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# Lead Scientist Report



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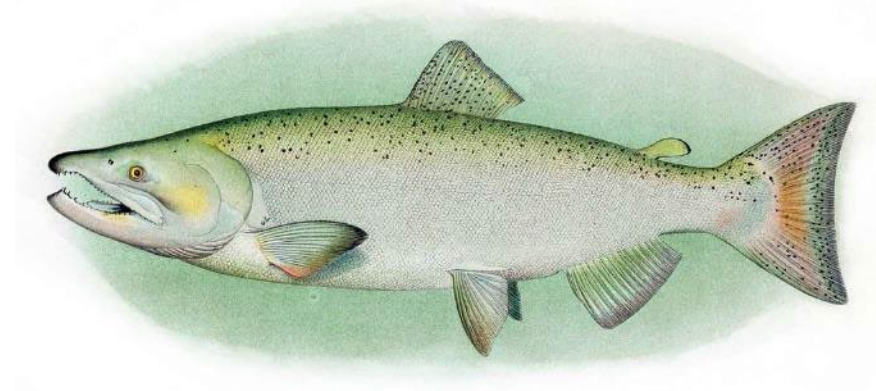
# Recent Delta Science Program Activities



Delta Blue Carbon Symposium



2026 Annual Meeting



Spring-Run Juvenile Production Estimate  
Peer Review

# On Your Radar



**June 5**

Bay-Delta Science Conference (BDSC) abstracts due

**June 30**

*Tribal Knowledge Roundtable 1- Interweaving 101*  
**Delta Climate Adaptation Team**



**July 28**

*Tribal Knowledge Roundtable 3- Examples of Successful Co-Governance and Co-Management*

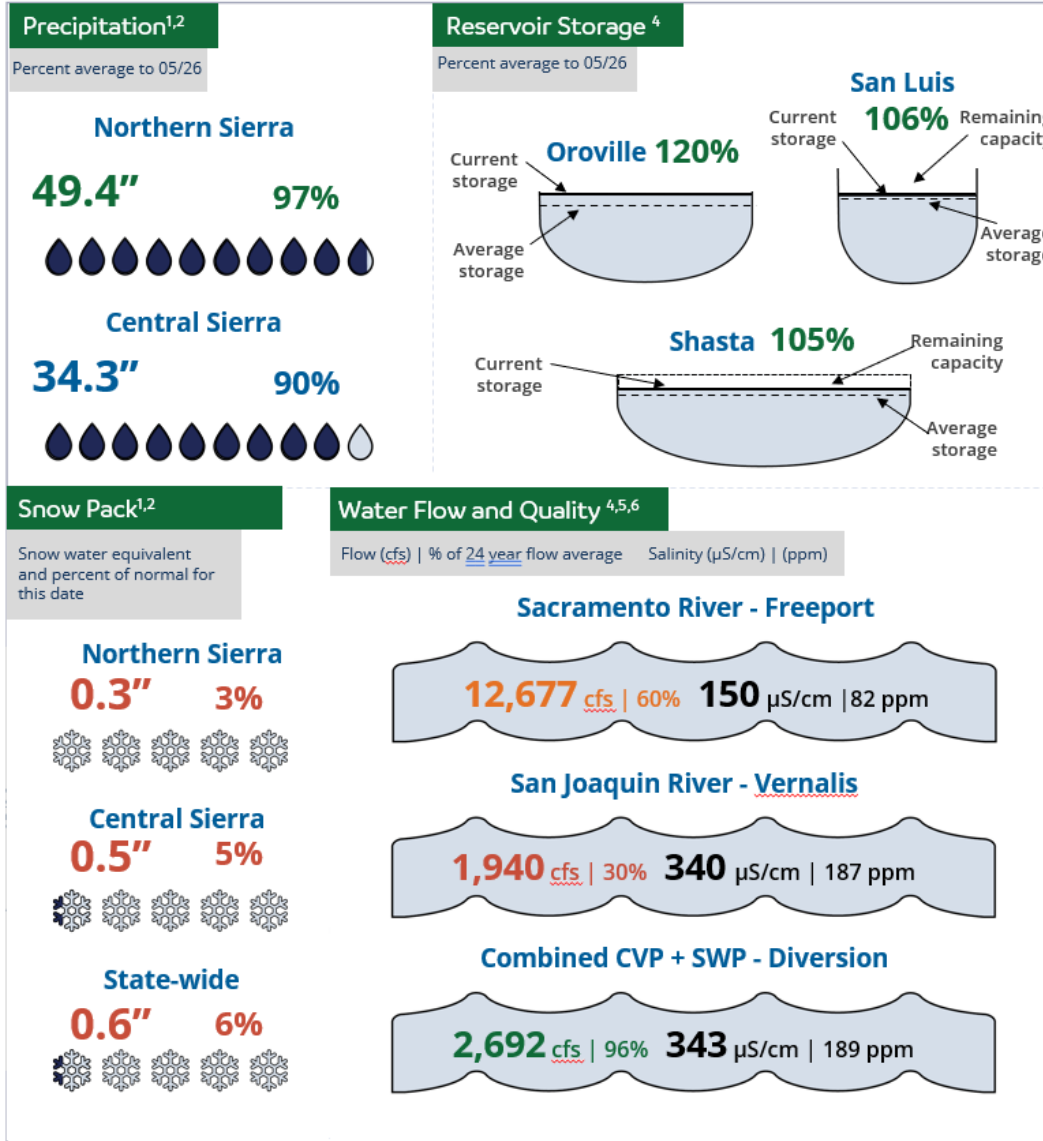


**June 18**

DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee and Restoration Forum

**July 14**

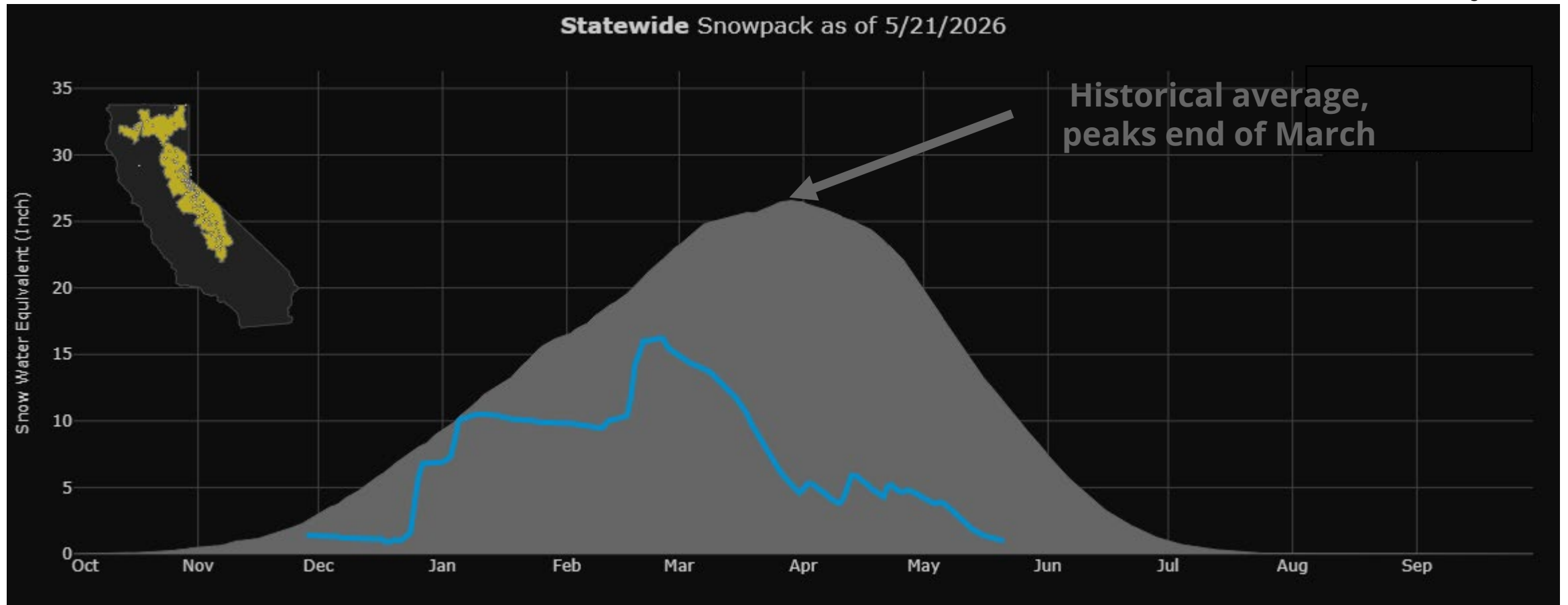
*Tribal Knowledge Roundtable 2- Tribal Beneficial Uses: An Explainer and Applications*



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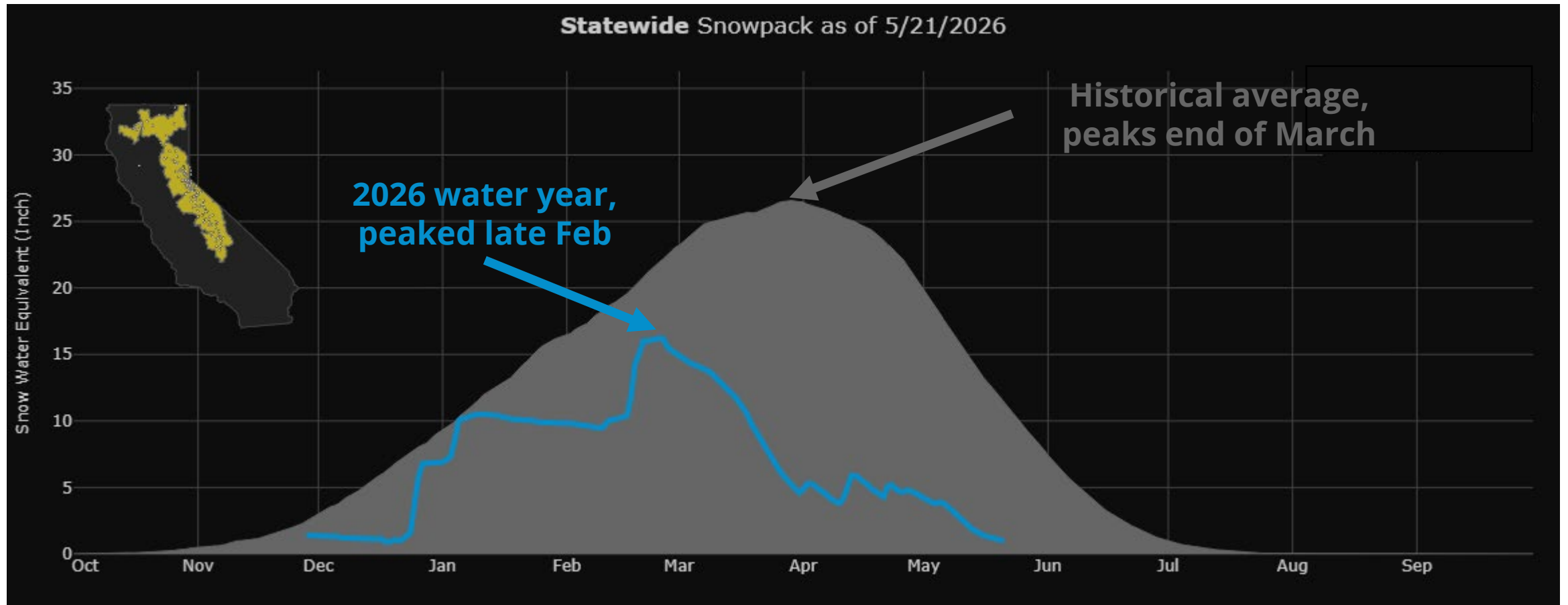
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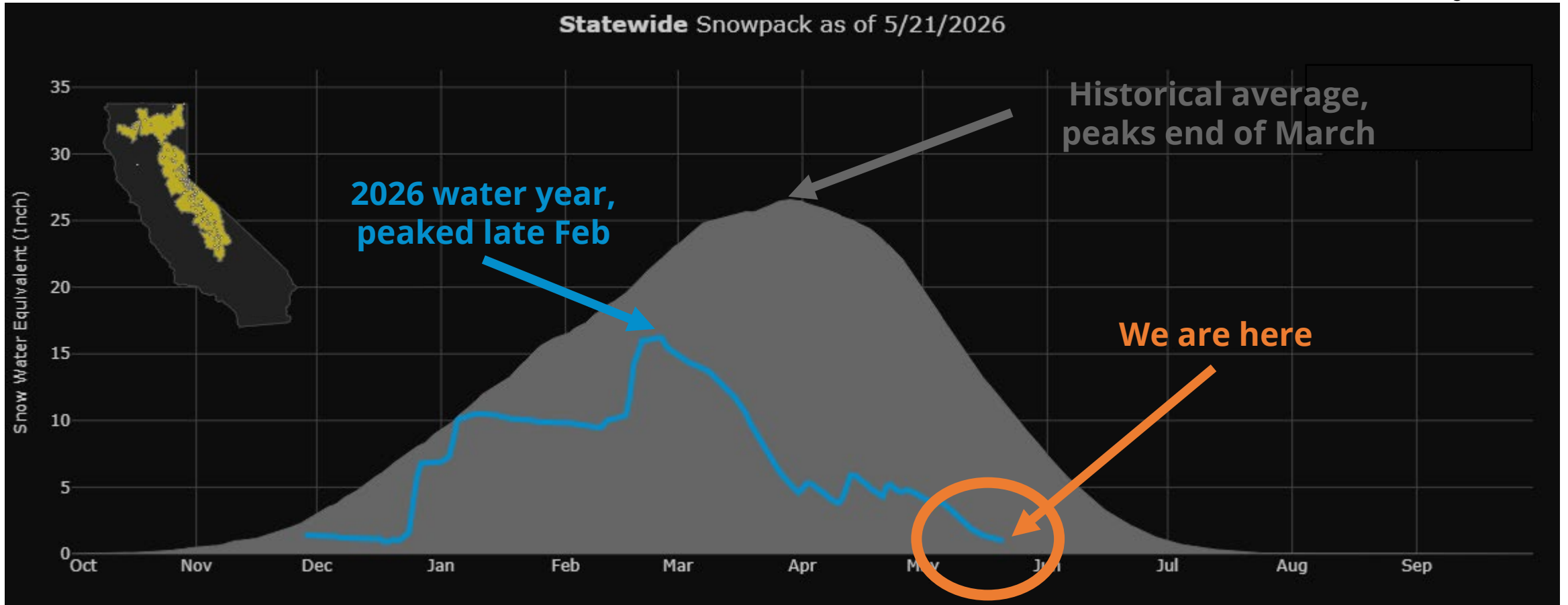
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# How will the Sierra's snowpack change under a warming climate?

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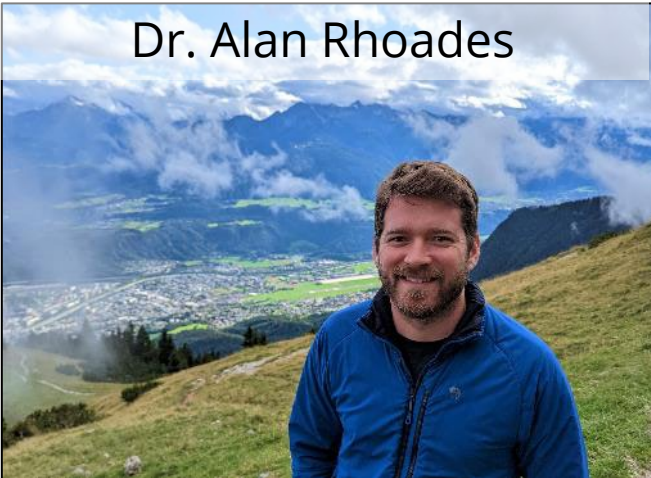
## Today's Speakers

Dr. Areidy Beltran-Peña



Widening **gaps** between water supply and demand pose risks for state agriculture

Dr. Alan Rhoades



California must adapt to changing **snow behavior**

# Planning for a future under a new climate reality

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## California Water Plan

- Evaluations of water system under multiple climate scenarios
- Prioritizing adaptive management



## 2026 Delta Science Plan

- Framework for Delta science collaboration and coordination
- Strengthening monitoring, modeling, and decision-support tools

# Any questions?

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, looking over the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Taken May 23, 2026. (*Lisamarie Windham-Myers*)



# Thank you

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