

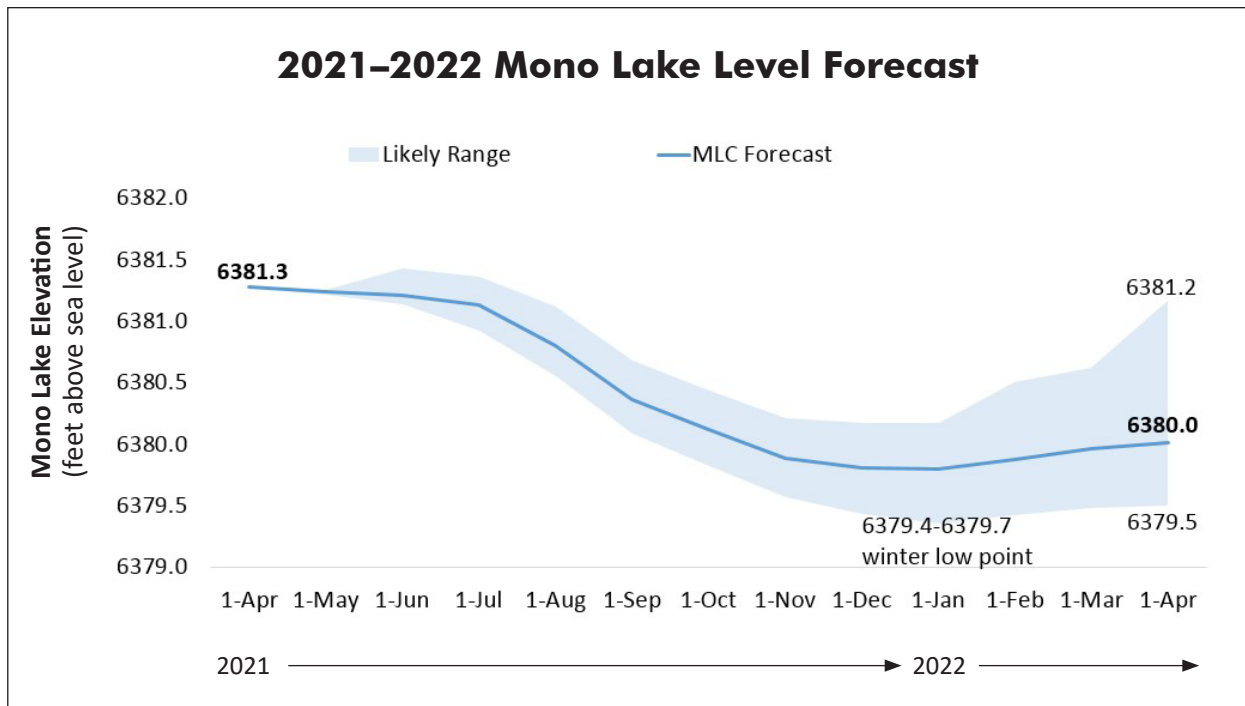
# 2021 Mono Lake Level Forecast

Prepared by the Mono Lake Committee, June 15, 2021

Last year was classified as “Dry-Normal I” and due to very dry weather conditions throughout most of the year, Mono Lake fell to 1.3 feet to 6381.3 feet above sea level by April 1, 2021.

This year, DWP forecasts 58% of average runoff, making it a “Dry” year type. The graph below shows the range of likely Mono Lake elevations for April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. The range of projections is produced by the Mono Lake Committee’s modeling of hydrologic sequences using some of the driest years in the historical record.

This forecast shows that the most probable lake level for March 31, 2022, is 6380 feet above sea level.



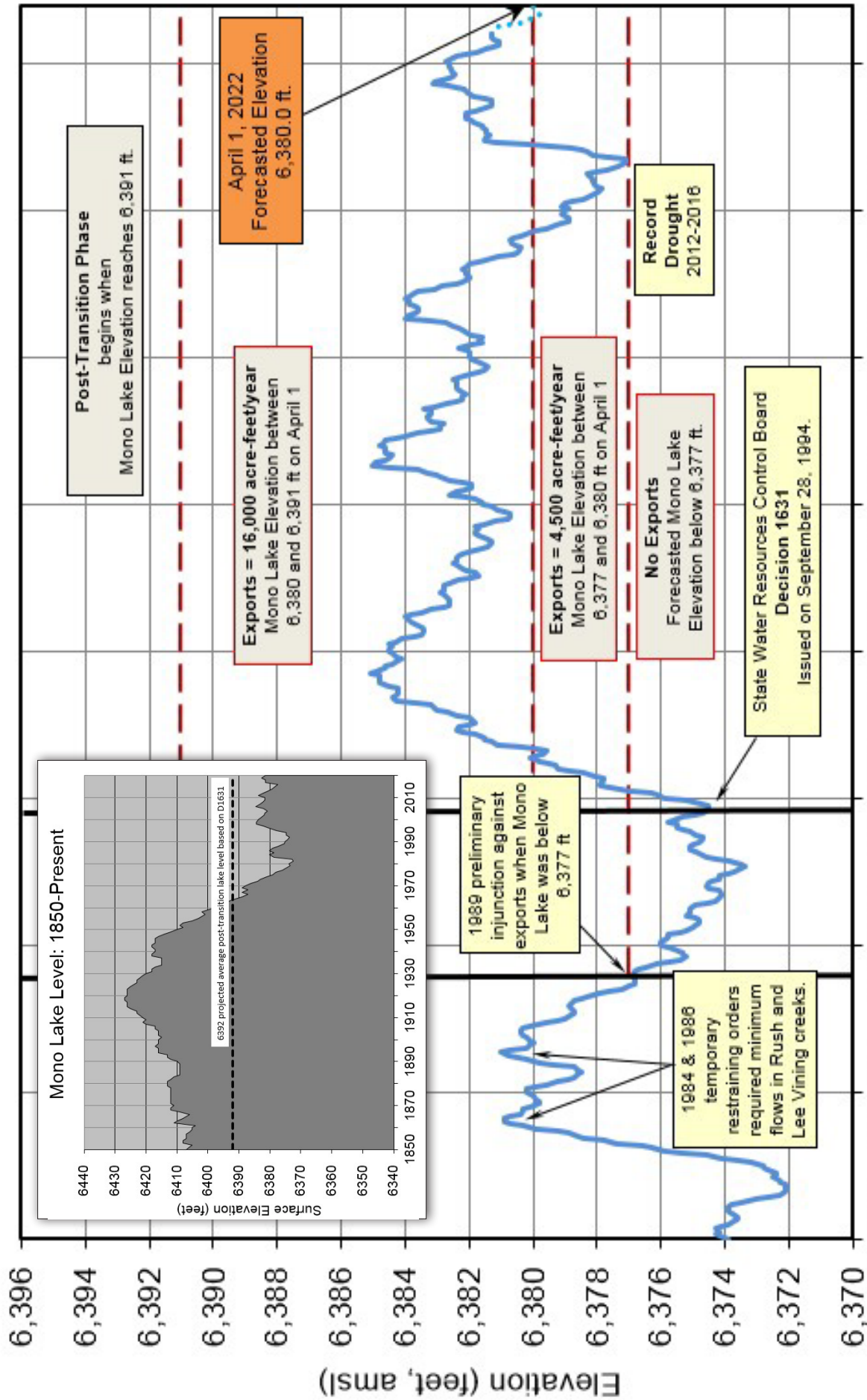
## Reference lake levels

- State Water Board mandated lake level to protect Mono Lake: 6392 feet above sea level.
- Mono Lake has risen less than 40% of the way to the mandated level after 26 years.
- It is the second year of the current drought, and Mono Lake is expected to drop below 6380 in October 2021. If next winter is dry, it will remain below 6380 on April 1st, triggering a reduction in DWP’s water exports.



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# Mono Lake Elevation



4/1/1980 4/1/1985 4/1/1990 4/1/1995 4/1/2000 4/1/2005 4/1/2010 4/1/2015 4/1/2020  
Start of Runoff Year

# Mono Lake Surface Elevation

10.8 vertical feet below State Water Board mandated level

