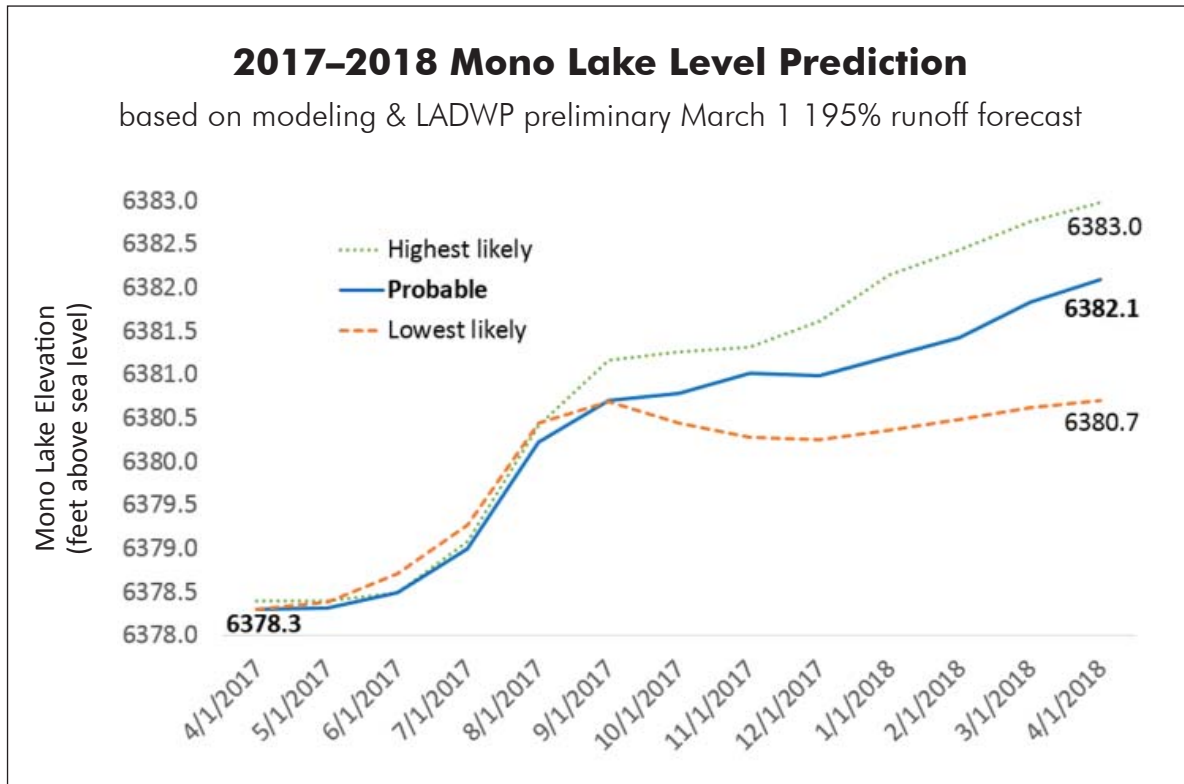


2017 Mono Lake level forecast

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Mono Lake will rise in 2017. The Mono Lake Committee's March forecast has the lake rising almost 2.4 feet in the lowest scenario, and reasonably expects a 2.4-foot rise this year by September. This would be a 3 foot increase in lake level over September 2016.

Remarkably wet winter conditions have raised Mono Lake over a foot since December 2016. As of March 15 Mono Lake's surface elevation is 6378.2 feet above sea level. This exceeds past forecasts based on average conditions and is in line with the 20% of wettest scenarios discussed in the fall.



Predicted Spring Rise¹

LADWP-forecasted April-September runoff 203% of average²

	<u>4/1/2017</u>	<u>5/1/2017</u>	<u>6/1/2017</u>	<u>7/1/2017</u>
Highest likely	6378.40	6378.39	6378.49	6379.07
Probable	6378.30	6378.31	6378.49	6378.99
Lowest likely	6378.30	6378.38	6378.71	6379.27

¹ Based on modeling of 1983, 1995, and 2006 runoff; the lowest annual rise has the fastest spring rise

² 203% is the preliminary April-September forecast; 195% is the preliminary April-March forecast



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