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Public Workshop on the Mono Lake Drought Response Considerations

State Water Board Staff



February 15, 2023

Workshop Agenda

- Mono Lake Background
- State Water Board Decision 1631
- Mono Lake Current Conditions
- Potential Management Actions
- Closing Discussion and Open Comment



Item 2: State Water Board Decision 1631

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Sam Boland-Brien

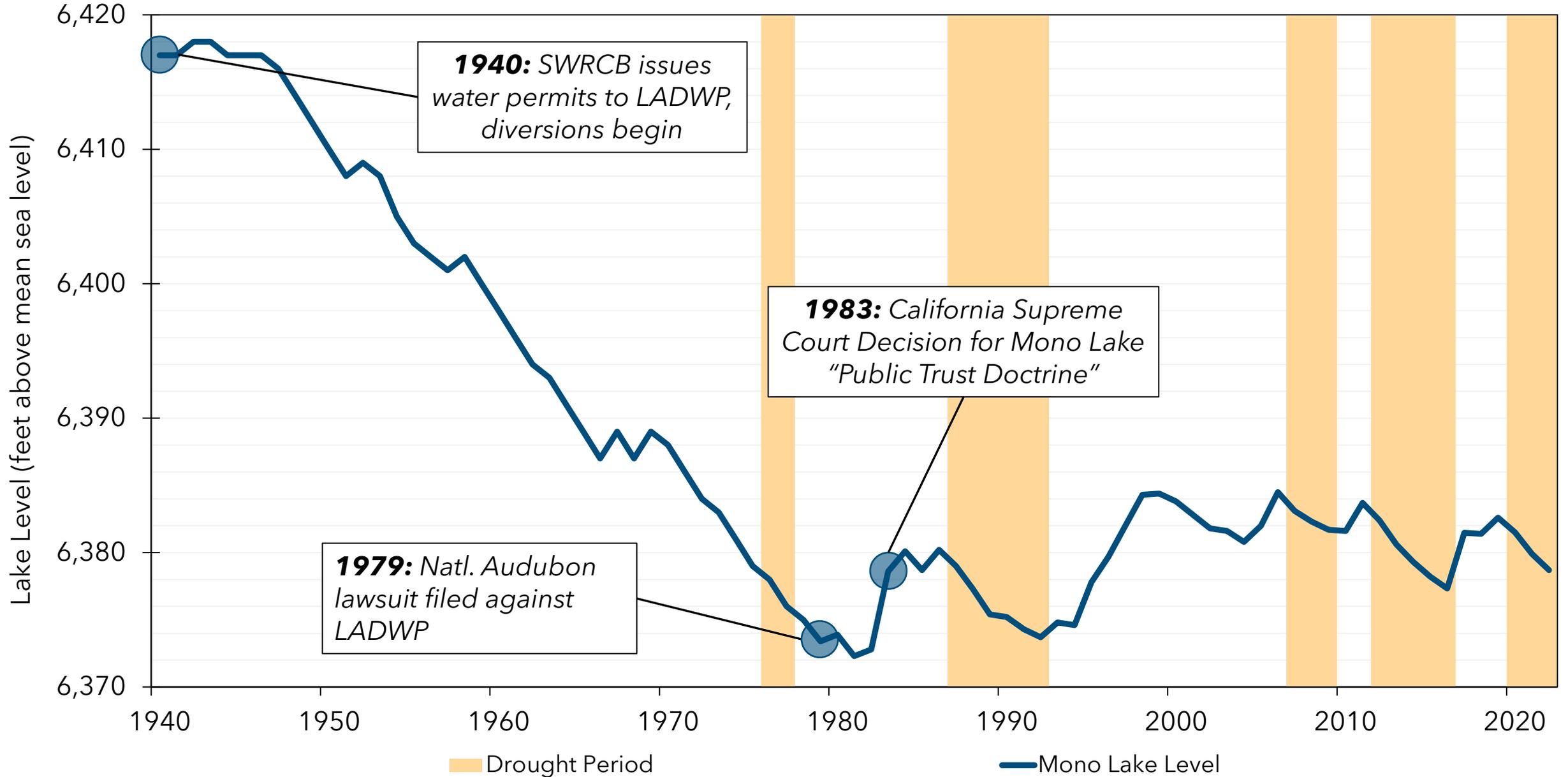


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Mono Lake Level History

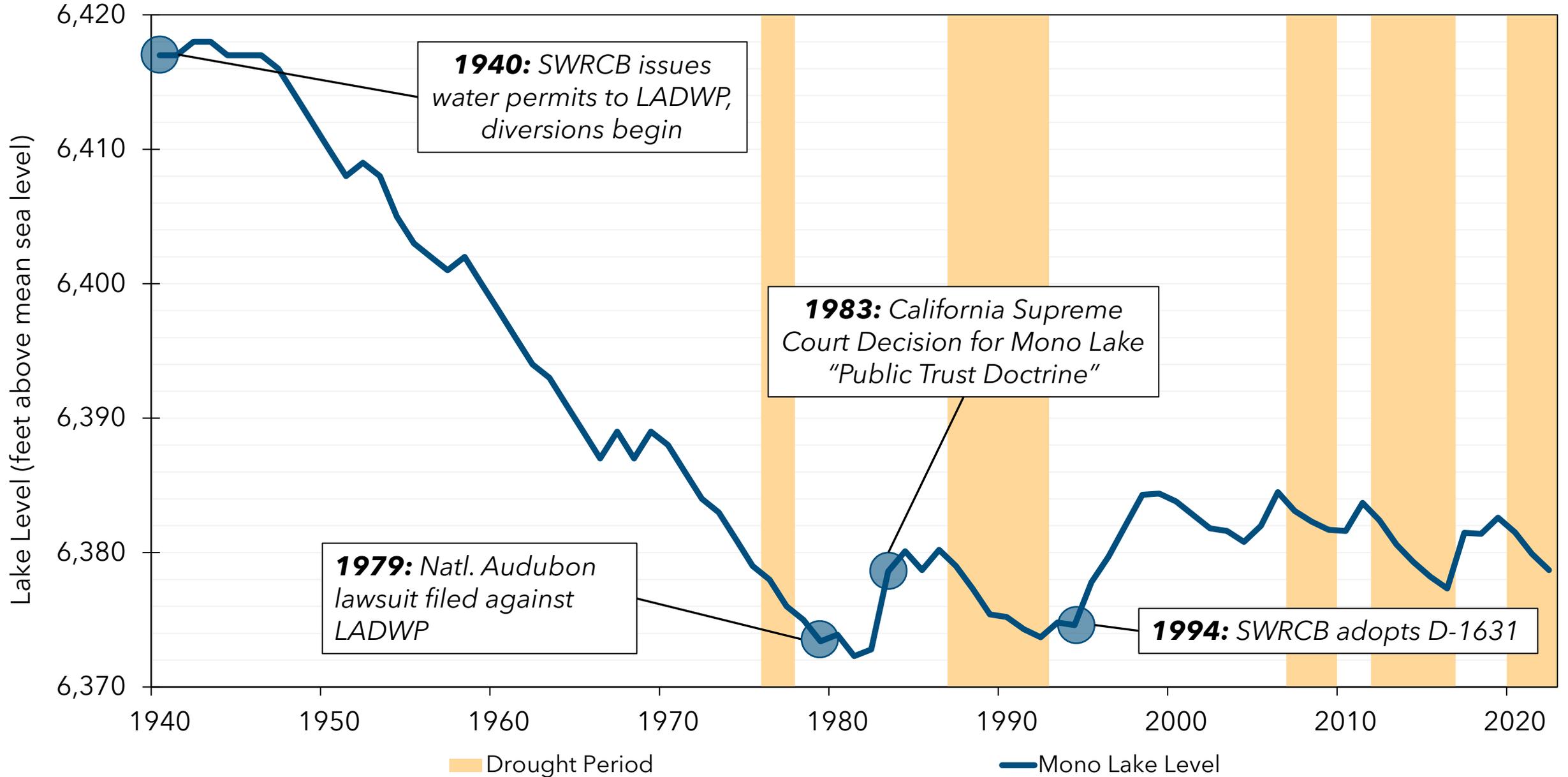


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“ The State Water Board has the **authority** to reexamine past water allocation decisions and the **responsibility** to protect public trust resources. ”

- *Decision 1631*

Mono Lake Level History





Water Right Decision 1631

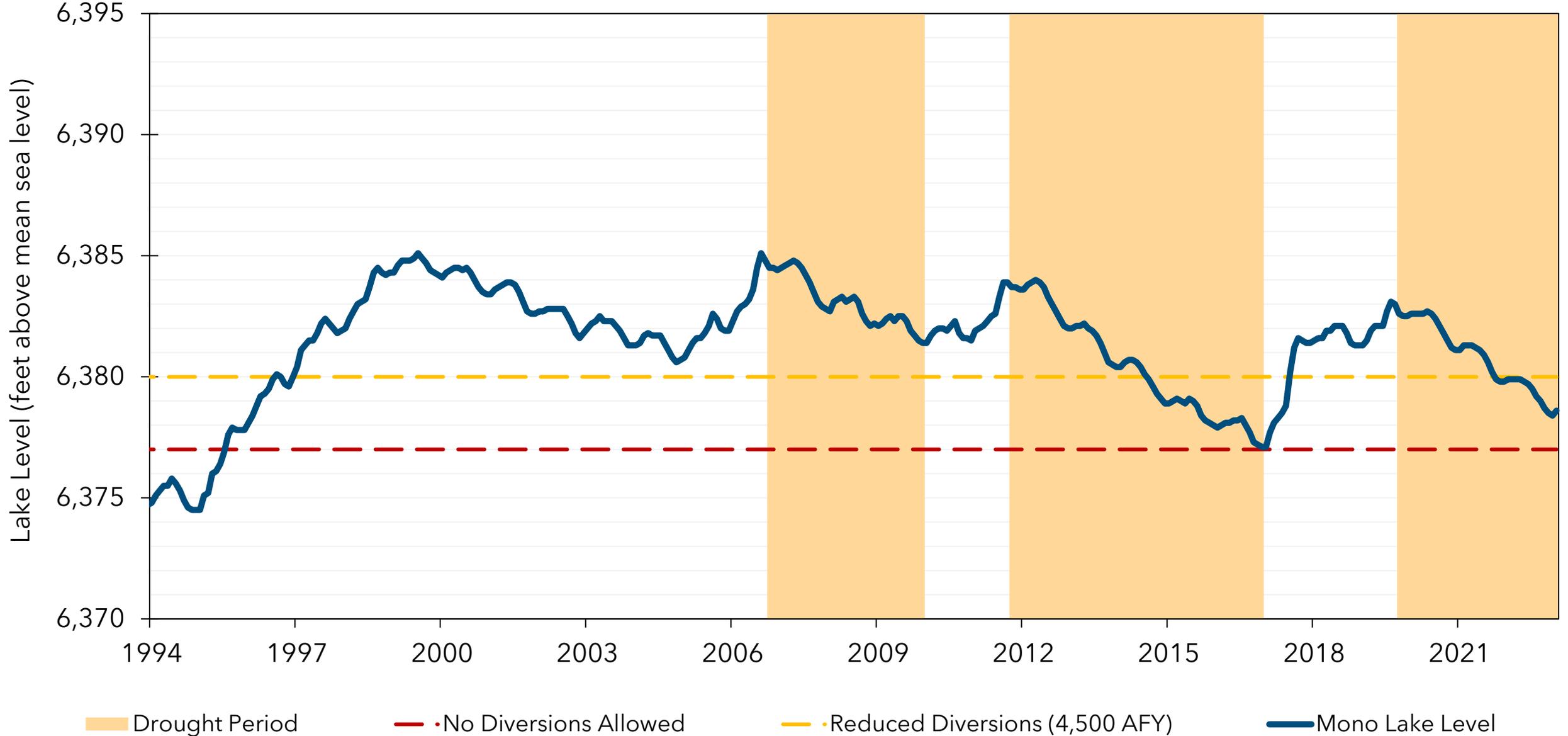
Stream Restoration

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Walker Creek - Parker Creek

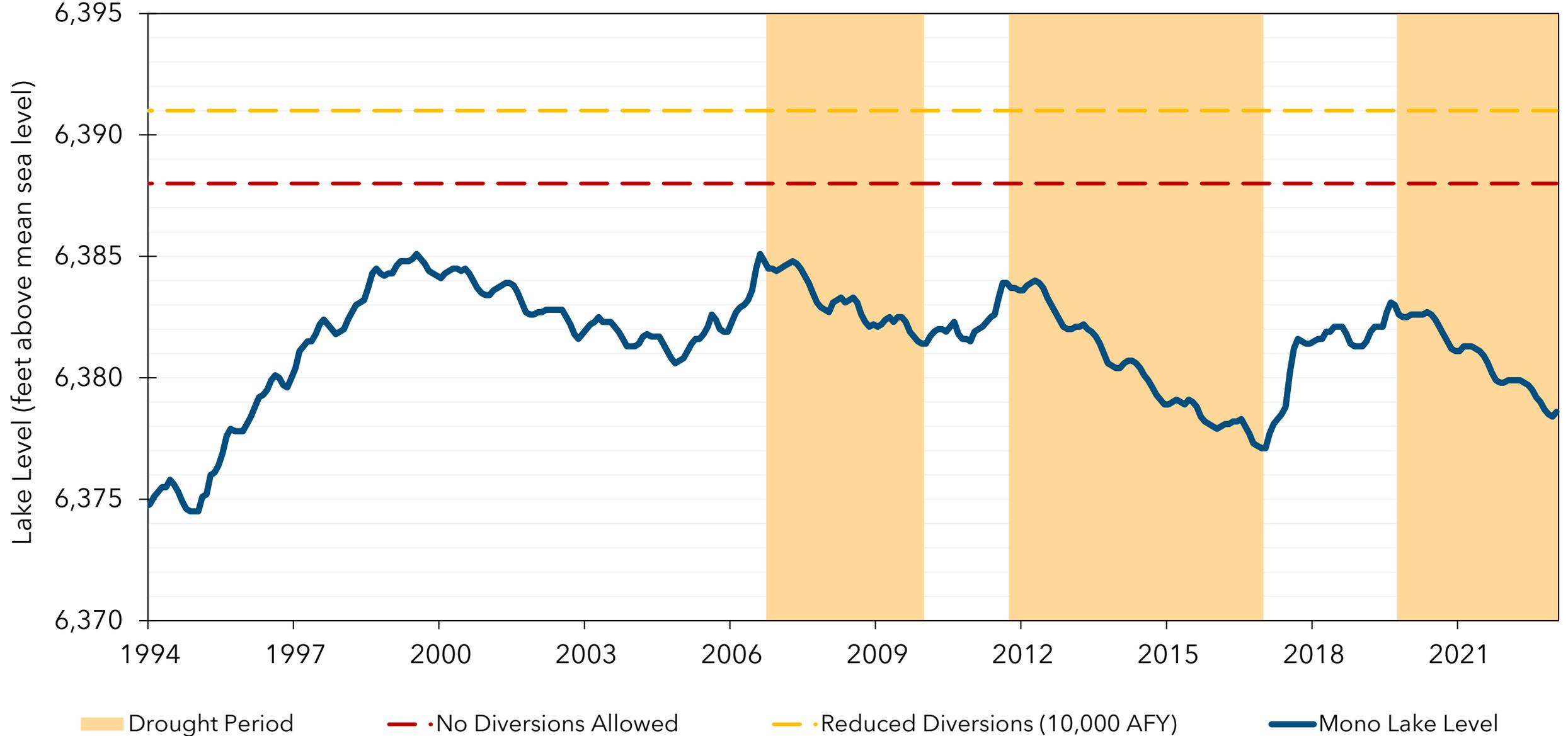
Lake Level

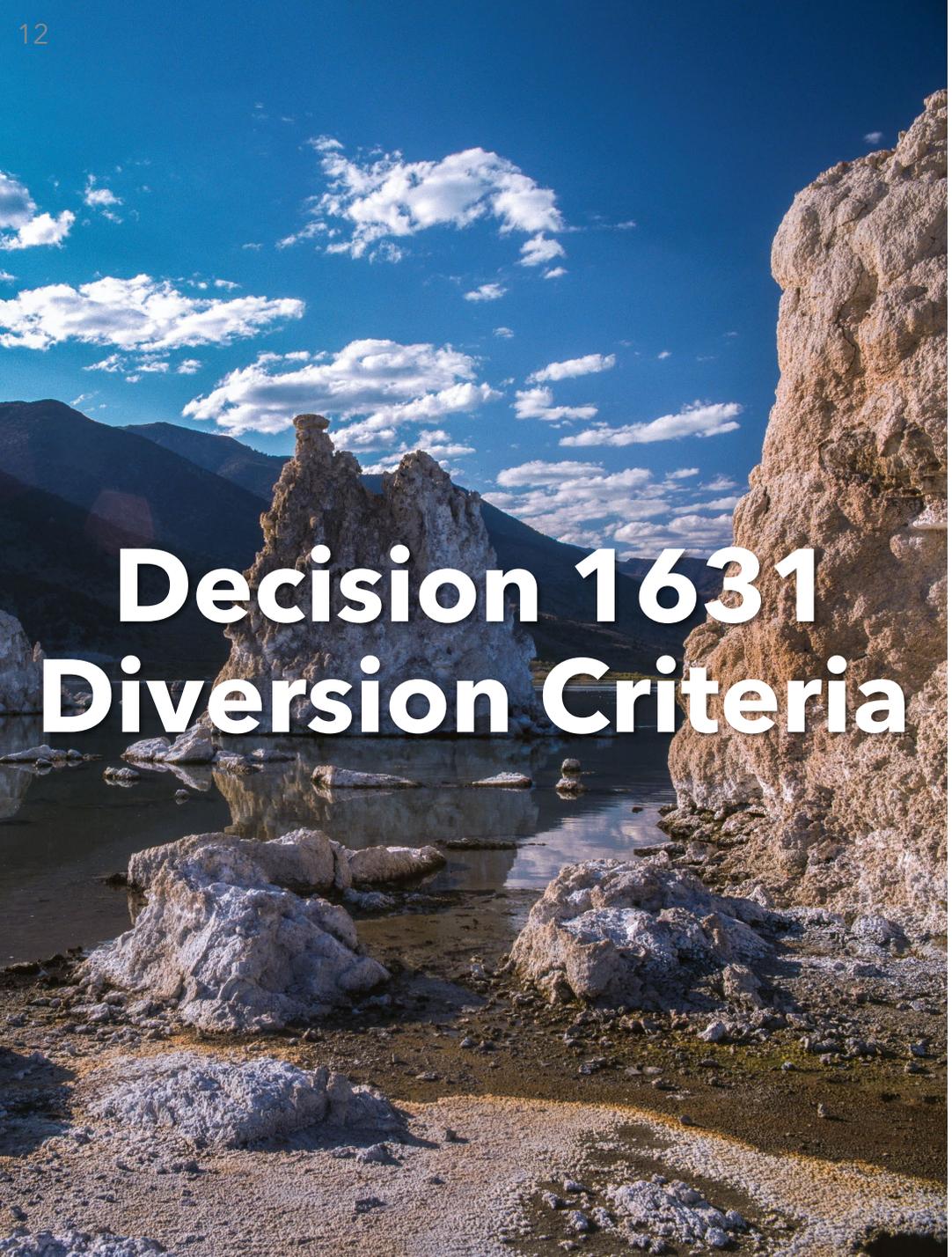
Diversion Criteria

D1631 Lake Level Diversion Criteria Transition Period



D1631 Lake Level Diversion Criteria Post-Transition Period





Decision 1631 Diversion Criteria

Transition Period Diversion Limits Effective until Lake reaches 6,391 feet

Lake Level	Diversion Volume
Below 6,377 feet	No Diversion Allowed
6,377 to 6,380 feet	4,500 acre-feet per year
6,380 to 6,391 feet	16,000 acre-feet per year

Long-Term Diversion Limits

Lake Level	Diversion Volume
Below 6,388 feet	No Diversion Allowed
6,388 to 6,391 feet	10,000 acre-feet per year
Above 6,391 feet	All available flows in excess of amounts needed for fishery protection flows, up to 167,800 acre-feet per year

Item 4: Potential Management Actions

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Available Pathways For Addressing Lake Levels

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**Emergency
Regulation**

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**Lake Level
Hearing**

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**Exercise
Board's
Reserved
Authority to
Protect Public
Trust Uses**

Available Pathways For Addressing Lake Levels



State Water Board Informational Resources

Board staff will accept written comments on this workshop until March 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm

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