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El Nino Preparedness & Coordination

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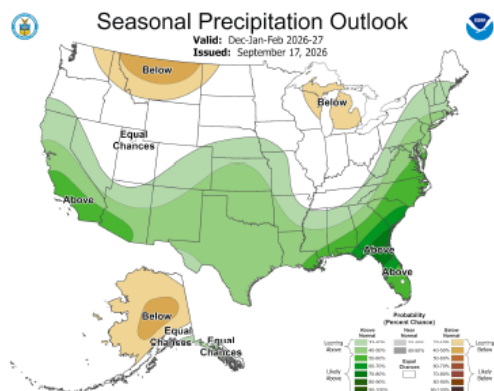


El Nino in CA

NOAA Mid-September Update

What is the Forecast for 2026-2027?

- A strong El Niño is strengthening in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.
- There is a very high likelihood (98% chance) of a very strong El Niño event through the fall and winter.
- There is a high likelihood (75% chance) of a historic event that would exceed the strength of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950.
- Stronger El Niño events can more significantly tilt the odds in favor of expected outcomes but even very strong El Niño events do not lead to the expected impact everywhere.



Why the concern?

- Enhanced heavy rainfall
- Landslides and debris flows
- Erosion and storm surge

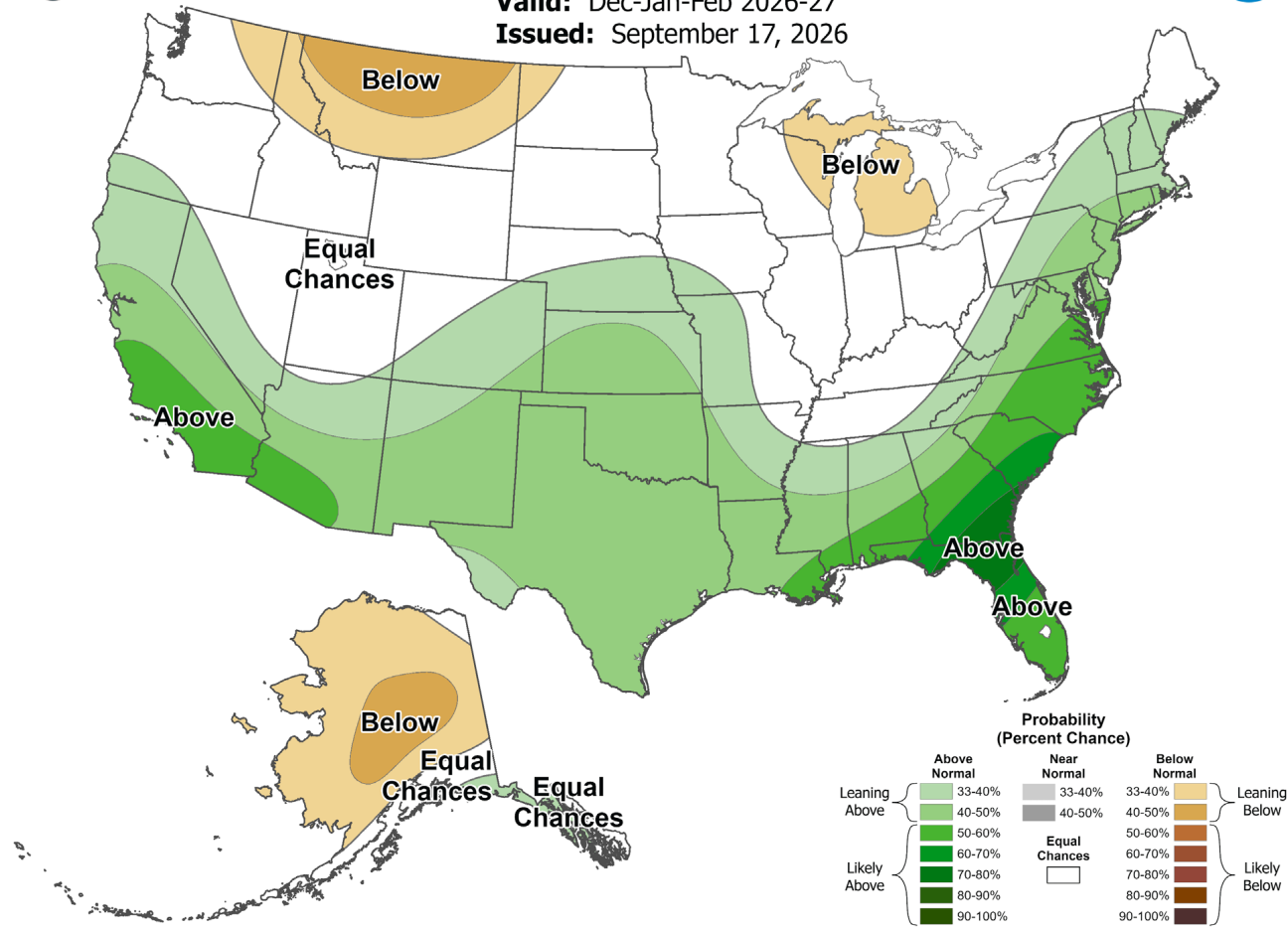




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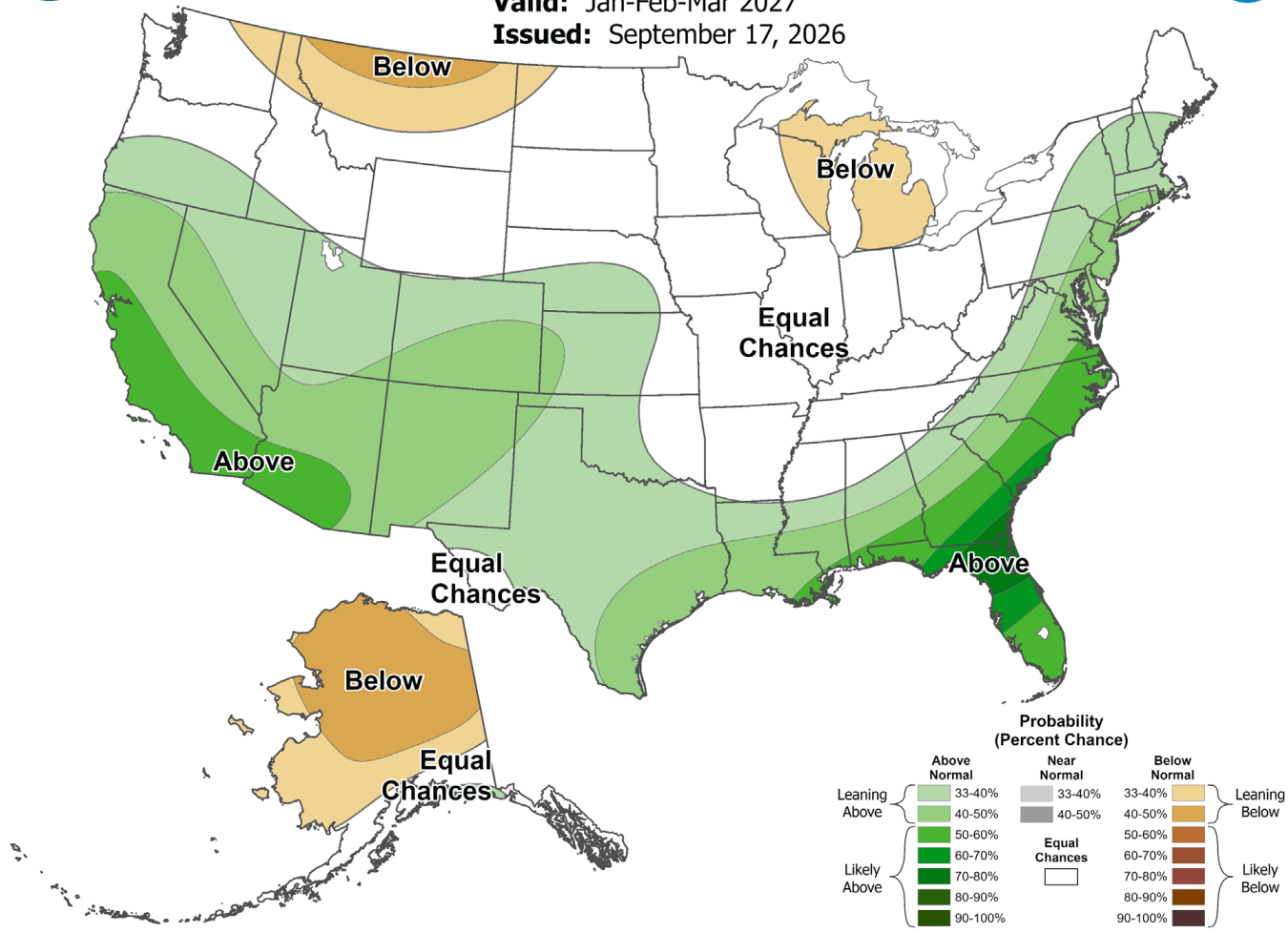
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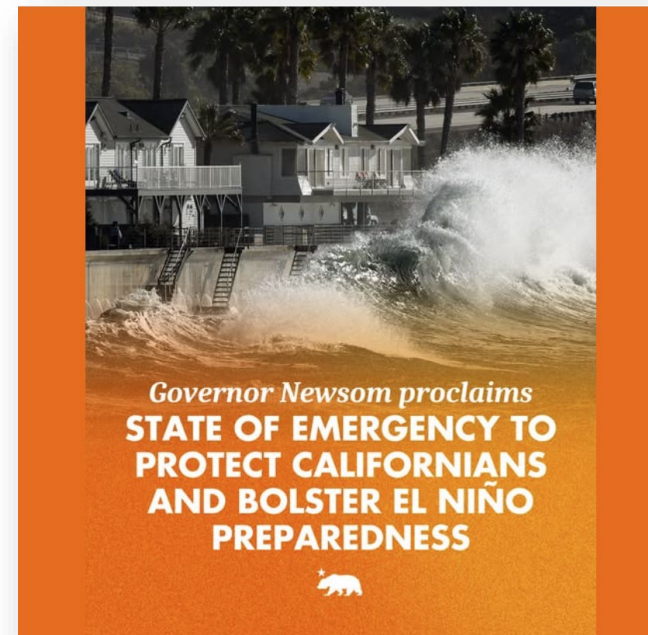
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9/21 Governor's Proclamation

- Focused on State resources
- Stockpiling and pre-positioning equipment
- CANG Preparing for flood fighting, SAR, response support
- Permitting support

Sonoma County's Preparedness

- County Board Proclamation & Resolution
- 30-day risk review and action planning
- Enhanced state of preparedness and coordination



Sonoma Water's Preparedness & Coordination with Water Contractors

Sonoma Water's Preparedness

- Updated SOPs and responses practices
- Risk Review, Site Assessments, and Action Planning in coordination with County – looking across all enterprises
- Resources acquisition and staging
- Staff preparedness and training
- Specific communications and engagement activities
- Enhanced coordination with DEM

Coordination with Water Contractors

- Regular updates and information sharing through Emergency Training & Coordination Committee
- Will convene operational group when we experience disruptive events
- Will promote and support CalWARN within our region and outside



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