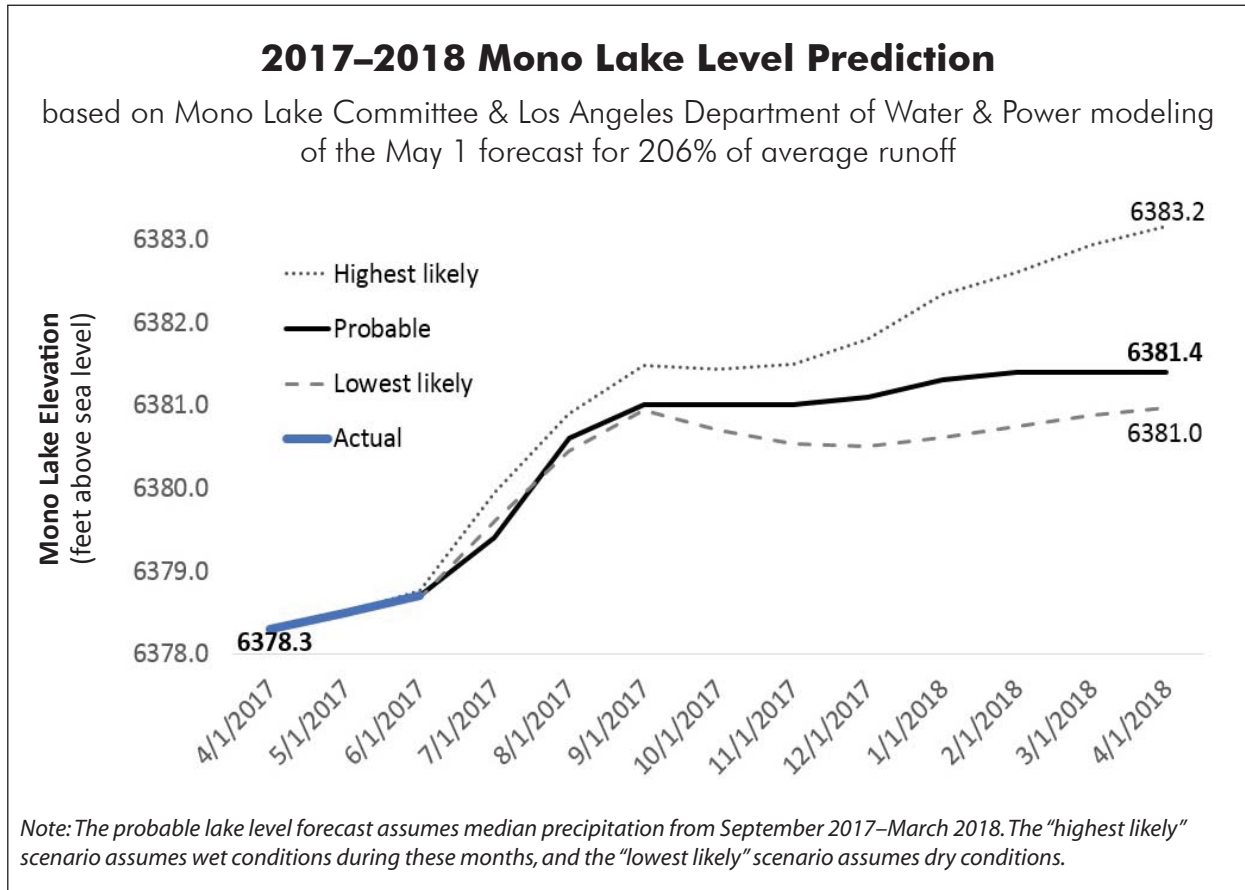


# 2017 Mono Lake level forecast

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The winter of 2016–17 was the largest on record. In the Mono Basin, snowmelt runoff is expected to be 206% of average, and all of Mono Lake’s tributary streams will carry flows not seen in over 20 years.

The April 1, 2017 surface elevation of Mono Lake was 6378.3 feet above sea level. Thanks to the wet winter, Mono Lake is forecast to rise 3.1 feet by April 1, 2018. The May 19 lake level was 6378.7 feet above sea level.



## Reference lake levels

- State Water Board mandated lake level to protect Mono Lake: 6392 feet above sea level.
- Lake level rise from April 1, 2017 needed to achieve the mandated level: 14 feet.
- Mono Lake fell 6.9 feet during the recent 5-year drought.
- From the drought low point (December 2016), the extremely wet 2016–17 winter is expected to raise the lake 4.3 feet by April 2018, leaving the lake 2.6 feet lower than when the drought began.



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# Mono Lake Elevation

