

**Date:** March 5, 2026  
**To:** Buckman Direct Diversion Board  
**From:** Matthew Sandoval, BDD Operations Superintendent  
**Subject:** Update on BDD Operations for the Month of February 2026

**ITEM:**

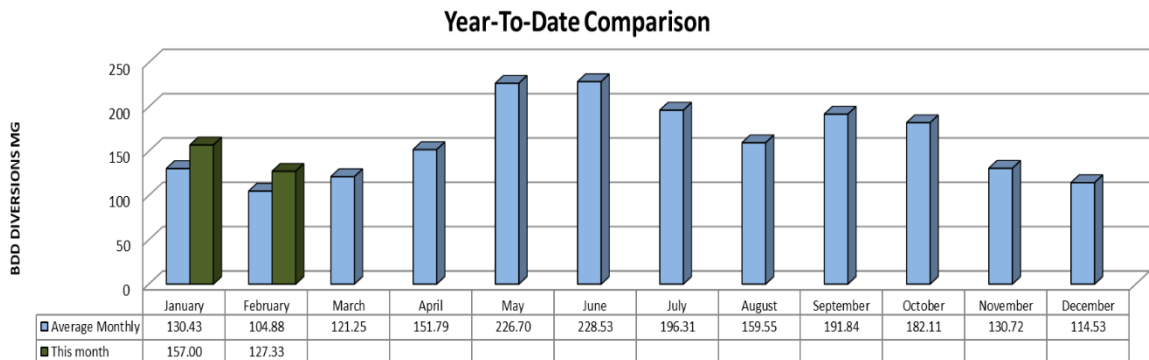
1. This memorandum is to update the Buckman Direct Diversion Board (BDDDB) on BDD operations during the month of February 2026. The BDD diversions and deliveries have averaged, in Million Gallons Per Day (MGD), as follows:

	<b>February</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
Raw water diversions		4.90 MGD	3.65 MGD
Raw water delivery to Las Campanas at BS2A		0 MGD	0.12 MGD
Drinking water deliveries through Booster Station 4A/5A		4.67 MGD	3.41 MGD

2. Water supply to the City and County from all sources.

	<b>February</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
BDD		70.0 %	49.6 %
Canyon Rd WTP		23.8 %	23.3 %
City Wells		0 %	22.3 %
Buckman Wells		6.2 %	4.8 %

3. The BDD year-to-date diversions are depicted below:





## Regional Water Overview

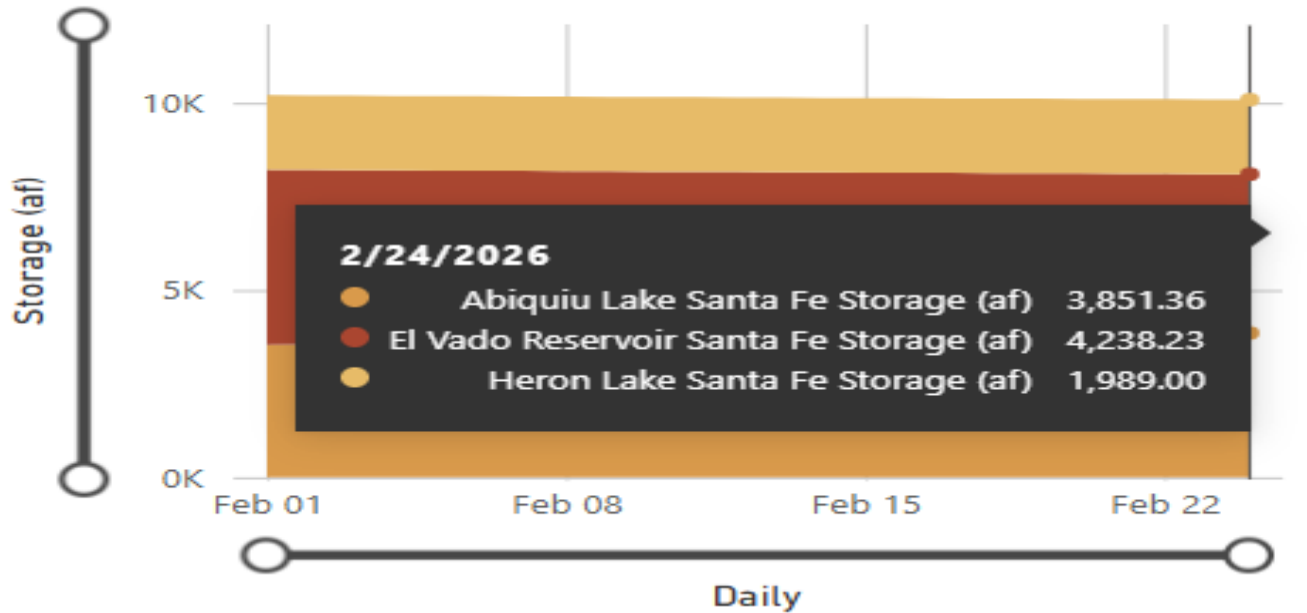
Daily metered regional water demand for the month averaged approximately: 6.4 MGD

Rio Grande flows averaged approximately: 660 CFS (cubic feet per second)

City/County/Las Campanas Storage- as updated by partners. As of February 24, 2026 City of SF Abiquiu SJC storage is at about 3851.36 AF.

### City Storage (af)

● Abiquiu Lake Santa Fe ... ● El Vado Reservoir... ● Heron Lake Sa...



## Regional Water Supply

CRWTP reservoir storage: Nichols: 86.58% McClure: 40.30% Watershed Inflow: 2.03 MGD

- Santa Fe SNOTEL
  - Cumulative snow Water/Equiv. Inches 6.8
  - Cumulative Snow in Depth in Inches 22



## **Current Rio Grande Watershed Snowpack Storage Data:**

The current (2/17/26) Upper Rio Grande Basin Index is 49% of the historic median value for Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) and 92% of the historic median value for precipitation. This suggests that, while total precipitation in this basin has been near average for the water year starting October 1, the below normal snowpack may result in reduced spring runoff and river flows if it is not supplemented by snow accumulation in the coming months.

Source: <https://wcc.sc.egov.usda.gov/reports>

## **Current El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Status Summary**

At the time this report is being prepared (2/16/26) NOAA is reporting that a weak La Niña is still underway. In January–early February 2026, sea surface temperatures remained below average across much of the east-central and eastern equatorial Pacific, with the most recent weekly Niño-3.4 index around  $-0.9$  °C, and other Niño region indices near or slightly below normal for a weak La Niña event. This means parts of the Pacific Ocean near the equator are a bit cooler than normal, which affects global weather patterns, though the signal is weakening as subsurface heat increases. Atmospheric patterns continue to reflect La Niña, but signs of a transition to neutral are emerging. Ocean temperatures are currently below average, and the atmosphere is still behaving in ways typical of La Niña. However, both oceanic and atmospheric indicators suggest a gradual relaxation. In New Mexico, La Niña conditions typically result in warmer and drier weather, with actual impacts depending on location and the strength of La Niña conditions.

This La Niña is weak and is not expected to last much longer. Forecasters think there is about a 60–75% chance that conditions will return to normal (ENSO-neutral) sometime between February and April 2026, with ENSO-neutral conditions likely to persist through at least late spring and possibly as late as August 2026.

Source: [cpc.ncep.noaa.gov](http://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov)

## **Seasonal Precipitation and Temperature Outlooks:**

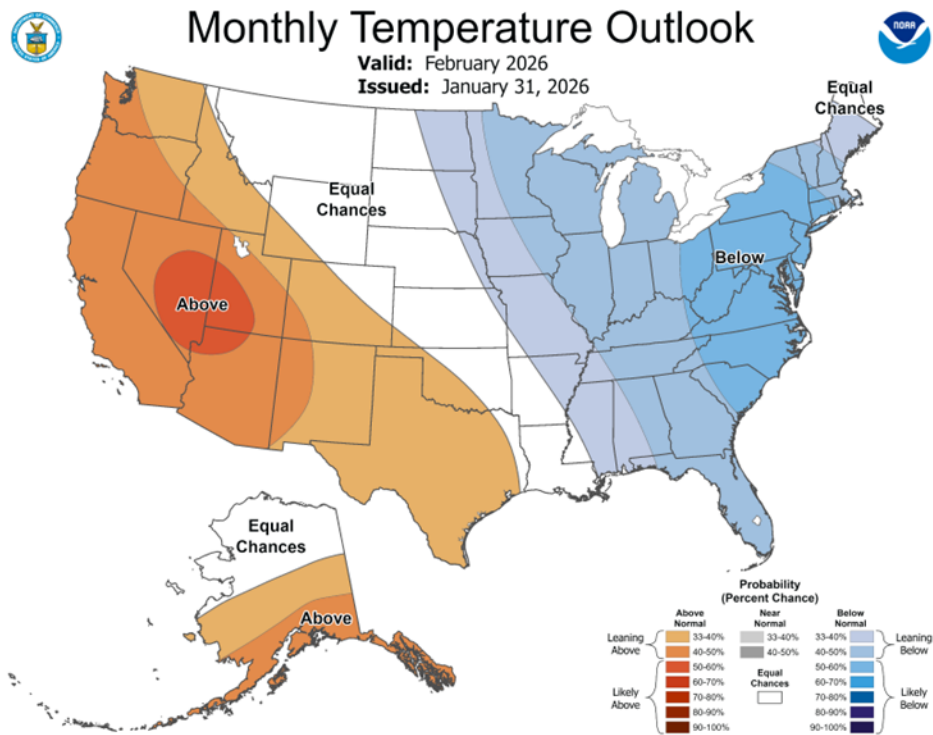
The current NOAA one-month forecast indicates near normal precipitation with above average temperatures for the region. The current NOAA three-month precipitation outlook is leaning below normal while the three-month temperature forecast is above normal for the region. Maps of one-month and three-month temperature and precipitation forecasts are provided below.

Source: [https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long\\_range/seasonal.php?lead=1](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=1)

## **Summary/Interpretation**

Below average snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande basin, in conjunction with projections of below normal precipitation and above average temperatures for the next three months indicates that there could be below normal spring runoff/native Rio Grande flows and, potentially, a San Juan Chama Project allocation that is less than 100%.

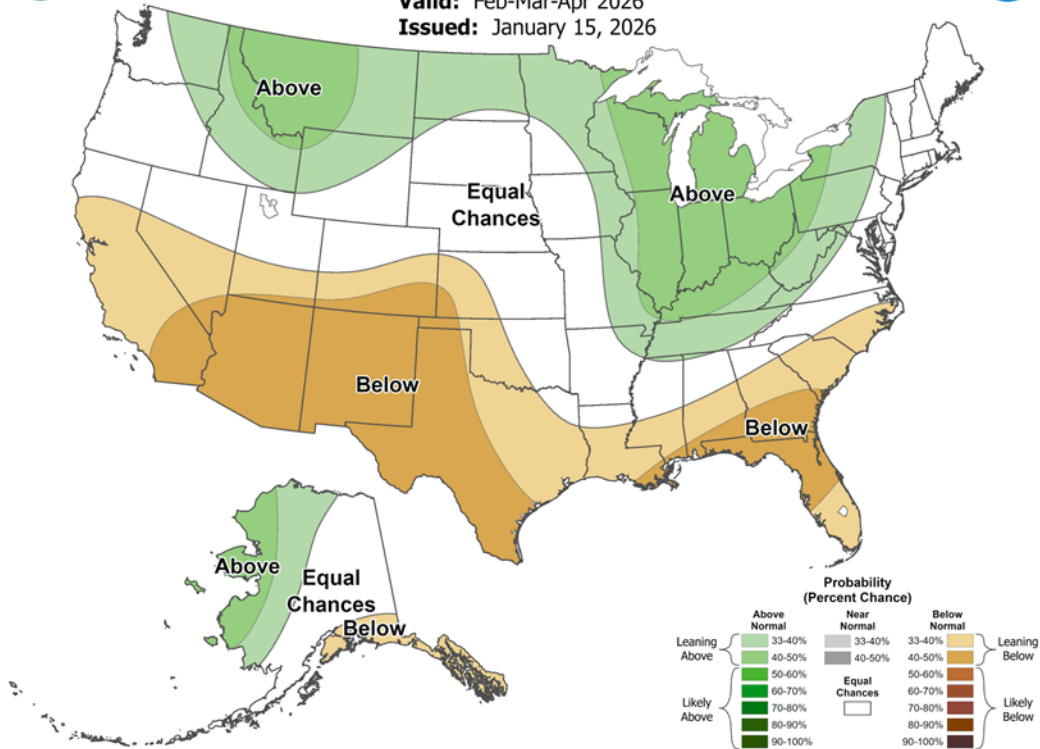






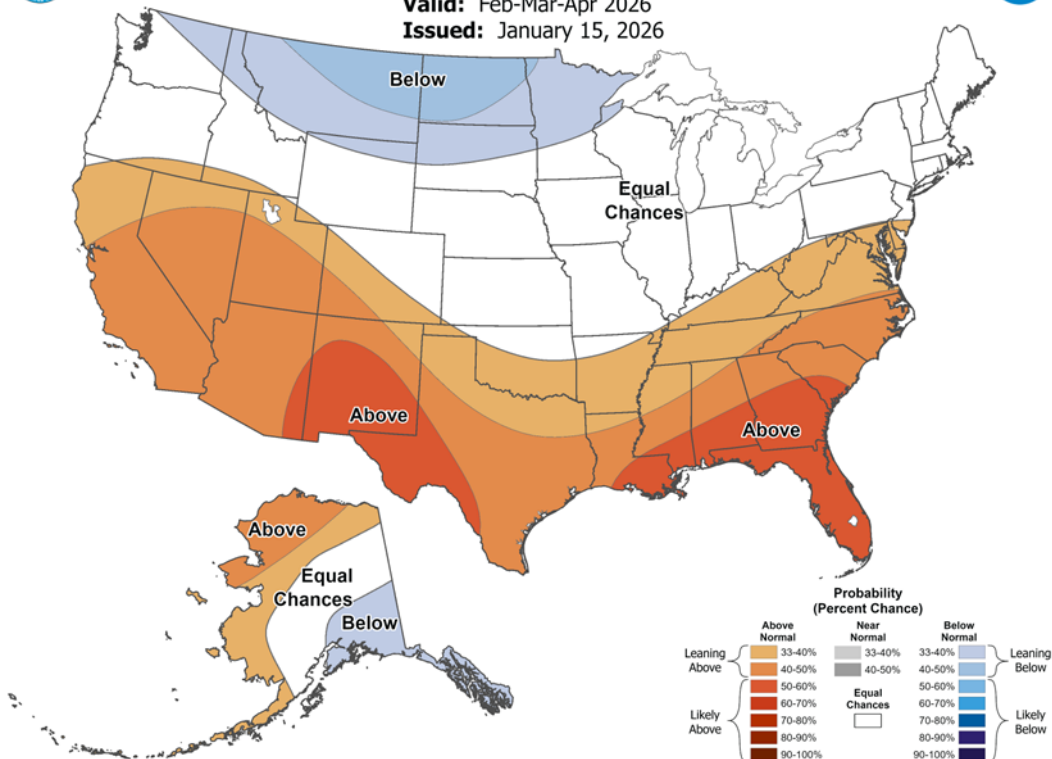
## Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Feb-Mar-Apr 2026  
Issued: January 15, 2026



## Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: Feb-Mar-Apr 2026  
Issued: January 15, 2026





Data is current as of 2/27/2026.



## Buckman Direct Diversion Monthly Native and SJC Diversions (ac-ft)

	Total Diverted	Total Native Diverted	County Native Rio Grande Diversions				TCLC Native Rio Grande Diversion			San Juan-Chama Diversions			
			Total County Native Diverted	County Native SP-4842	County Native SP-4842-A	County Native RG-20516 et al. into SP-C	County Native RG-20516 et al. into SP-A & B	Total TCLC Native Diverted	TCLC Native SP-4842-A	TCLC Native RG-20516 et al. into SP-4842-A	Total SJC Diverted	City SJC SP-2847-E Diverted	County SJC SP-2847-E Diverted
2026 Jan	496,024	380,983	380,983	380,983	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	115,041	115,041	0.000	0.000
Feb	361,474	251,035	251,035	251,035	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	110,440	110,440	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>857,498</b>	<b>632,017</b>	<b>632,017</b>	<b>632,017</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>225,481</b>	<b>225,481</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Max Allowable</b>		<b>2,440,368</b>	<b>2,224,234</b>	<b>1,358,530</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>372,384</b>	<b>493,320</b>	<b>146,330</b>	<b>69,804</b>	<b>7,454,125</b>	<b>6,406,750</b>	<b>459,375</b>	<b>588,000</b>
<b>Remaining</b>		<b>1,808,351</b>	<b>1,592,217</b>	<b>726,513</b>	<b>372,384</b>	<b>372,384</b>	<b>493,320</b>	<b>146,330</b>	<b>69,804</b>	<b>7,228,644</b>	<b>6,181,269</b>	<b>459,375</b>	<b>588,000</b>

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2025 Jan	326.141	123.689	123.689	123.689	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	202.453	202.453	0.000	0.000
Feb	313.427	28.205	28.205	28.205	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	285.223	285.223	0.000	0.000
Mar	563.860	257.038	257.038	257.038	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	306.823	306.823	0.000	0.000
Apr	677.035	471.649	471.649	471.649	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	205.388	205.388	0.000	0.000
May	918.542	292.560	292.560	292.560	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	625.983	625.983	0.000	0.000
Jun	754.206	62.214	62.214	62.214	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	691.993	691.993	0.000	0.000
Jul	748.447	35.193	35.193	35.193	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	713.256	713.256	0.000	0.000
Aug	446.168	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	446.169	446.169	0.000	0.000
Sep	418.331	65.790	65.790	65.790	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	352.542	352.542	0.000	0.000
Oct	304.622	148.107	148.107	148.107	0.000	0.000	125.915	0.000	0.000	0.000	156.516	156.516	0.000	0.000
Nov	301.012	282.448	282.448	282.448	0.000	0.000	246.469	35.979	0.000	0.000	18.565	0.000	0.000	18.565
Dec	425.163	425.164	425.164	425.164	0.000	0.000	0.000	425.164	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,196.954</b>	<b>2,192.057</b>	<b>2,192.057</b>	<b>2,192.057</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>372.384</b>	<b>461.143</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>4,004.911</b>	<b>3,986.345</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>18.565</b>
<b>Max Allowable</b>		<b>2,440.368</b>	<b>2,224.234</b>	<b>1,358.530</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>1,358.530</b>	<b>372.384</b>	<b>493.320</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>216.134</b>	<b>7,362.500</b>	<b>6,407.000</b>	<b>367.500</b>	<b>588.000</b>
<b>Remaining</b>		<b>248.311</b>	<b>32.177</b>					<b>32.177</b>		<b>146.330</b>	<b>3,357.589</b>	<b>2,420.655</b>	<b>367.500</b>	<b>569.435</b>

Projected Diversions (ac-ft)

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SJC in Storage as of Thursday, January 1, 2026 (ac-ft)

City SJC in Storage		TCLC SJC in Storage
County SJC in Storage	10,558	1,003
		1,109

