

Boise River Basin



Water Rights 101

1) Diversion:



2) Beneficial Use: To satisfy the Water Right



Two Kinds of Water Rights

- **Natural Flows (River):**



- **Storage:**



Natural Flows (River Flows)



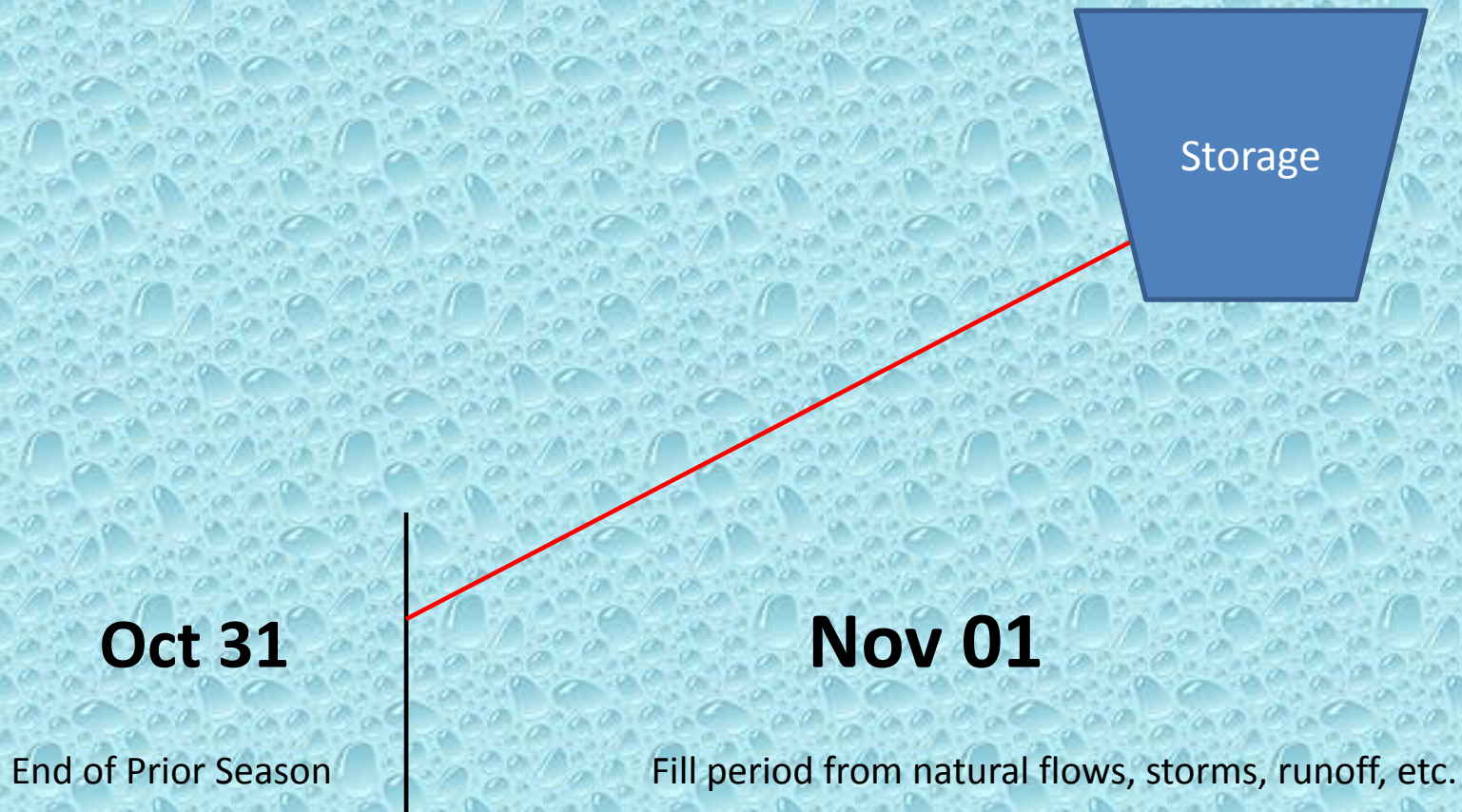
Storage




Boise Valley's 3 Reservoir System



Irrigation Year Timeline



Flood Control Agreement

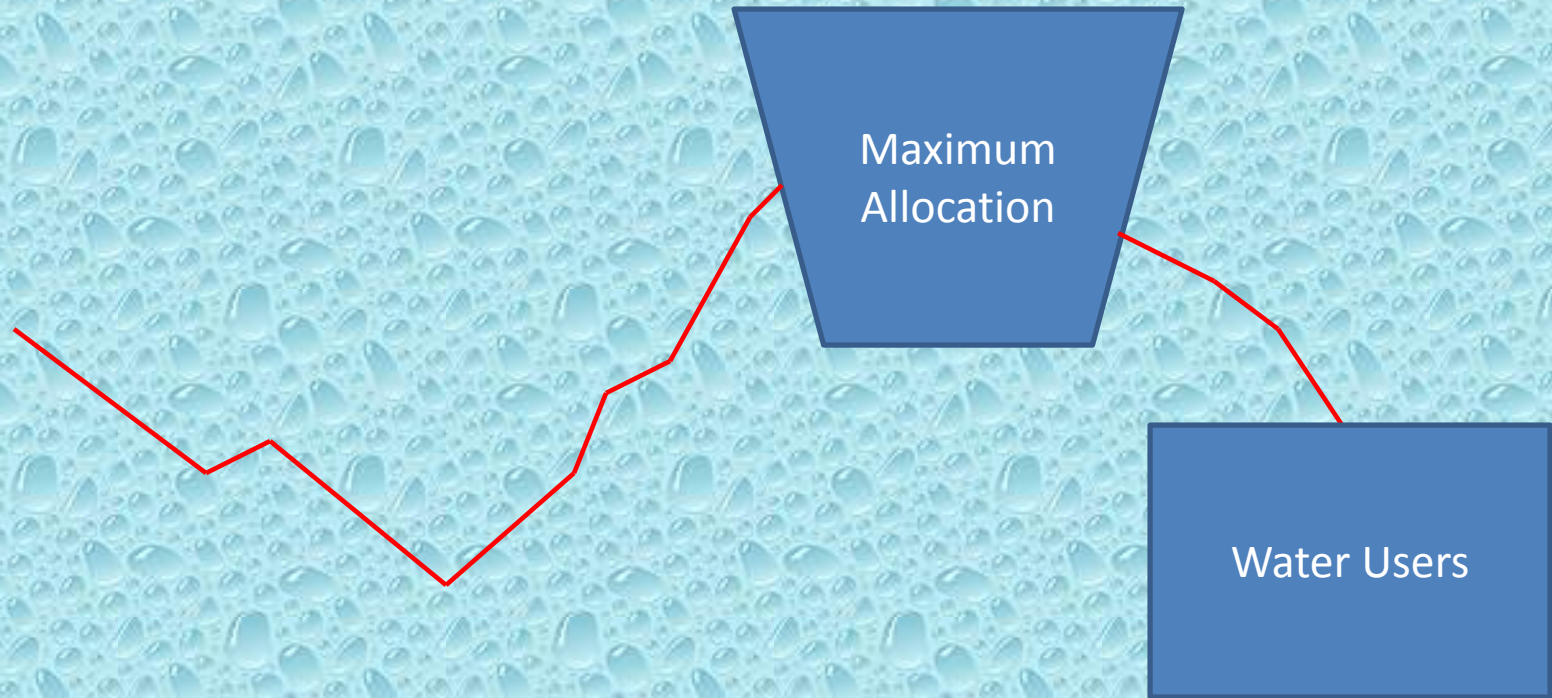


A minimum
of 300,000
acre feet of
free space

January - June

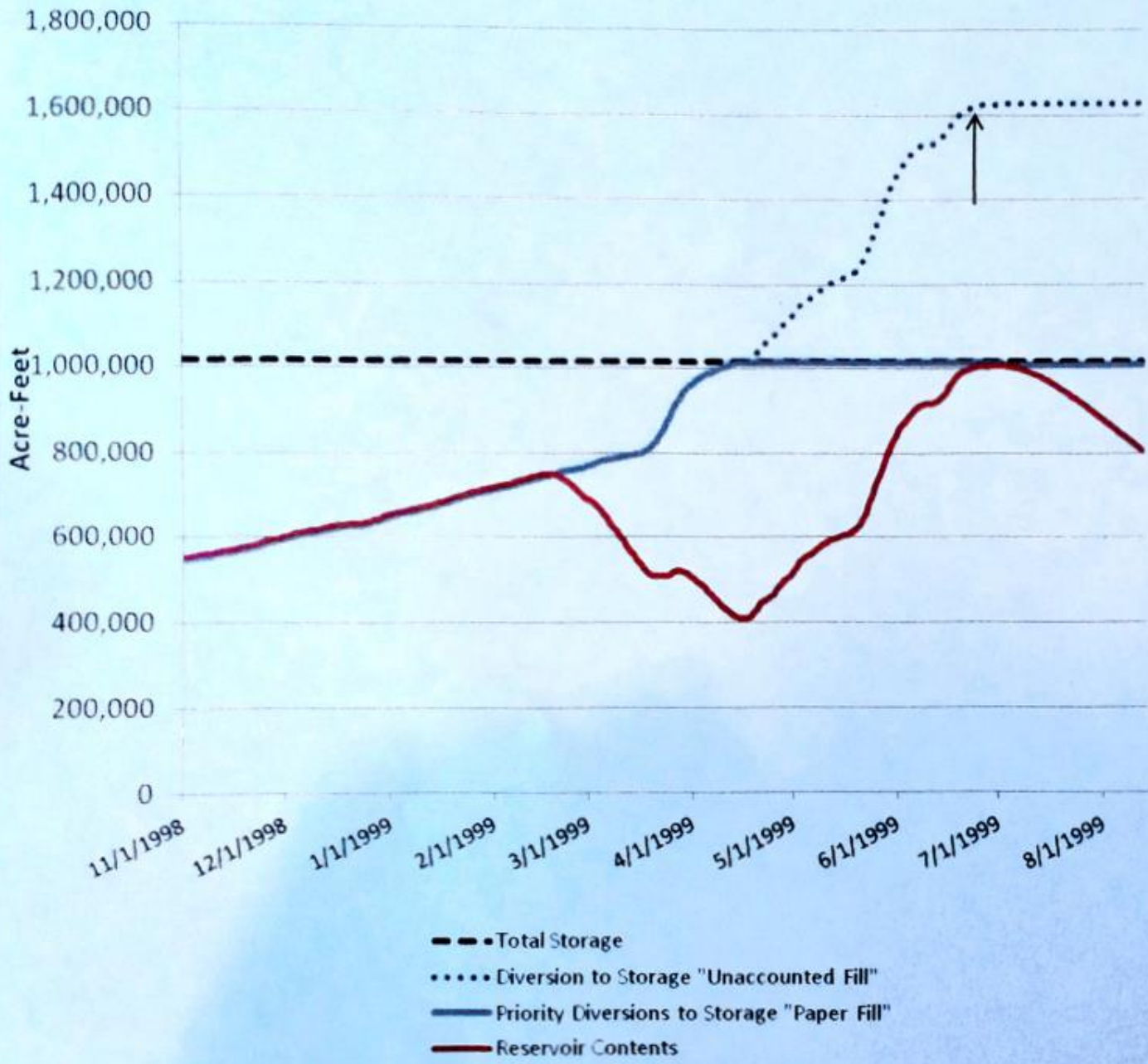
Per 1953 Agreement with Army Corps of Engineers

Backfill, Delayed Fill "Refill"



April – October 31

Fill of Reservoirs and Allocation of Water to Fulfill Water Right Demands



- **Nov. 1** Accounting fill equals physical contents.
- **Feb 17** Flood control begins.
- **April 14** Reservoirs filled by accounting.
- **April 16** Minimum reservoir physical contents.
- **April 17** Begin physical fill.
- **July 3** Day of maximum physical fill.
- **July 4** Day of allocation.

3 Ways to Resolve the Issue

- **Settlement Agreement with IDWR:**
- **Legislation (2015 Session):**
- **Litigation: Late Claims/Contested Case**



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