February 28, 2024

# 2023 Los Angeles Aqueduct Water Management

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power


2023 April 1 snowpack was 296% (old record was 270% in 1969)


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# Water Supply by Year Types

2023-24

| Year Type | Volume (Acre-Feet) |
|---|---|
| Dry | 325 K |
| Normal | 550 K |
| Wet | 760 K |
| **2023** | **1,000 K** |

# Where the water went…

2023-24

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| Eastern Sierra obligations | 170 K |
| Productive water spreading | 210 K |
| Water added to reservoir storage | 70 K |
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# Challenges

2023-24

- Late snowfall left only a short time frame to prepare for runoff
- Rain-on-snow event in March damaged the Los Angeles Aqueduct and other infrastructure
- Permitting to spread water – CDFW, BLM, US Forest Service
- Reservoir challenges
  - Inflows exceeding outlet capacities – Tinemaha Dam, Long Valley Reservoir
- Tropical Storm Hilary

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# CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS
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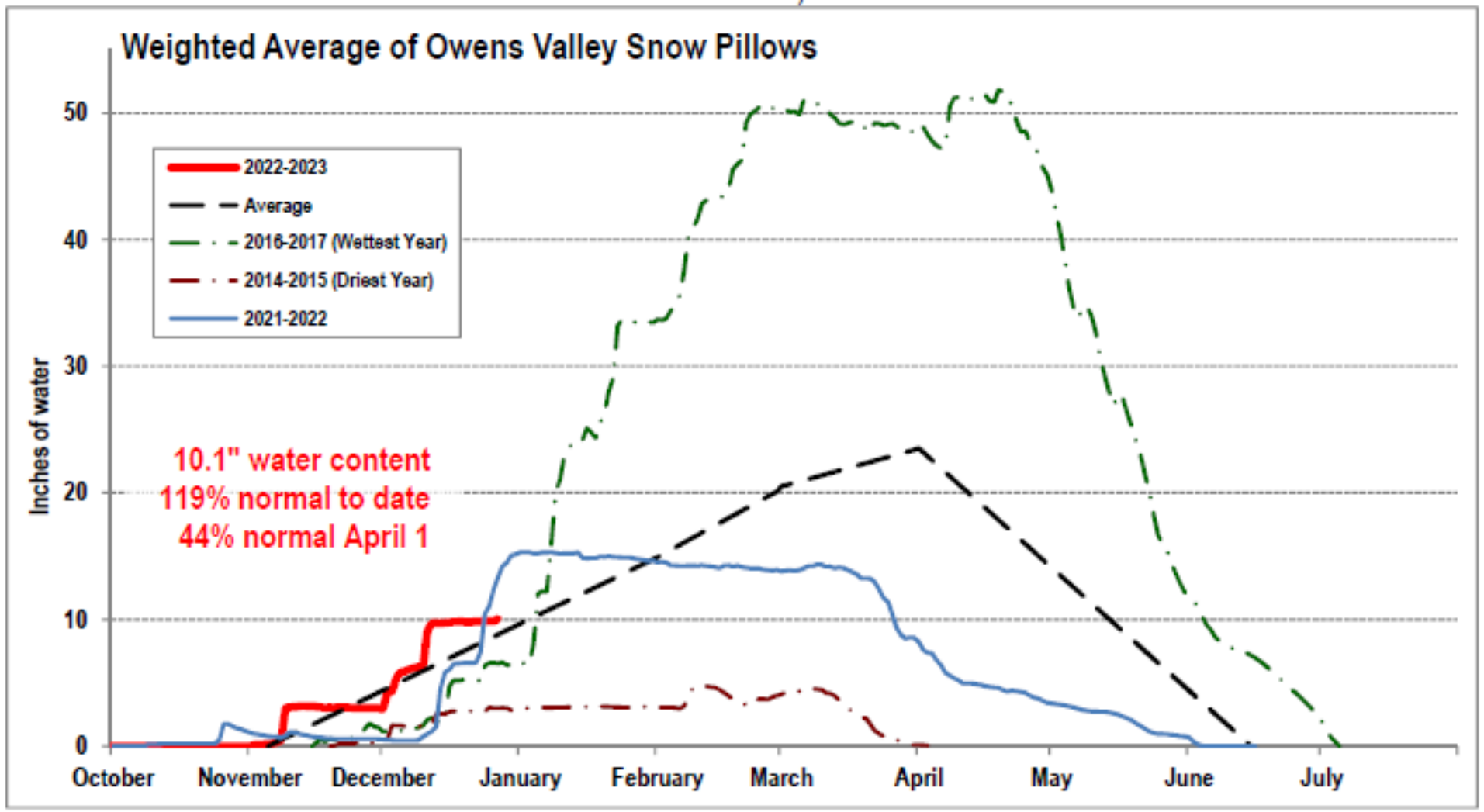


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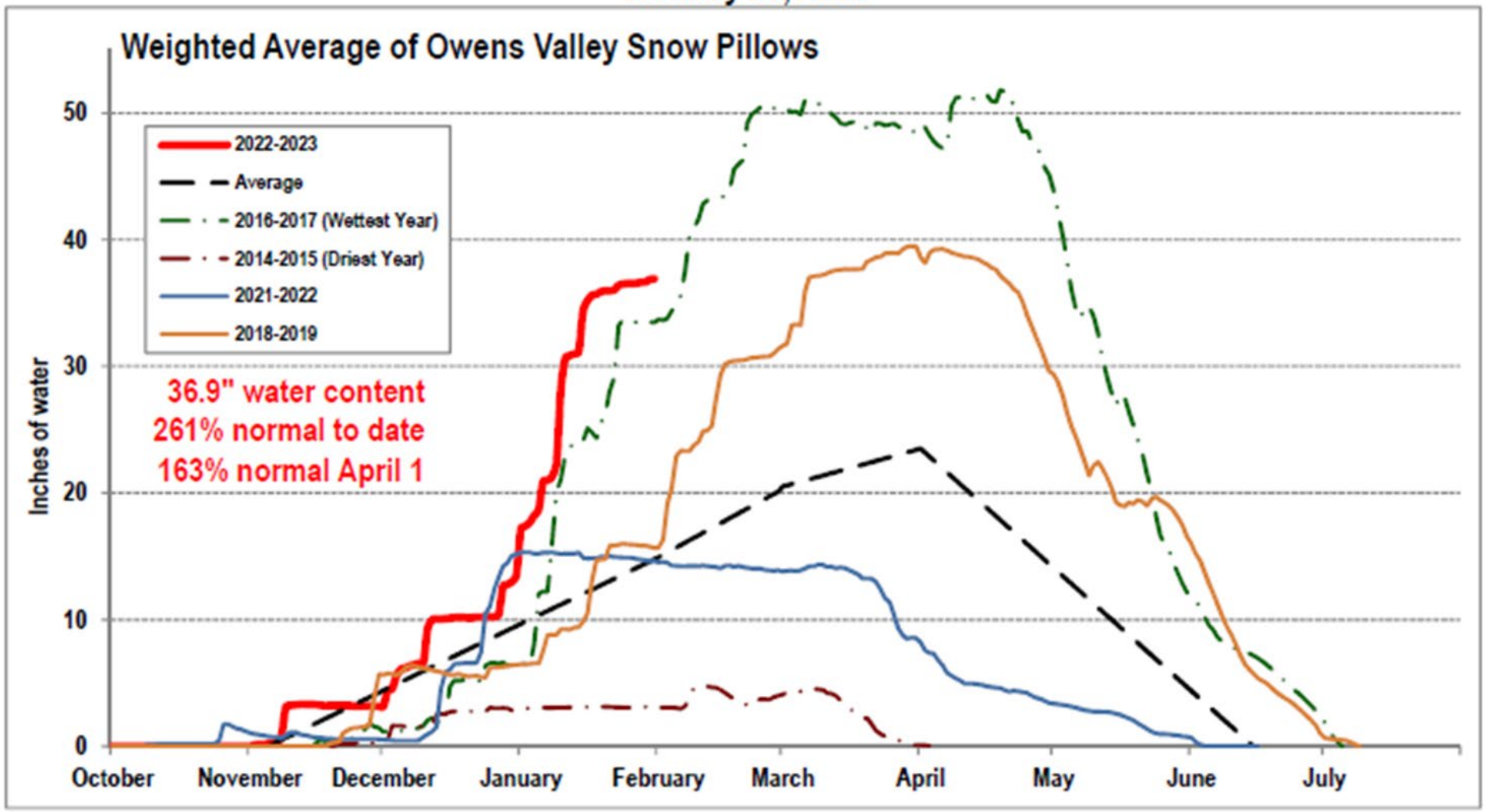


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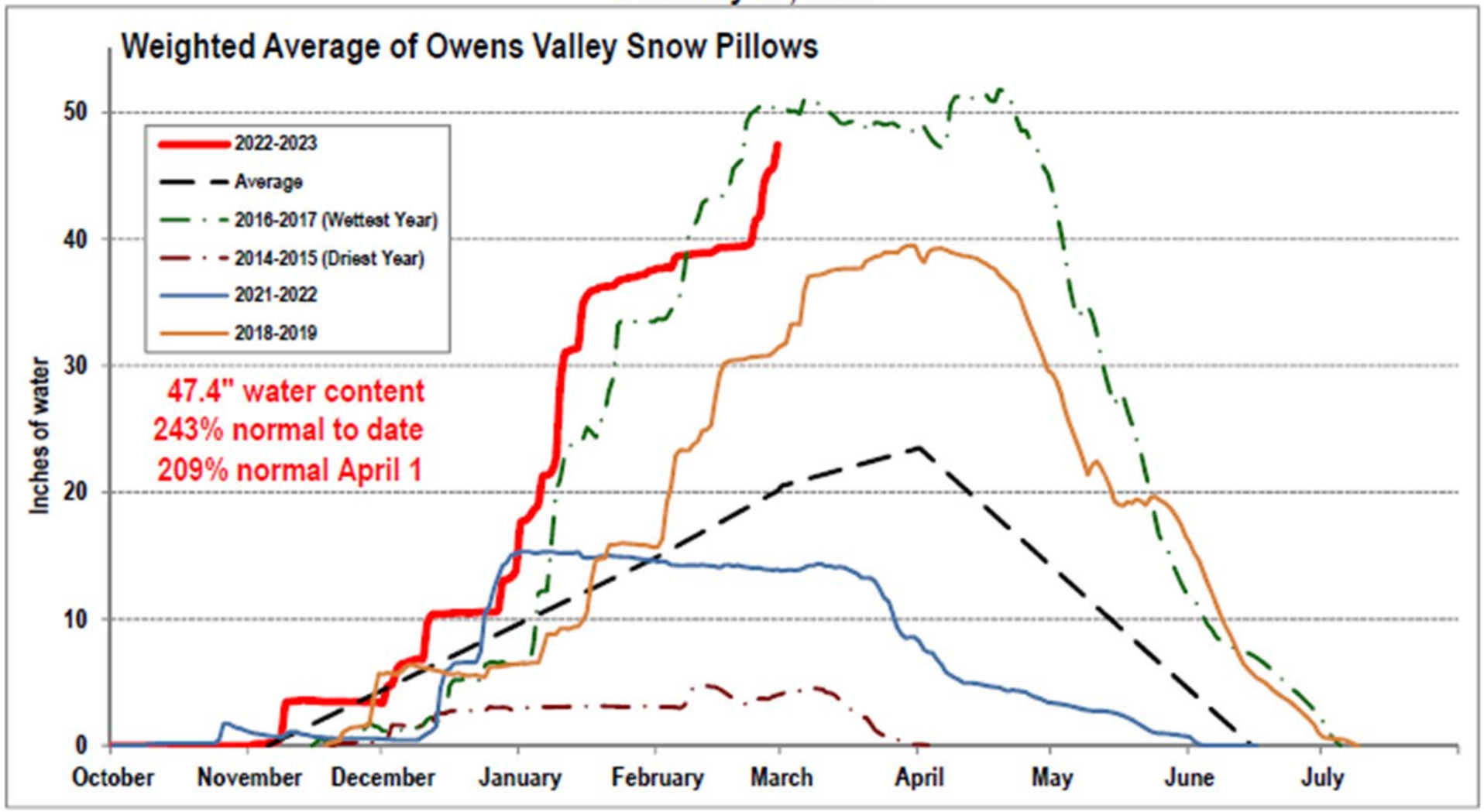


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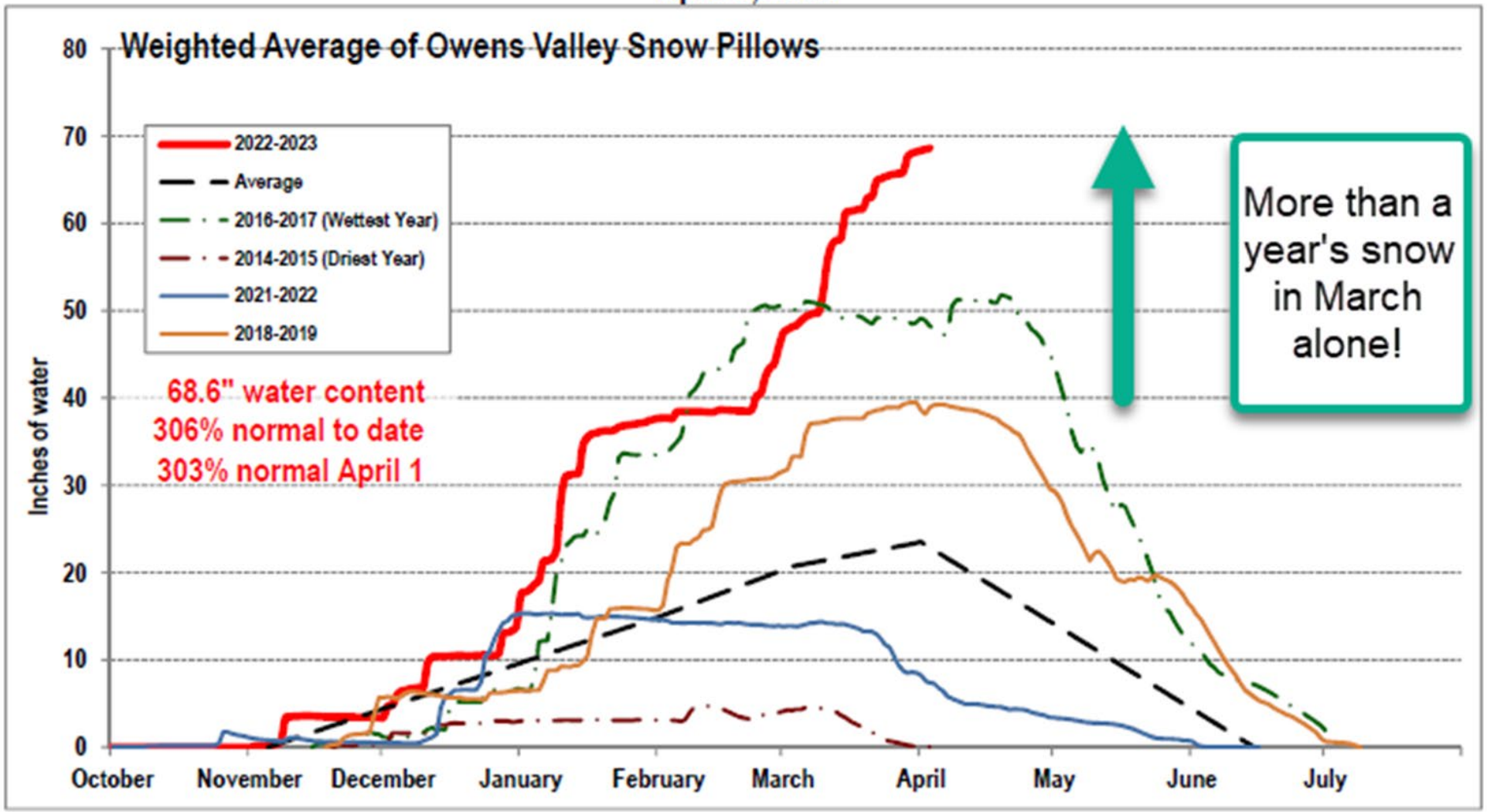


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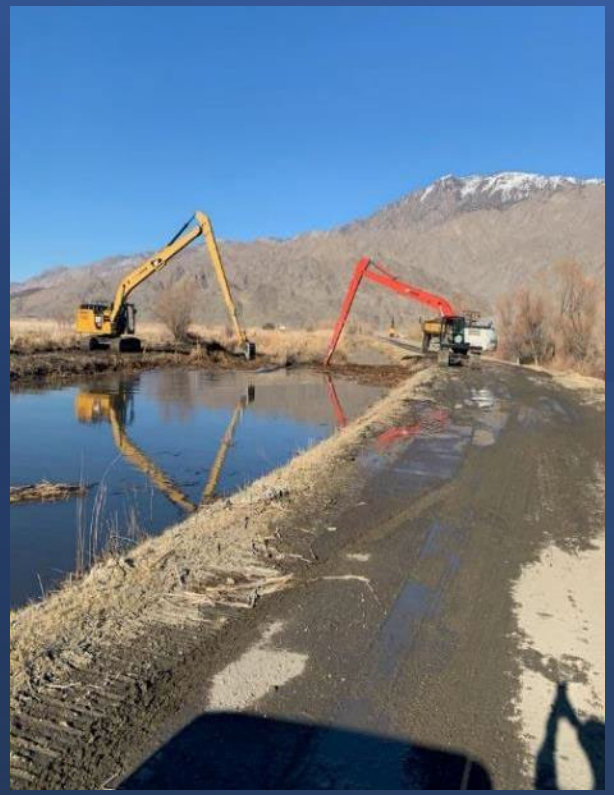

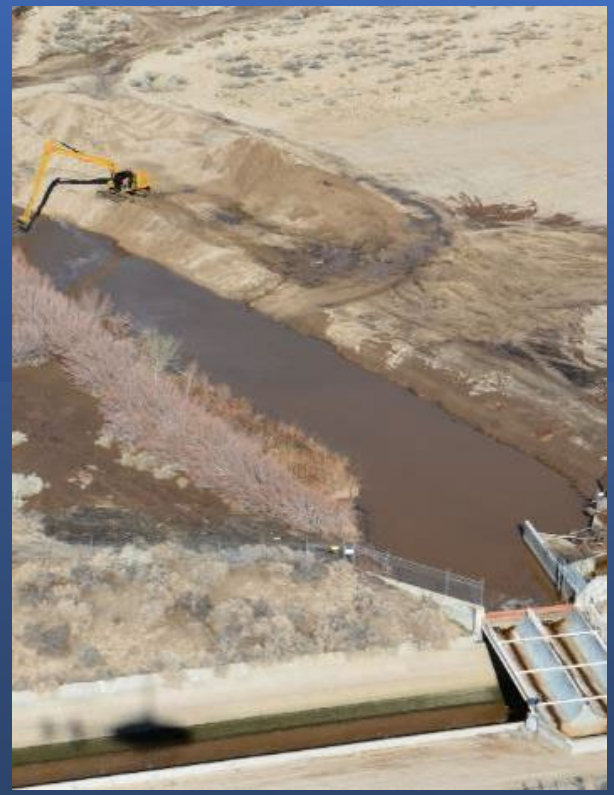


# Aqueduct crews prepare for the impending runoff

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# Mudslides filling overheads and the Aqueduct

# Roads

# Flumes

# Los Angeles Aqueduct – March 11

worked around the clock

finished repair on March 13

# Aqueduct back in service March 18

Tinemaha Dam Siphons Modification

Long Valley Dam Spillway Modification

# Preparations

# 2023-24

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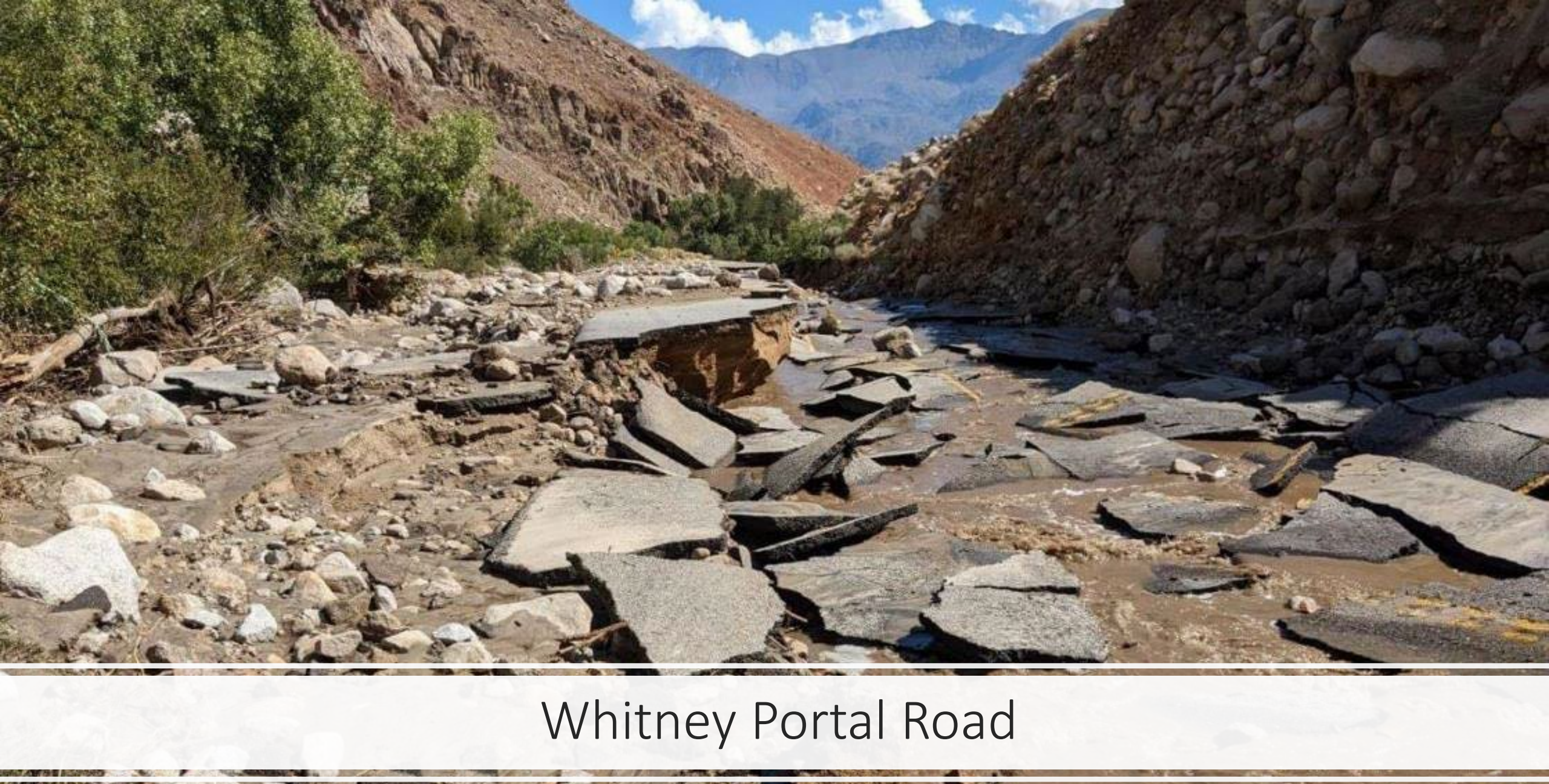
# Tropical Storm Hilary



# Whitney Portal Road

# Division Creek

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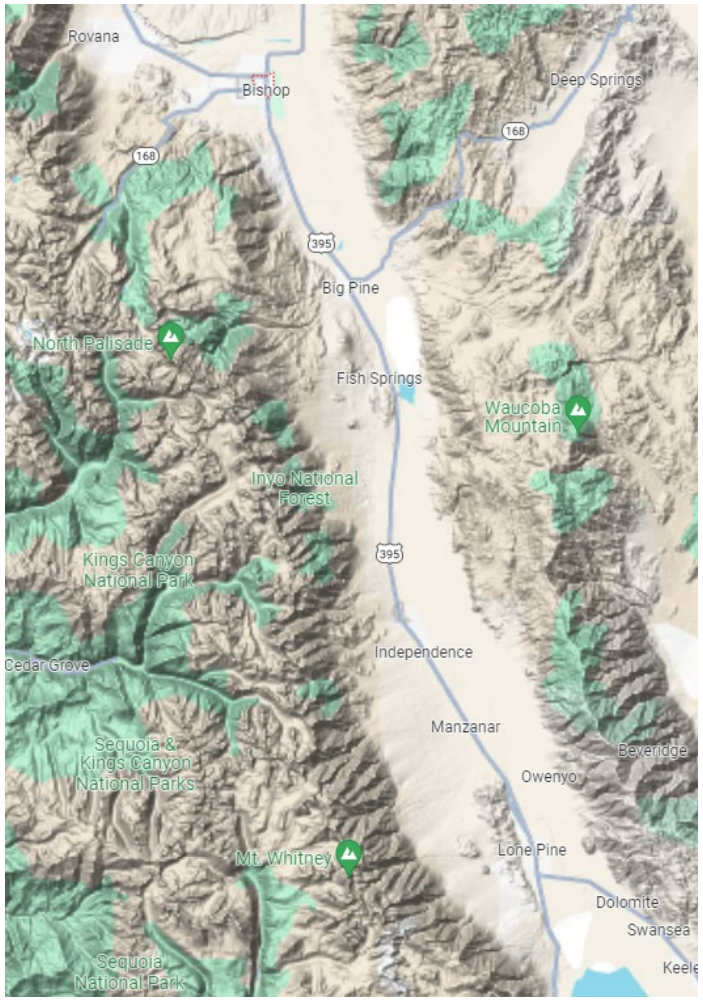
# “Productive” Water spreading throughout the Owens Valley

# Groundwater Level Rise

2023-24

- “Productive Spreading” mainly occurs in the Owens Valley.
- LADWP has pumping wells located in the Owens Valley to pump water for aqueduct supply.
- In wet years, the groundwater are restored through spreading.
- Between April 1, 2023, and February 1, 2024, the groundwater levels rose an average of 3.2 feet within the well field areas (covering approximately 200,000 acres).



# Water released to Owens Lake brine pool

# Water “left on the table”

2023-24

A total of approximately 200,000 acre-feet was released to the Owens Lake Brine Pool and released outside of the aqueduct system – water not put to beneficial use.