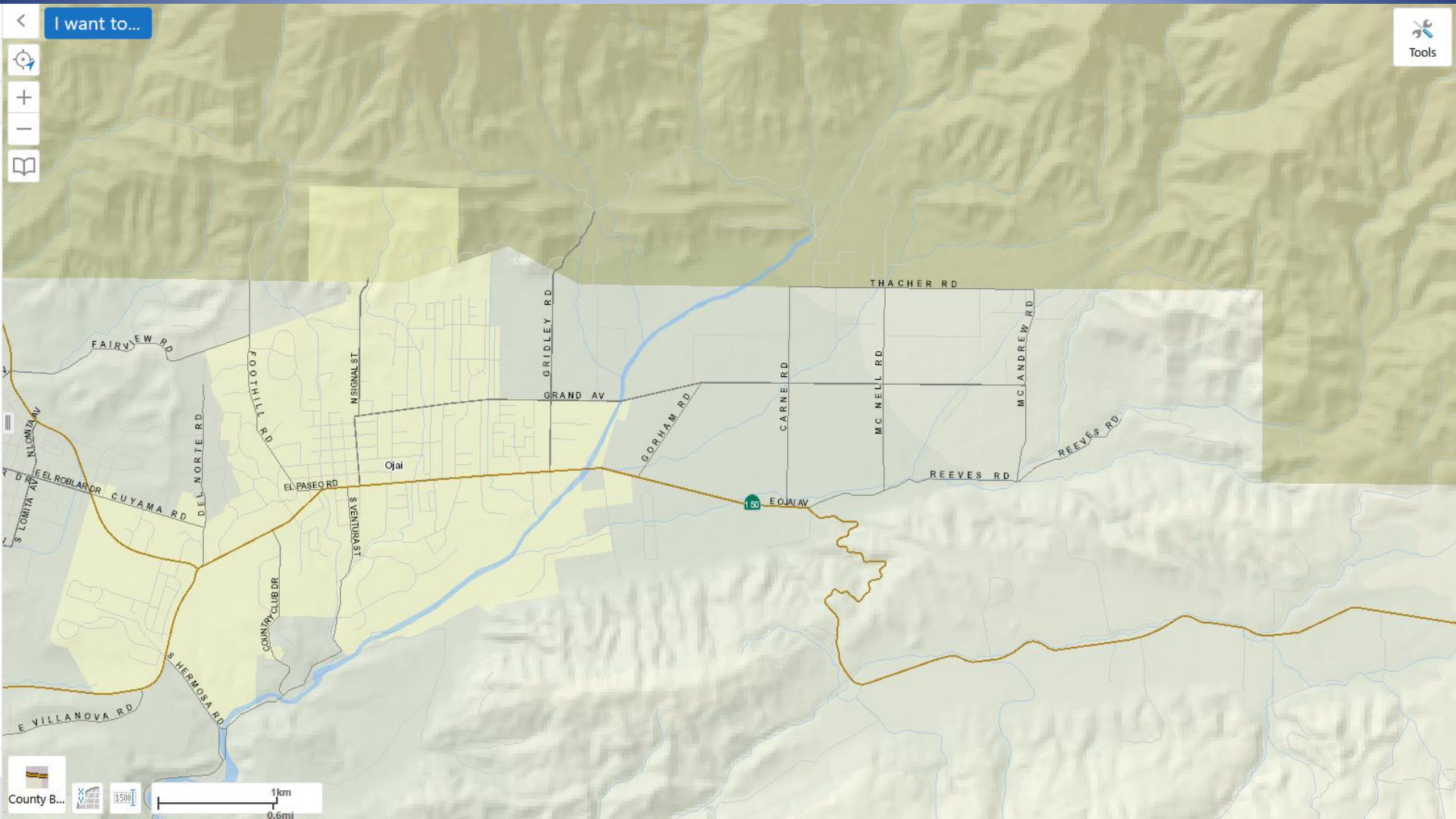
Thacher: 0 cfs

Reeves: 0.39 cfs

Surface flow out
Montgomery: 0.74 cfs

Surface Flow Out SAC: 11.62 cfs

SW outflow 12.36 cfs



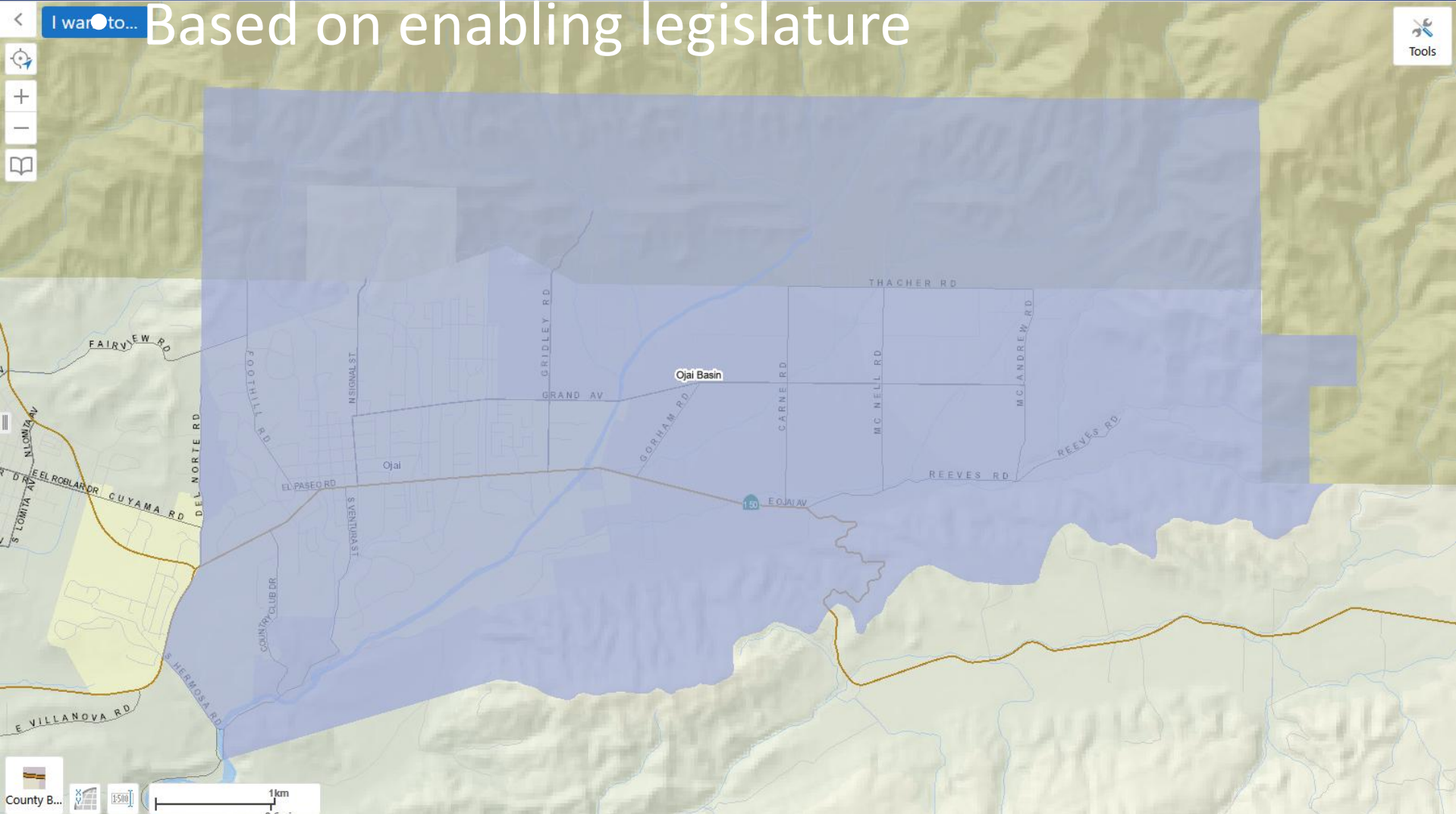
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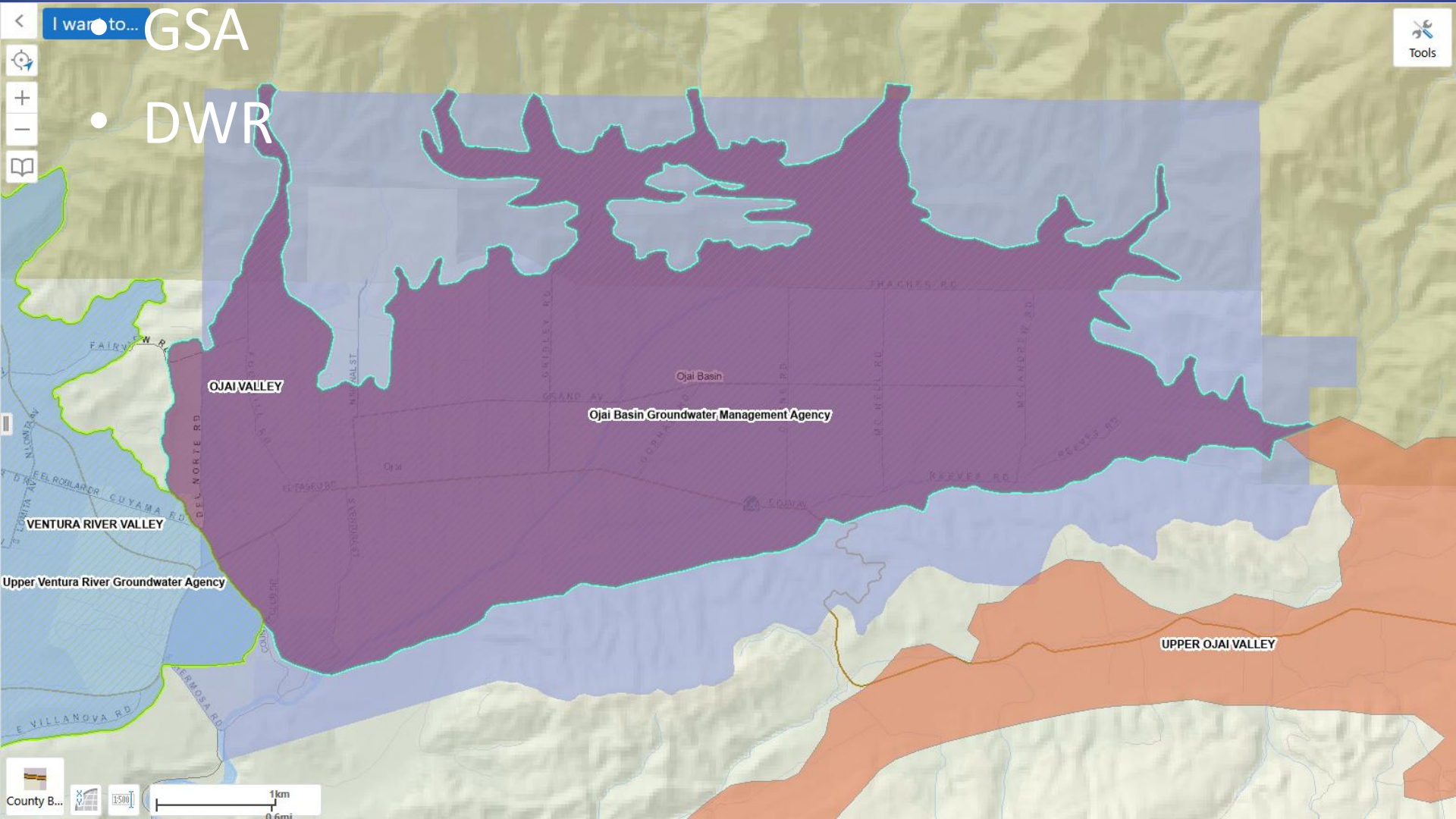
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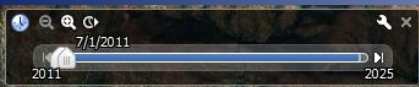
OBGMA Jurisdiction

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Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin





Southwest Uppermost Saturated Zone
2,735 Acres

Stewart Canyon, Fox Barranca, and East Ojai Drain exclusively feed
Assuming 10 ft saturated thickness, volume of aquifer is 27,350 acre ft
Assuming 30% porosity, volume of water is over 8,205 acre feet



Google Earth

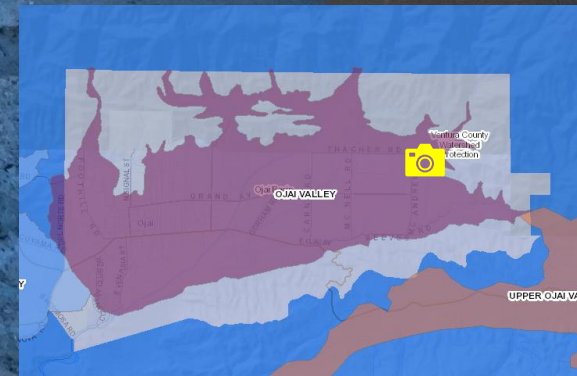
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- 0.45 cfs inflow at Reeves Creek

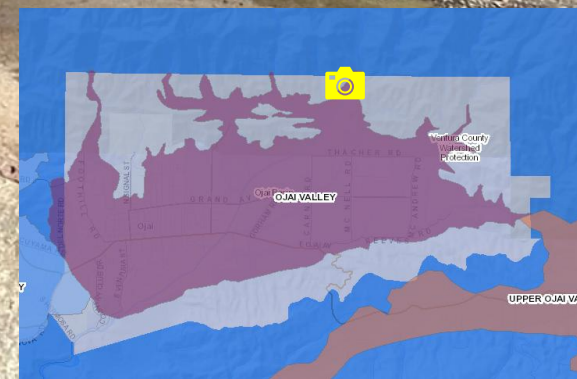


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- Thacher Creek “dry”



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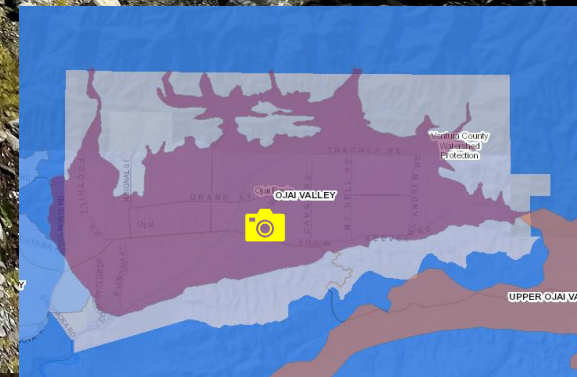
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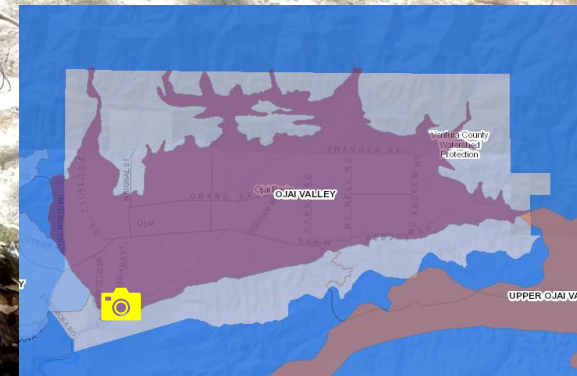


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• 0.74 cfs outflow at Montgomery



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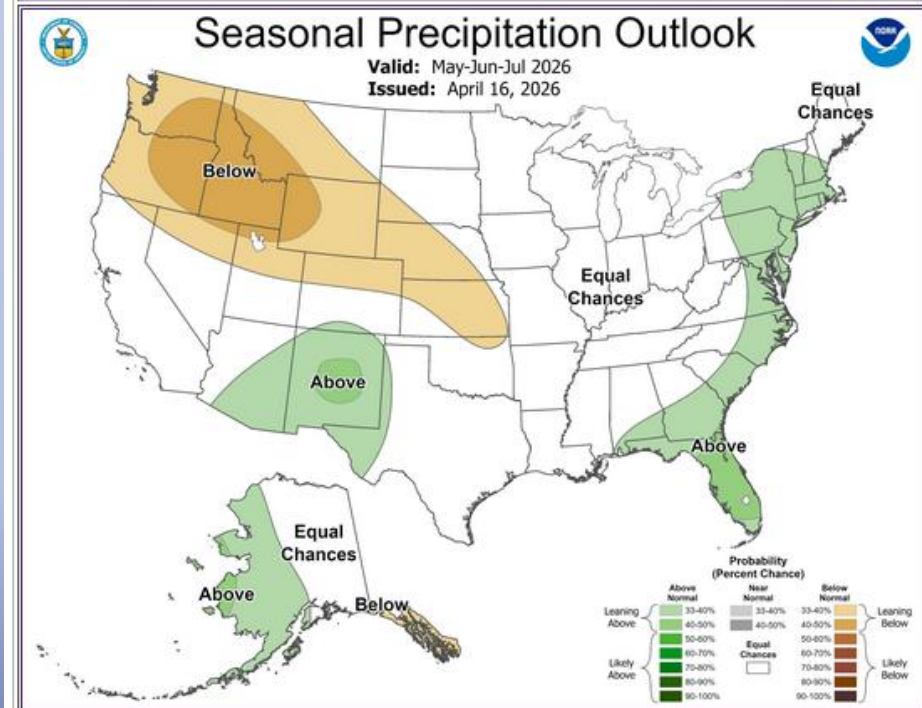
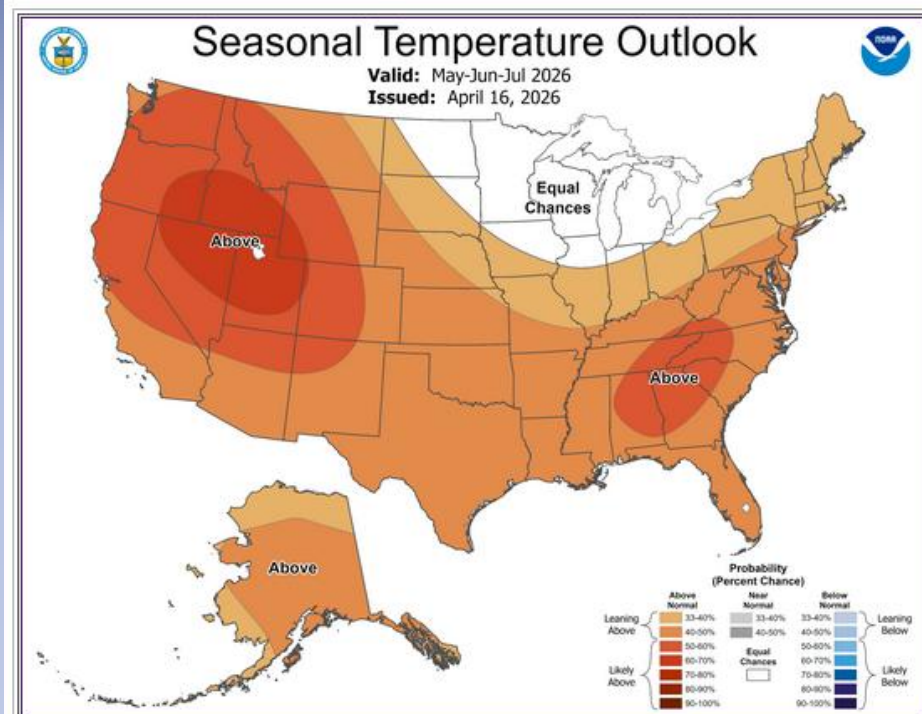
- 11.62 cfs outflow at San Antonio Creek



Old Creek Road Bridge over San Antonio Creek



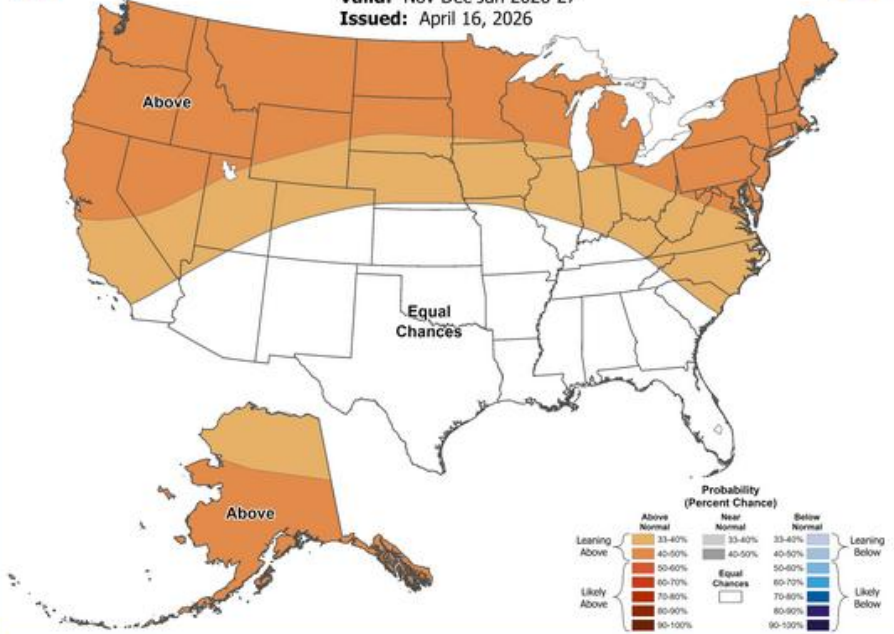
Current oceanic and atmospheric observations reveal the transition from La Niña to ENSO-neutral is now complete. Another transition, this time from ENSO-Neutral to El Niño, is expected to occur during the May-Jun-Jul (MJJ) 2026 season (61 percent chance), with El Niño likely to persist through at least the end of 2026.





Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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