COLORADO
WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE

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January 1, 2022

The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is used as an indicator of water supply conditions in the seven major river basins of the state and in each of the 41 smaller watersheds, or HUCs. The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) completed a major revision to the Colorado Drought Plan in 2010. At that time, Colorado adopted a revised SWSI analysis based on the components shown below, which vary depending on the time of year. The revised SWSI is based on a ranking of total volume in a HUC or major river basin ranked against similar volumes in historical years. For instance, in January, the total volume in a HUC is based on the forecasted runoff at specific locations plus the volume in storage in specific reservoirs, all within the HUC. That total volume is ranked against similar total volumes that occurred each January between 1980 and 2020.

Time Period	SWSI Components
January 1 – June 1	**Forecasted Runoff + Reservoir Storage**
July 1 – September 1	Previous Month's Streamflow + Reservoir Storage
October 1 – December 1	Reservoir Storage

In 2015, CWCB and the Division of Water Resources (DWR) (both Divisions of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources) completed a software project to implement an automated calculation of the SWSI and to document the underlying hydrologic data. July 1, 2015 was the first month that the automated DNR SWSI was published. The results of each month's analysis are summarized within this report and additional information, maps & data are available at: https://dwr.colorado.gov/services/water-administration/drought-and-swsi. This report also contains updates about current regional conditions and water matters prepared by each DWR Division Office.

The SWSI calculation for the winter/spring season (January 1 to June 1) is based on reservoir storage at the end of last month, in this case December 31, plus the forecasted streamflow runoff volume for the runoff season (April through September in most basins). The following SWSI values were computed for each of the seven major basins for January 1, 2022. Water supply conditions, as represented by water in storage and forecasted streamflow runoff, range from normal in the Colorado, Yampa-White and Rio Grande Basins to below normal in the Arkansas, Gunnison, San Juan-Dolores and South Platte River Basins.

Basin	January 1 SWSI	Change from Previous Month	Change from Previous Year
Arkansas	-1.3	-0.3	0.0
Colorado	1.4	4.4	4.0
Gunnison	-0.4	3.7	2.5
Rio Grande	0.1	-0.8	1.0
San Juan-Dolores	-0.8	1.9	2.0
South Platte	-0.4	0.2	1.7
Yampa-White	0.9	2.3	2.6

SWSI Scale

-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
Severe Drought		Moderate Drought		Near Normal Supply		Above Normal Supply		Abundant Supply

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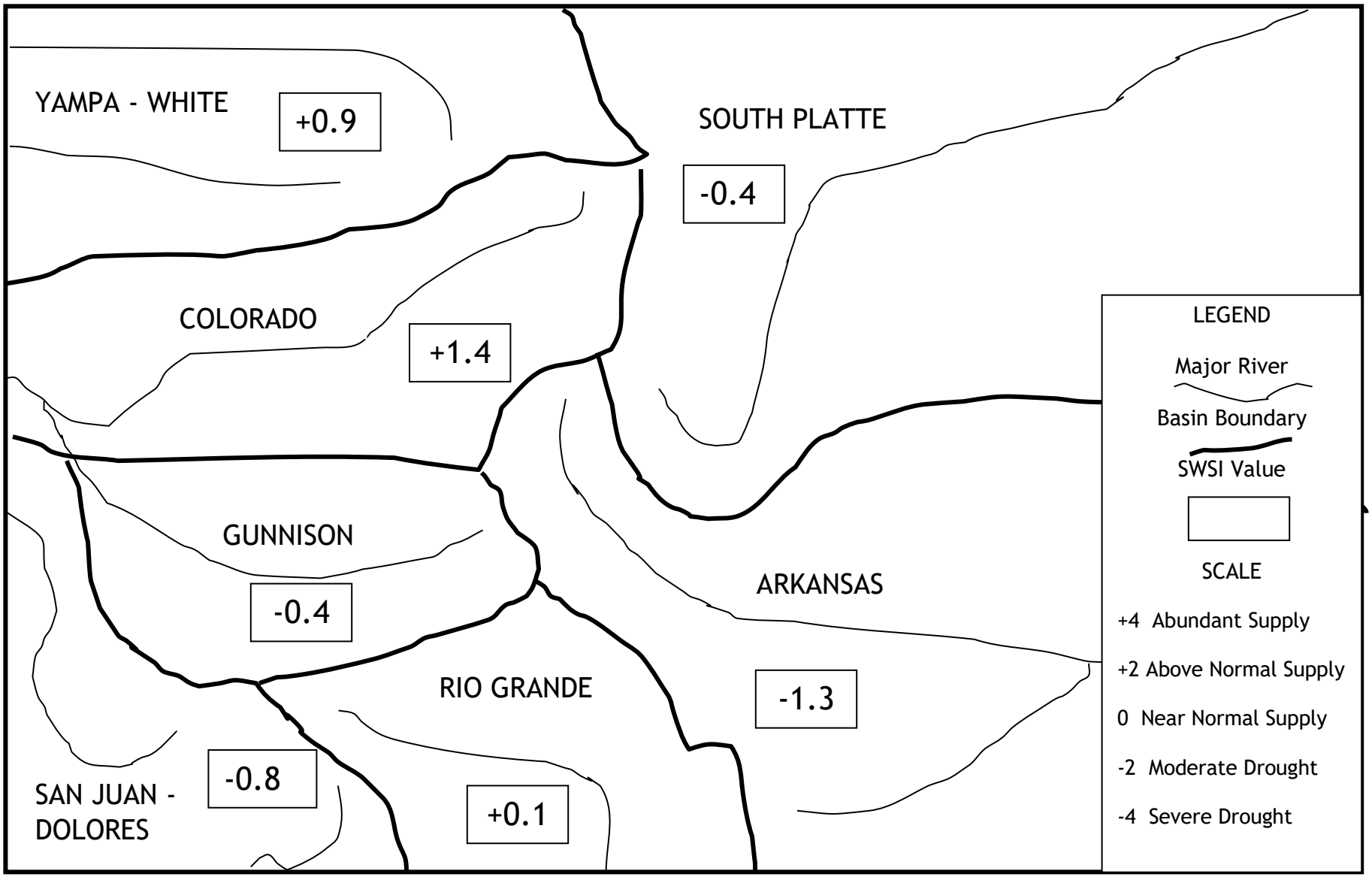

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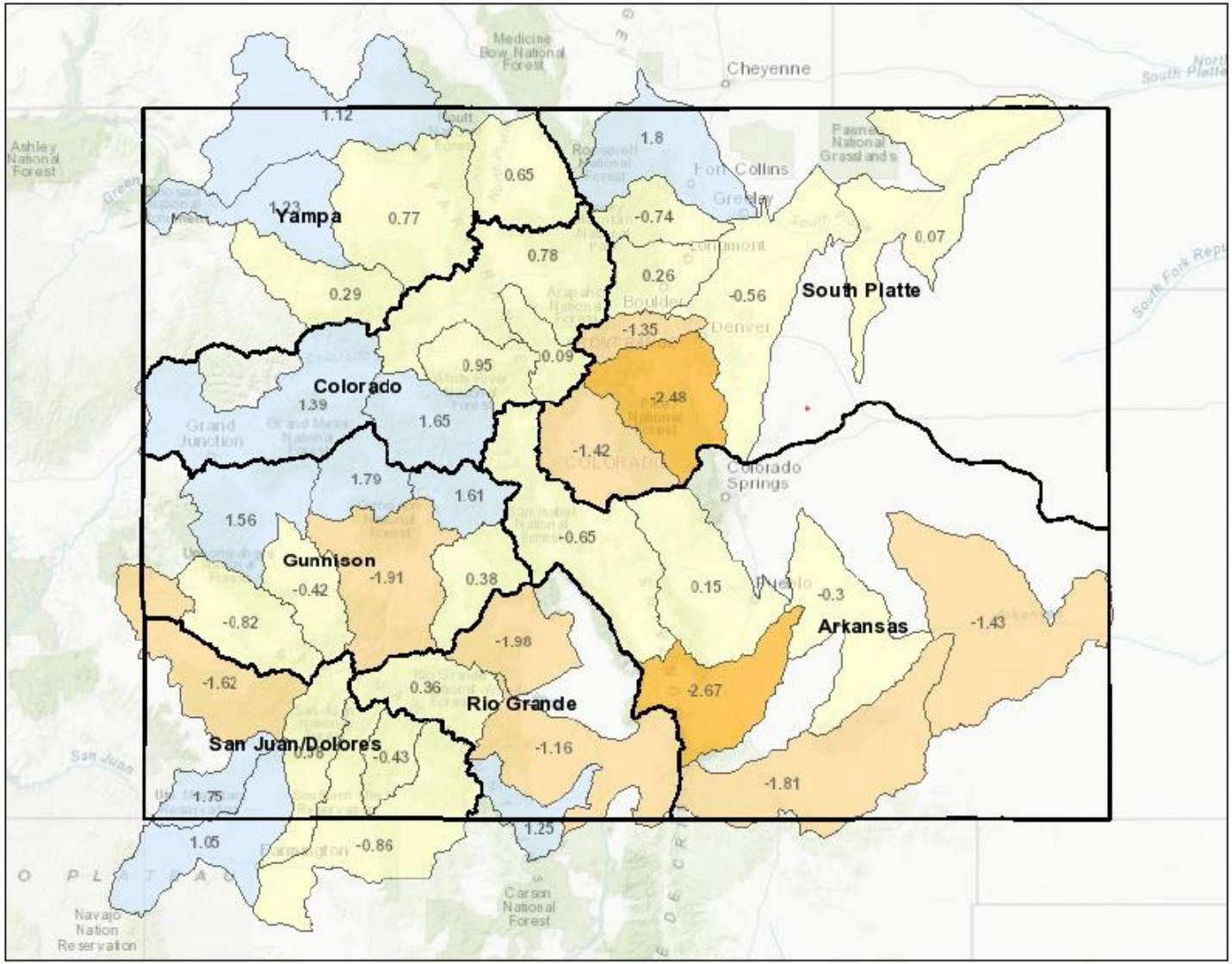

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SWSI - Current Report

- SWSI Not Applicable (-99.99)
- Extremely Dry (-3.0 to -4.2)
- Moderately Dry (-2.0 to -2.9)
- Slightly Dry (-1.0 to -1.9)
- Near Average (-0.9 to 0.9)
- Slightly Wet (1.0 to 1.9)
- Moderately Wet (2.0 to 2.9)
- Extremely Wet (3.0 to 4.2)
- Water Division

Location

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January 1, 2022 SWSI Values by HUC and Non Exceedance Probabilities (NEP)

Basin	HUC ID	HUC Name	SWSI	Reservoir Storage NEP	Forecast Flow NEP	Total Vol (AF)
Arkansas	11020006	Huerfano	-2.67	18	23	13,100
	11020010	Purgatoire	-1.82	61	29	46,577
	11020005	Upper Arkansas-Lake Meredith	-0.31	29	49	362,843
	11020001	Arkansas Headwaters	-0.66	19	56	393,465
	11020009	Upper Arkansas-John Martin Reservoir	-1.43	28	44	424,083
	11020002	Upper Arkansas	0.16	50	51	524,100
Colorado	14010002	Blue	0.09	13	53	338,159
	14010003	Eagle	0.95	N/A	61	345,000
	14010004	Roaring Fork	1.65	4	71	858,129
	14010001	Colorado Headwaters	0.78	46	61	1,523,720
	14010005	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	1.39	8	67	2,514,661
Gunnison	14020003	Tomichi	0.38	44	55	66,104
	14030003	San Miguel	-0.83	N/A	40	110,000
	14020006	Uncompahgre	-0.43	45	40	179,584
	14020004	North Fork Gunnison	1.80	6	72	345,542
	14020001	East-Taylor	1.61	16	71	400,693
	14020002	Upper Gunnison	-1.91	1	60	1,197,460
	14020005	Lower Gunnison	1.57	N/A	69	1,640,000
Rio Grande	13010004	Saguache	-1.99	N/A	26	21,000
	13010002	Alamosa-Trinchera	-1.17	55	35	103,078
	13010005	Conejos	1.26	29	69	244,292
	13010001	Rio Grande Headwaters	0.36	77	52	544,458
San Juan-Dolores	14080105	Middle San Juan	1.05	91	62	22,245
	14080107	Mancos	1.75	43	74	34,072
	14080102	Piedra	-0.44	N/A	45	170,000
	14030002	Upper Dolores	-1.63	17	57	434,090
	14080104	Animas	0.58	22	57	478,246
	14080101	Upper San Juan	-0.87	5	50	551,205
South Platte	10190004	Clear	-1.36	N/A	34	94,000
	10190001	South Platte Headwater	-1.43	40	31	189,100
	10190005	St. Vrain	0.27	71	49	235,863
	10190002	Upper South Platte	-2.48	11	21	380,066
	10190007	Cache La Poudre	1.81	91	67	440,563
	10190006	Big Thompson	-0.74	42	64	510,188
	10190003	Middle South Platte-Cherry Creek	-0.56	6	49	809,733
	10190012	Middle South Platte-Sterling	0.07	45	49	907,668
Yampa-White	10180001	North Platte Headwaters	0.65	N/A	58	250,000
	14050005	Upper White	0.29	N/A	53	280,000
	14050003	Little Snake	1.12	N/A	63	410,000
	14050001	Upper Yampa	0.78	30	60	799,803
	14050002	Lower Yampa	1.23	N/A	65	1,110,000

NEP is non exceedance probability for total reservoir storage and streamflow forecast in HUC. Some HUCs do not have any reservoirs considered in the SWSI and are shown as "N/A". Total Vol is the volume of reservoir storage in the HUC plus the streamflow forecast. NEP is calculated compared to the volume historically occurring this month during the period 1980-2020. The following table lists each component considered in each HUC.

SWSI Color Scale: -4.0 (Severe Drought) | 0.0 (Normal) | 4.0 (Abundant Supply)

January 1, 2022 SWSI Component Information -Streamflow Forecast & Reservoir Storage - By HUC

HUC ID	HUC Name	Component Name	Component Volume (AF)	Component NEP by Month
11020001	Arkansas Headwaters	CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR	6,635	34
		HOMESTAKE RESERVOIR	29,048	39
		TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR	38,588	27
		TURQUOISE LAKE	74,194	17
		ARKANSAS RIVER AT SALIDA	245,000	56
11020006	Huerfano	CUCHARAS RESERVOIR*	0	18
		HUERFANO RIVER NEAR REDWING	6,500	27
		CUCHARAS RIVER AT BOYD RANCH NR LA VETA	6,600	28
11020010	Purgatoire	TRINIDAD LAKE	21,577	61
		PURGATOIRE RIVER AT TRINIDAD	25,000	29
11020002	Upper Arkansas	PUEBLO RESERVOIR	189,100	50
		PUEBLO RESERVOIR INFLOW	335,000	51
11020009	Upper Arkansas-John Martin Reservoir	HUERFANO RIVER NEAR REDWING	6,500	27
		CUCHARAS RIVER AT BOYD RANCH NR LA VETA	6,600	28
		PURGATOIRE RIVER AT TRINIDAD	25,000	29
		ADOBE CREEK RESERVOIR	25,038	48
		JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR	25,945	11
		PUEBLO RESERVOIR INFLOW	335,000	51
11020005	Upper Arkansas-Lake Meredith	LAKE HENRY	5,498	82
		HUERFANO RIVER NEAR REDWING	6,500	27
		CUCHARAS RIVER AT BOYD RANCH NR LA VETA	6,600	28
		MEREDITH RESERVOIR	9,245	27
		PUEBLO RESERVOIR INFLOW	335,000	51
14010002	Blue	GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR	58,159	13
		BLUE RIVER INFLOW TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RES	280,000	53
14010001	Colorado Headwaters	WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR	31,220	47
		WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR	62,500	28
		COLORADO RIVER NEAR DOTSERO	1,430,000	61
14010005	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	VEGA RESERVOIR	4,661	8
		COLORADO RIVER NEAR CAMEO	2,510,000	67
14010003	Eagle	EAGLE RIVER BELOW GYPSUM	345,000	61
14010004	Roaring Fork	RUEDI RESERVOIR	58,129	4
		ROARING FORK AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS	800,000	71
14020001	East-Taylor	TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR	58,693	16
		TAYLOR R INF TO TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR	107,000	58
		EAST RIVER AT ALMONT	235,000	71
14020005	Lower Gunnison	GUNNISON RIVER NR GRAND JUNCTION	1,640,000	69
14020004	North Fork Gunnison	PAONIA RESERVOIR	542	6
		NORTH FORK GUNNISON R NR SOMERSET	345,000	72
14030003	San Miguel	SAN MIGUEL RIVER NEAR PLACERVILLE	110,000	40
14020003	Tomichi	VOUGA RESERVOIR NEAR DOYLEVILLE	104	44
		TOMICHI CREEK AT GUNNISON, CO	66,000	55

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14020006	Uncompahgre	RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR	64,584	45
		UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER AT COLONA	115,000	40
14020002	Upper Gunnison	FRUITLAND RESERVOIR	990	70
		SILVER JACK RESERVOIR	1,080	5
		CRAWFORD RESERVOIR	1,804	6
		MORROW POINT RESERVOIR	105,712	2
		LAKE FORK AT GATEVIEW, CO	112,000	42
		BLUE MESA RESERVOIR	230,874	1
		GUNNISON R INF TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR	745,000	62
13010002	Alamosa-Trinchera	SANGRE DE CRISTO	2,600	15
		MOUNTAIN HOME	3,689	73
		TERRACE RESERVOIR	3,789	26
		TRINCHERA CK	3,800	8
		UTE CREEK	4,000	8
		CULEBRA CREEK AT SAN LUIS	6,200	8
		ALAMOSA CREEK ABOVE TERRACE RESERVOIR	79,000	64
13010005	Conejos	PLATORO RESERVOIR	14,292	29
		CONEJOS RIVER NEAR MOGOTE	230,000	69
13010001	Rio Grande Headwaters	CONTINENTAL RESERVOIR	9,209	87
		SANTA MARIA RESERVOIR	12,072	65
		RIO GRANDE RESERVOIR	18,177	62
		RIO GRANDE NEAR DEL NORTE	505,000	52
13010004	Saguache	SAGUACHE CREEK NEAR SAGUACHE, CO	21,000	26
14080104	Animas	LEMON RESERVOIR	13,246	22
		FLORIDA RIVER INFLOW TO LEMON RESERVOIR	50,000	57
		ANIMAS RIVER AT DURANGO	415,000	58
14080107	Mancos	JACKSON GULCH RESERVOIR	4,072	43
		MANCOS RIVER NEAR MANCOS	30,000	74
14080105	Middle San Juan	LONG HOLLOW RESERVOIR	245	91
		LA PLATA RIVER AT HESPERUS	22,000	62
14080102	Piedra	PIEDRA RIVER NEAR ARBOLES	170,000	45
14030002	Upper Dolores	GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR	4,300	13
		MCPHEE RESERVOIR	164,790	18
		DOLORES RIVER BELOW MCPHEE RESERVOIR	265,000	57
14080101	Upper San Juan	VALLECITO RESERVOIR	35,205	5
		LOS PINOS RIVER NEAR BAYFIELD	161,000	39
		SAN JUAN RIVER NEAR CARRACAS	355,000	53
10190006	Big Thompson	MARIANO RESERVOIR	2,300	32
		WILLOW CREEK RESERVOIR	5,436	11
		LAKE LOVELAND RESERVOIR	5,500	28
		LONE TREE RESERVOIR	6,000	50
		BOYD LAKE	28,700	45
		CARTER LAKE	70,539	56
		BIG THOMPSON R AT MOUTH, NR DRAKE, CO	97,000	64
		LAKE GRANBY	294,713	42

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10190007	Cache La Poudre	BLACK HOLLOW RESERVOIR	3,544	84
		HALLIGAN RESERVOIR	4,014	53
		CACHE LA POUDRE	4,082	20
		CHAMBERS LAKE	4,797	75
		FOSSIL CREEK RESERVOIR	7,107	50
		WINDSOR RESERVOIR	9,056	23
		COBB LAKE	17,786	68
		HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR	125,177	93
		CACHE LA POUDRE R AT CANYON MOUTH	265,000	67
10190004	Clear Creek	CLEAR CREEK AT GOLDEN	94,000	34
10190003	Middle South Platte-Cherry Creek	HORSECREEK RESERVOIR	1,600	12
		MILTON RESERVOIR	4,935	12
		BARR LAKE	16,498	17
		STANDLEY RESERVOIR	34,700	35
		SOUTH BOULDER CK NR ELDORADO SPRINGS, CO	35,000	39
		BOULDER CREEK NEAR ORODELL	52,000	47
		SAINT VRAIN CREEK AT LYONS	91,000	58
		CLEAR CREEK AT GOLDEN	94,000	34
		BIG THOMPSON R AT MOUTH, NR DRAKE, CO	97,000	64
		SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AT SOUTH PLATTE	118,000	21
		CACHE LA POUDRE R AT CANYON MOUTH	265,000	67
10190012	Middle South Platte-Sterling	JULESBURG RESERVOIR	15,839	11
		PREWITT RESERVOIR	21,400	90
		POINT OF ROCKS RESERVOIR	23,400	4
		JACKSON LAKE RESERVOIR	23,420	58
		EMPIRE RESERVOIR	26,018	65
		SOUTH BOULDER CK NR ELDORADO SPRINGS, CO	35,000	39
		RIVERSIDE RESERVOIR	45,591	83
		BOULDER CREEK NEAR ORODELL	52,000	47
		SAINT VRAIN CREEK AT LYONS	91,000	58
		CLEAR CREEK AT GOLDEN	94,000	34
		BIG THOMPSON R AT MOUTH, NR DRAKE, CO	97,000	64
		SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AT SOUTH PLATTE	118,000	21
		CACHE LA POUDRE R AT CANYON MOUTH	265,000	67
10190001	South Platte Headwater	ANTERO RESERVOIR	20,200	99
		SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR	26,800	23
		ELEVENMILE CANYON RESV INFLOW	43,000	31
		ELEVENMILE CANYON RESERVOIR	99,100	31
10190005	St. Vrain	MARSHALL RESERVOIR	4,300	20
		TERRY RESERVOIR	5,857	80
		BUTTONROCK (RALPH PRICE) RESERVOIR	12,162	12
		UNION RESERVOIR	12,644	98
		GROSS RESERVOIR	22,900	81
		SOUTH BOULDER CK NR ELDORADO SPRINGS, CO	35,000	39
		BOULDER CREEK NEAR ORODELL	52,000	47
		SAINT VRAIN CREEK AT LYONS	91,000	58

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10190002	Upper South Platte	CHEESMAN LAKE	70,366	67
		SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AT SOUTH PLATTE	118,000	21
		DILLON RESERVOIR	191,700	11
14050003	Little Snake	LITTLE SNAKE RIVER NEAR LILY	410,000	63
14050002	Lower Yampa	YAMPA RIVER NEAR MAYBELL	1,110,000	65
10180001	North Platte Headwaters	NORTH PLATTE R NR NORTHGATE	250,000	58
14050005	Upper White	WHITE RIVER NEAR MEEKER	280,000	54
14050001	Upper Yampa	YAMCOLO RESERVOIR	3,303	7
		STAGECOACH RESERVOIR NR OAK CREEK	27,500	33
		ELKHEAD CREEK ABOVE LONG GULCH	89,000	71
		YAMPA RIVER AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	280,000	58
		ELK RIVER NEAR MILNER, CO	400,000	67

NEP is non exceedance probability for volume of the component compared to this month during the historical period 1980-2020.

*No longer exists

Water Volume NEP Color Scale: 0 (Well Below Normal) | 50 (Normal) | 100 (Well Above Normal)

Basinwide Conditions Assessment

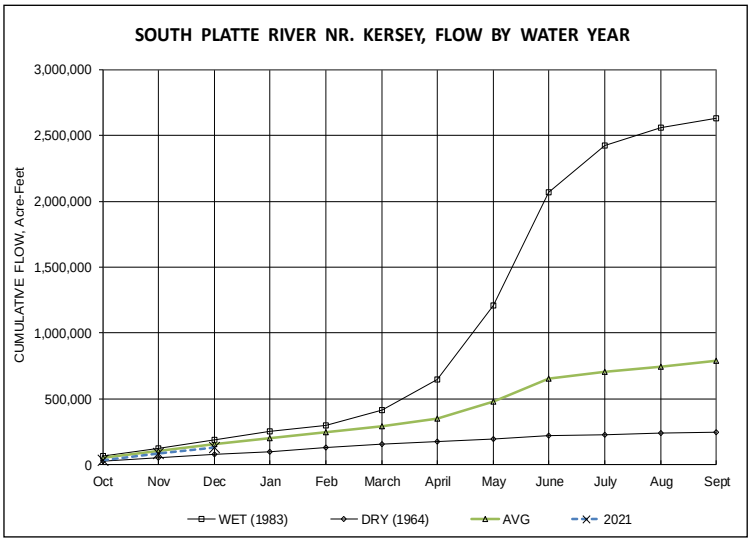
The SWSI value for the month was -0.4.

The trend of above average precipitation throughout the mountainous and foothill regions of the basin that was much welcomed in mid-December continued into January in the South Platte River Basin. The South Platte River basin in northeastern Colorado experienced 135% of average precipitation in the mountainous and foothill regions and slightly above 100% on the eastern plains for the month of January. Temperatures throughout the basin were approximately 2-3 degrees Fahrenheit below average in the mountainous and foothill regions with near average temperatures on the eastern plains, as reported by NOAA compared to the 1981-2010 period of record. . As a result, the USDA South Platte Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary indicates that the basin total snowpack was near 108% of average at the end of January, with regions north of the Boulder Creek drainage basin above average and areas south below average.

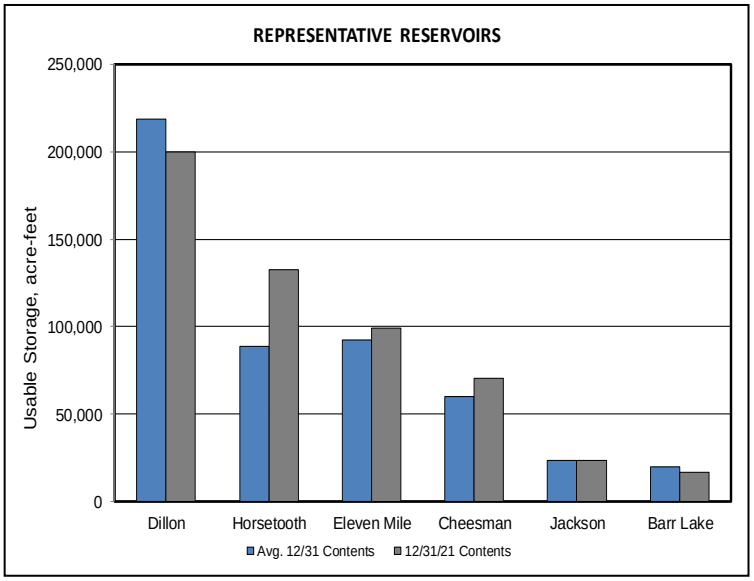
The USDA NRCS Colorado Streamflow Forecasts Summary for February 1, 2022 projects streamflows right at the long term average (100% of average) throughout the basin, with Boulder Creek basin being the dividing line with areas north well above average and areas to the south below average projected stream flows throughout the South Platte drainage basin.

The long lasting trend of below average precipitation and above average temperatures experienced last summer into this winter still control the drought conditions of the landscapes of northeastern Colorado, even given the much sought snow arriving throughout the basin during the months of December through January. Drought conditions slightly reversed the trend of increasing severity during the month of January with improvements throughout much of the basin, however drought conditions persist throughout the entire basin. The month of January ended with better conditions but still experiencing basin wide drought conditions with a USDA Drought Monitor drought rating of DO (Abnormally Dry) and D1 (Moderate Drought) throughout the mountainous areas; a rating of D2 (Severe Drought) throughout the foothills and much of the easterly plains; and a portion of remaining rating of D3 (Extreme Drought) shrinking but remaining in portions of Weld, Morgan, Washington, Adams, Arapahoe and Elbert Counties.

The below average temperatures resulting in freezing conditions along with high demand for the filling of storage reservoirs throughout the basin, resulted in flows on the mainstem of the South Platte River basin below average. Flows at the Kersey gage downstream of the City of Greeley, were well below average with average daily flows for the month of January at approximately 377 cfs, 57% of the historic mean value of 662 cfs. The average daily flows at the Julesburg gage for the month of January were 266 cfs, only 50% of the historic mean value of 537 cfs. The demand for filling of depleted reservoirs throughout Division 1 and below average flows of native water in the rivers will continue the trend of below average flows throughout the winter into early spring prior to snowmelt runoff.

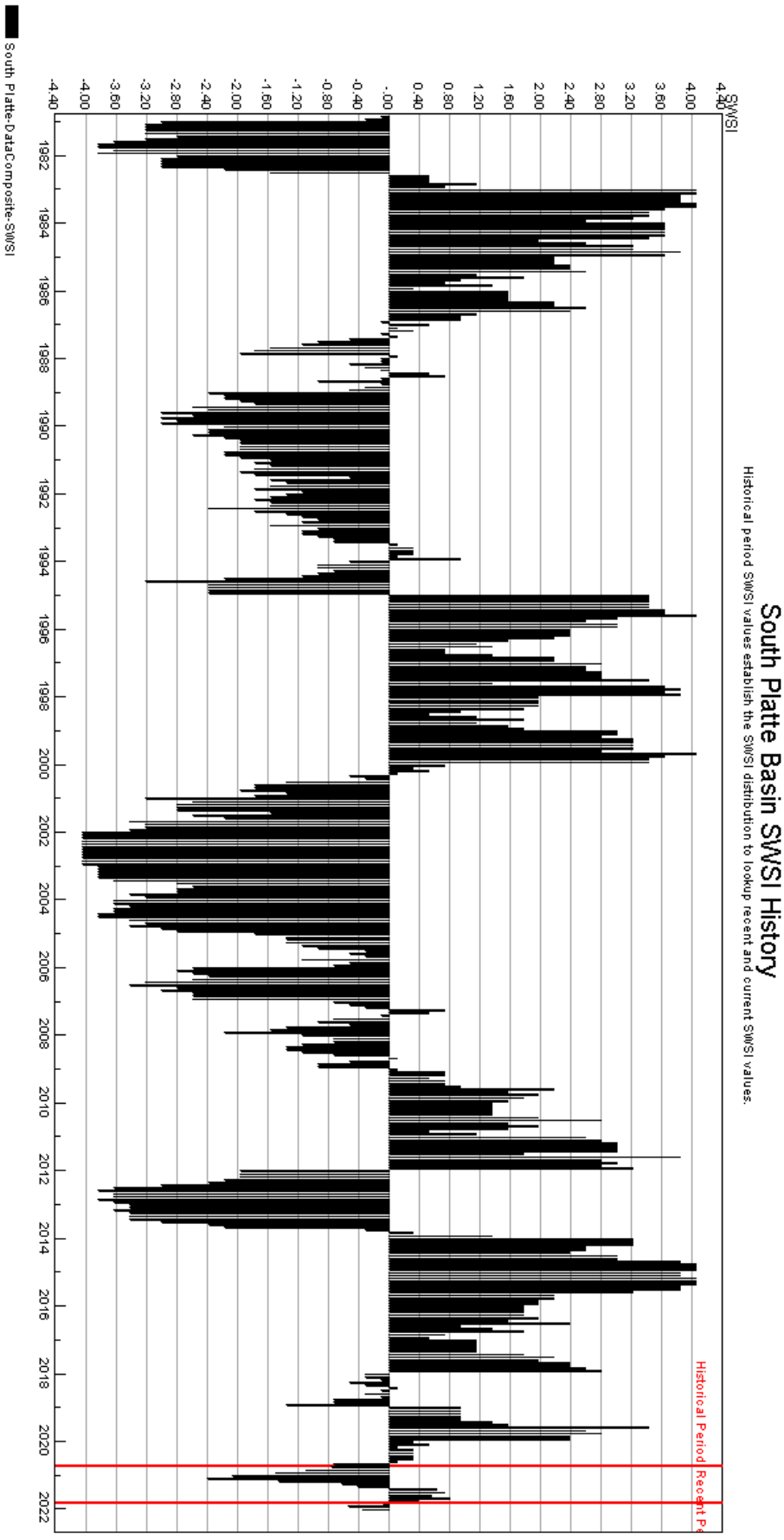


The month of January continued the reservoir filling season with senior reservoirs calling and filling in priority as water supply allows. The colder than average temperatures from late December through January has resulted in freezing conditions, slowing the fill of some reservoirs due to icing issues. Due to the freezing and icing conditions, the beginning of January only had a call placed at Chatfield Reservoir with a priority date of 1977, with no downstream calls placed on the South Platte River mainstem to the state line. Beginning on January 5th, a 1909 priority call at Burlington Canal, located near the City of Fort Lupton, began and continued throughout the month of January controlling the upper portion of the South Platte River basin. During January 20th through January 24th the 1909 Milton call was placed at the Riverside Reservoir diversion located downstream of the Town of Platteville. However, due to freezing conditions and Milton Reservoir reaching winter full conditions, no calls downstream of the Burlington Canal were placed during the last portion of the month of January. It is anticipated that as conditions allow, reservoirs will continue to fill in priority, with more junior reservoirs getting started in spring 2022 snowmelt runoff.



Reservoir storage levels throughout the South Platte River mainstem ended the month of January above the historical average at the 6 SWSI Representative Reservoirs (Dillon, Horsetooth, Eleven Mile, Cheeseman, Jackson, and Barr Lake) at 546,393 acre-feet volume, which is 106% of the long term average (1961-current). Additionally, 32 indexed reservoirs throughout Division 1 basin ended the month of January at 111% of the long term average with a storage volume of 873,325 acre-feet representing 77% of total full capacity for the reservoirs. This is slightly above the long term average of 69% of total full capacity for the end of January storage in the 32 indexed reservoirs throughout Division 1. The cold temperatures during the month of January slowed the filling of some reservoirs due to lower available native flows and operational challenges with infrastructure due to the freezing temperatures. However, the overall storage in the lower elevation reservoirs is well ahead of storage levels this time a year ago. Most tributary reservoirs continue to fill reservoirs with more senior priorities. It is anticipated that reservoirs will continue to fill in priority, with fairly senior calls throughout much of the winter into spring.

The temperature and precipitation outlook into March, April and May prepared by the National Weather Service, in northeastern Colorado indicates an 33-50% probability of above average temperatures and a 33-40% probability of below precipitation throughout the South Platte River Basin and Republican River Basin.



Basinwide Conditions Assessment

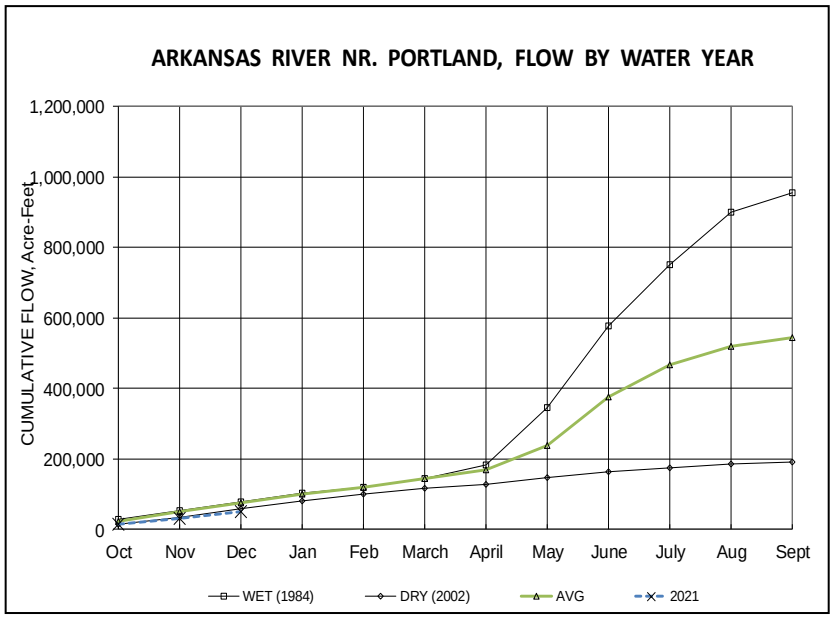
The SWSI value for the month was -1.3.

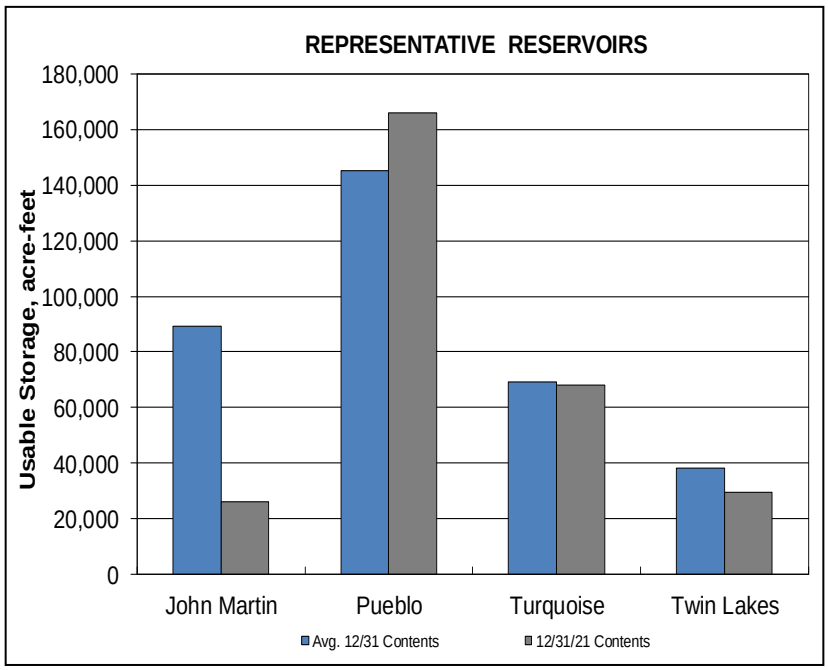
Outlook

The Pueblo Winter Water system grand total was 37,618 acre-feet at the end of December which was nearly identical to last year's storage at the end of December (37,616 ac-ft). The previous five-year average for this period is 53,967 acre-feet (~ -4,000 ac-ft change) and the 20-year average for this period has been 51,378 acre-feet (also a drop of about 4,000 ac-ft), indicating below average storage so far this year. Both the five-year average and the 20-year average dropped about 2,000 ac-ft in 2020. A further decrease of 4,000 ac-ft in a running average is concerning.

Conservation storage in John Martin Reservoir is about 41% *greater* than last year's storage at the end of December. Storage since November 1, 2021 was 7,260 acre-feet while storage a year ago for the same period was 4,286 acre-feet.

Snowpack for the basin is down to 86% of the median at the end of December compared to 103% last year. This is comparable now to the snowpack in 2021. The United State Drought Monitor is indicating that the Arkansas Basin will continue to be drought conditions for 2022.

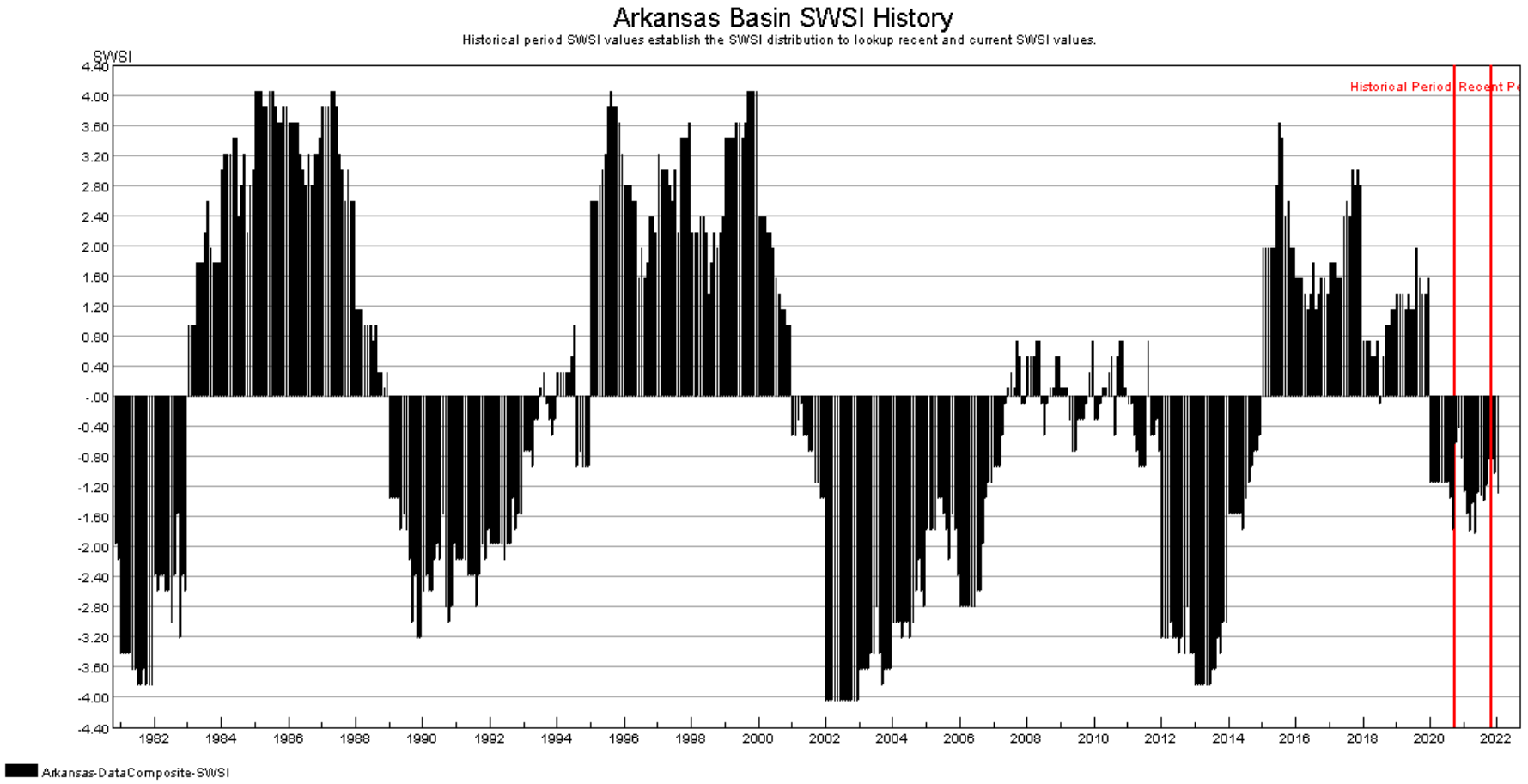




Administrative Concerns

Delegates from the states of Colorado and Kansas met in person on December 8-9, 2021 for the Arkansas River Compact Administration. Colorado and Kansas staff will continue to work together to resolve disputed issues primarily through the efforts of the Special Engineering Committee in 2022.

Ongoing concerns still relate to the spilling of account water from Pueblo Reservoir and the Division is working with the various water programs to help mitigate that possibility.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Basinwide Conditions Assessment

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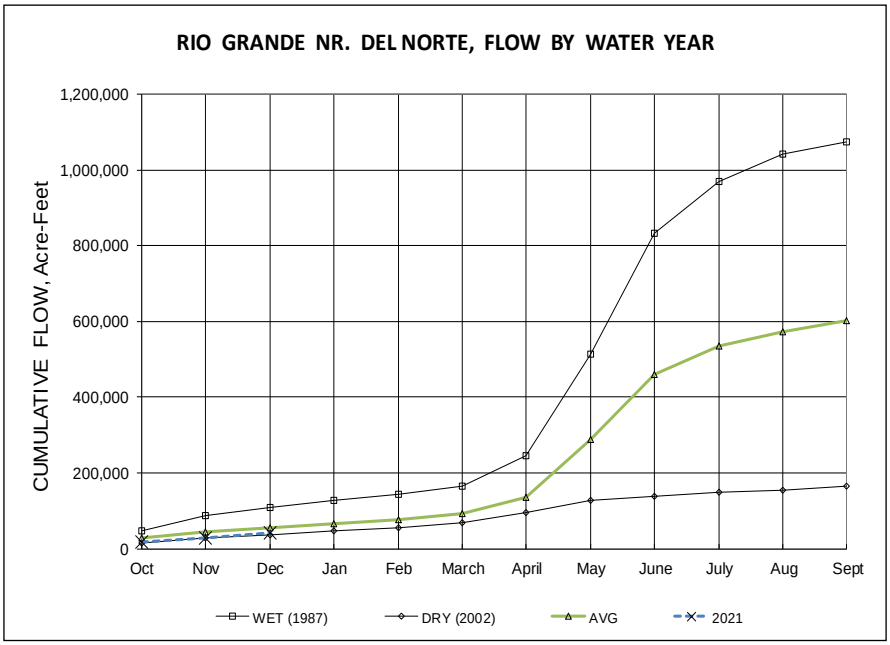

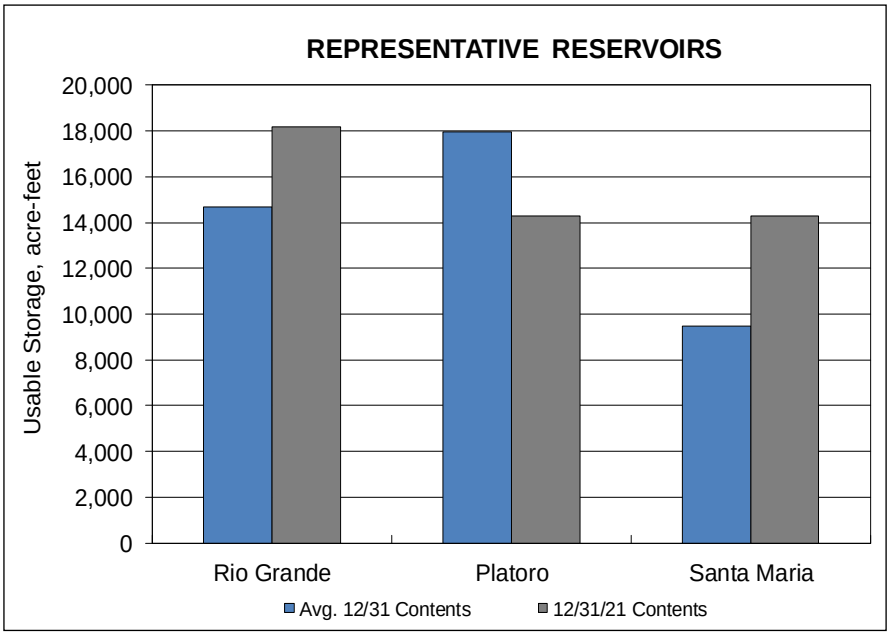

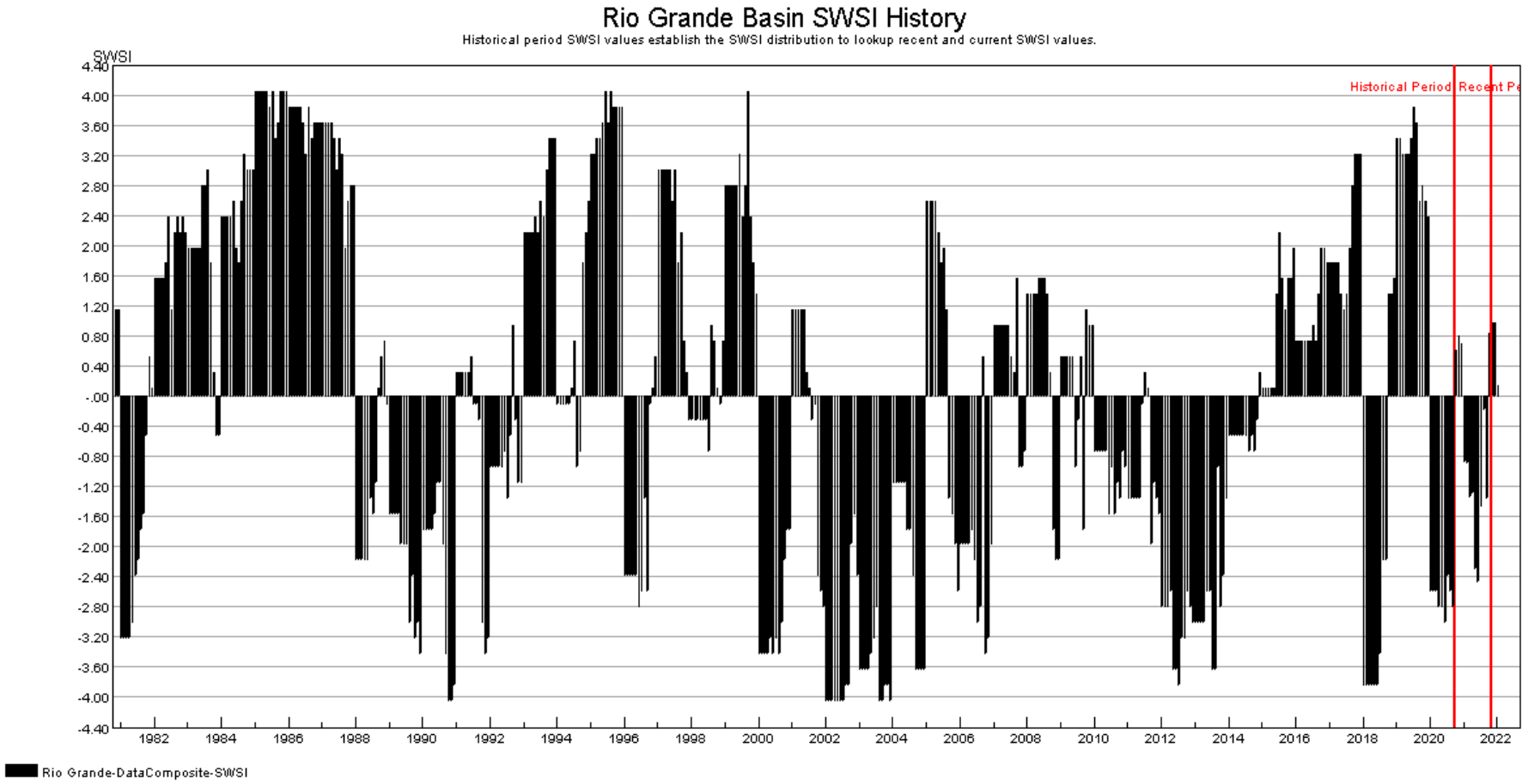
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Basinwide Conditions Assessment

The SWSI value for the month was -0.4.

Basin Wide Conditions Outlook

This water year finished with October offering a glimmer of hope to start the new water year with above average precipitation across the Gunnison basin. However, conditions in November were unseasonably warm and dry with less than 50 percent of average precipitation basin wide. Temperatures basin wide ran 5 to 7 degrees above average in November, which did not affect streamflows as much as expected because most crop consumptive use ceased by the first week of November and the vast majority of ditches no longer diverting water. However, a series of powerful storms hit the Colorado Rockies and dropped several inches of precipitation that brought snowpack levels, statewide, to well above average.

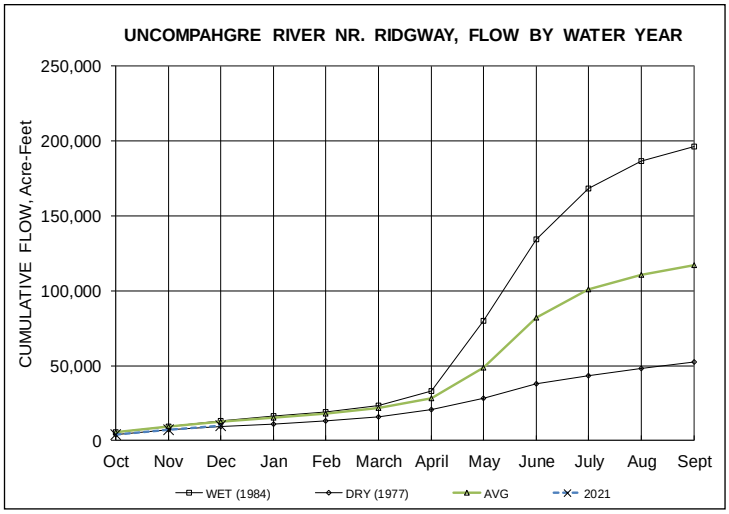
Outlook

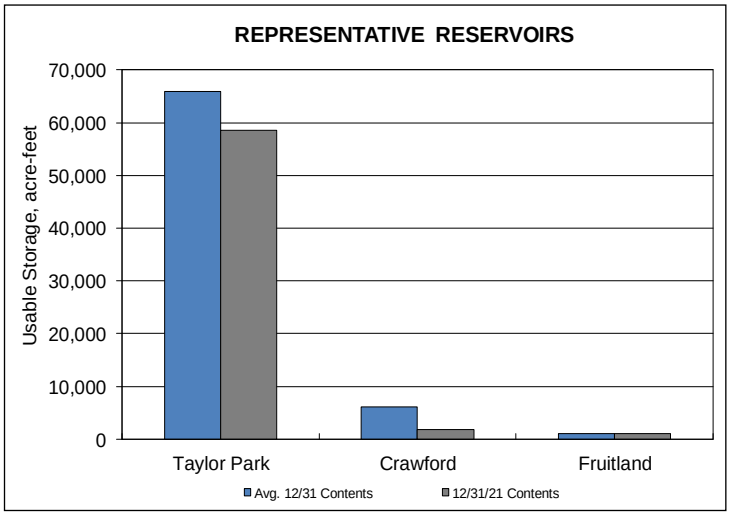
NOAA climate forecasts continue to show the Gunnison basin area in a warmer than normal outlook for the December, January, and February periods, due to the effect of LaNina conditions pushing the jet stream northward. The precipitation outlook forecasts are indicating equal chances of normal precipitation for the next three months. Precipitation models show Colorado right in the middle of the trend of more precipitation in the northern part of the state and below chances of precipitation in the southern part of the state. Again, this is a typical pattern for LaNina type years with a colder/wetter trend in northern Colorado and warmer/dryer conditions predicted for southern Colorado.

Administrative/Management Concerns

Reservoirs in the basin began filling slowly with the closing of outlets at the end of the irrigation season. In addition, calls on most tributaries were lifted on November 1st. After last season, the prospect for another dry year has many concerned including some municipal providers who were exploring options for substitute supplies in 2021.

The January 1st April-July inflow forecast for Blue Mesa Reservoir was released at 650,000 acre-feet (or 102% of average) which corresponds to an "average dry year. Currently the reservoir sits at approximately 234,000 acre-feet, which is up by 25,000 acre-feet from its year end low. Water users are anxiously awaiting the January Aspinall Unit Operations Meeting to see what the USBR models predict for reservoir elevations in the coming year.





Public Use Impacts

A big turnaround for the ski resorts during December. Telluride, Crested Butte, and Powderhorn ski resorts are receiving a lot of attention in the news with winter sport enthusiasts taking advantage of ample snowfalls in recent weeks. And, cold temperatures in December have resulted in excellent conditions for the ice climbing competition at the very popular annual ice festival, held in Ouray, January 20th through the 23th.

Gunnison Basin SWSI History

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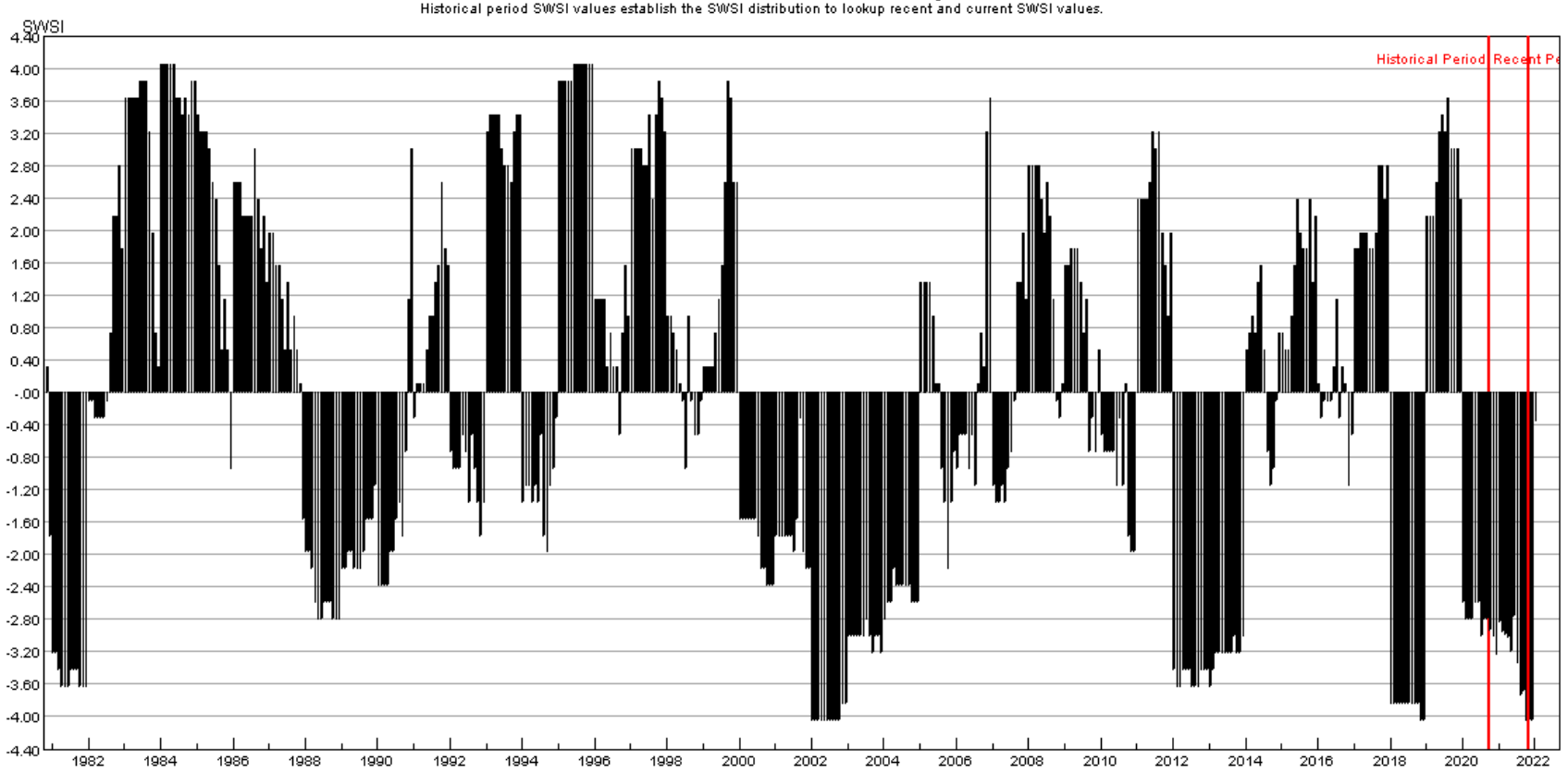

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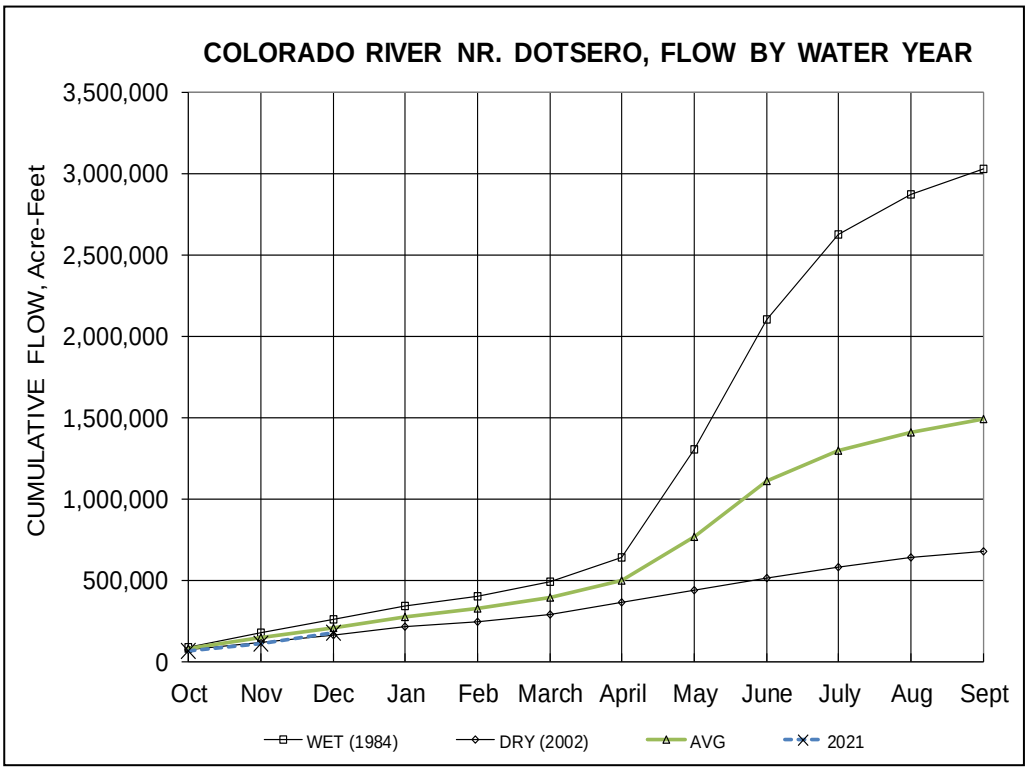

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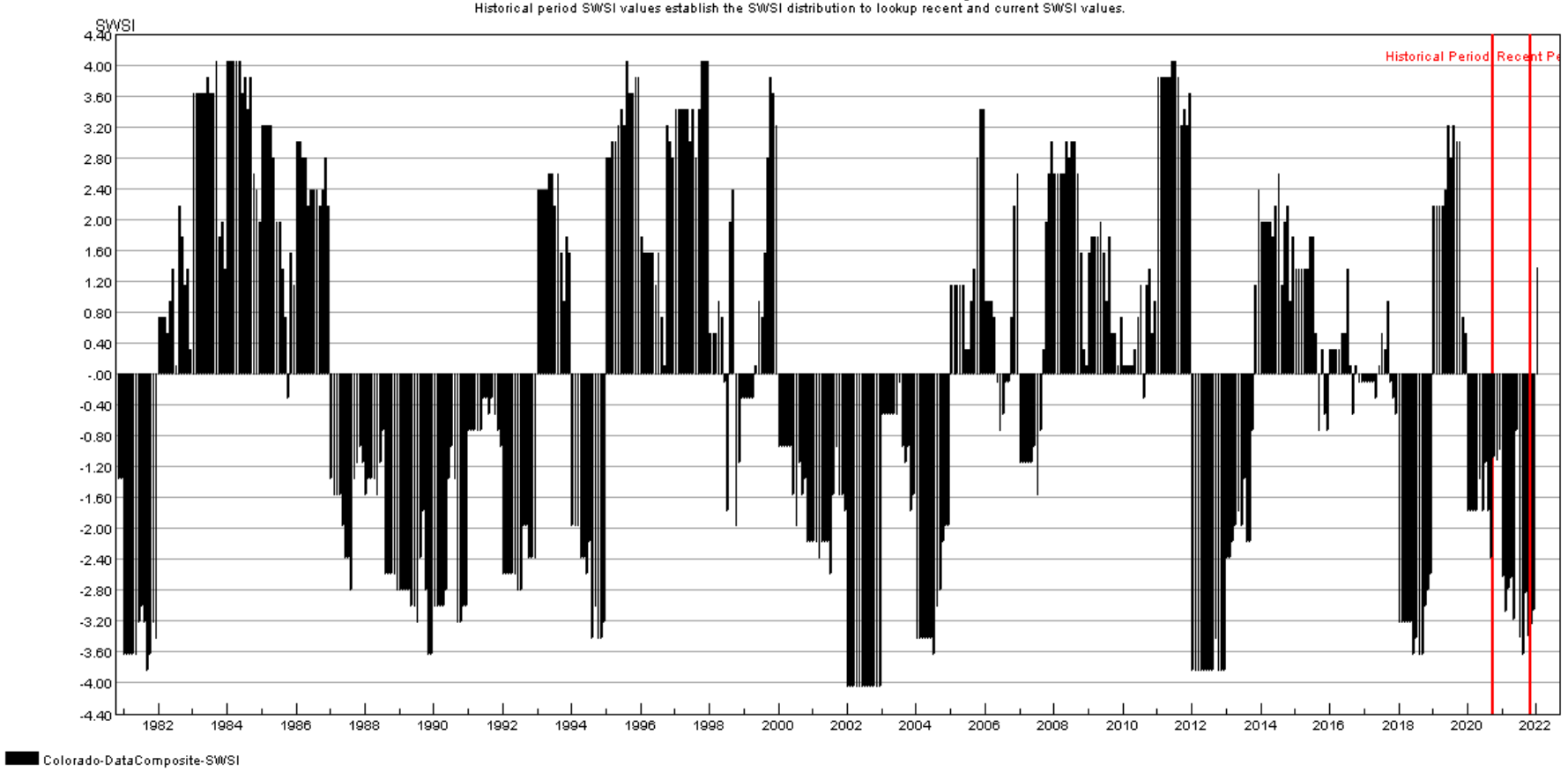

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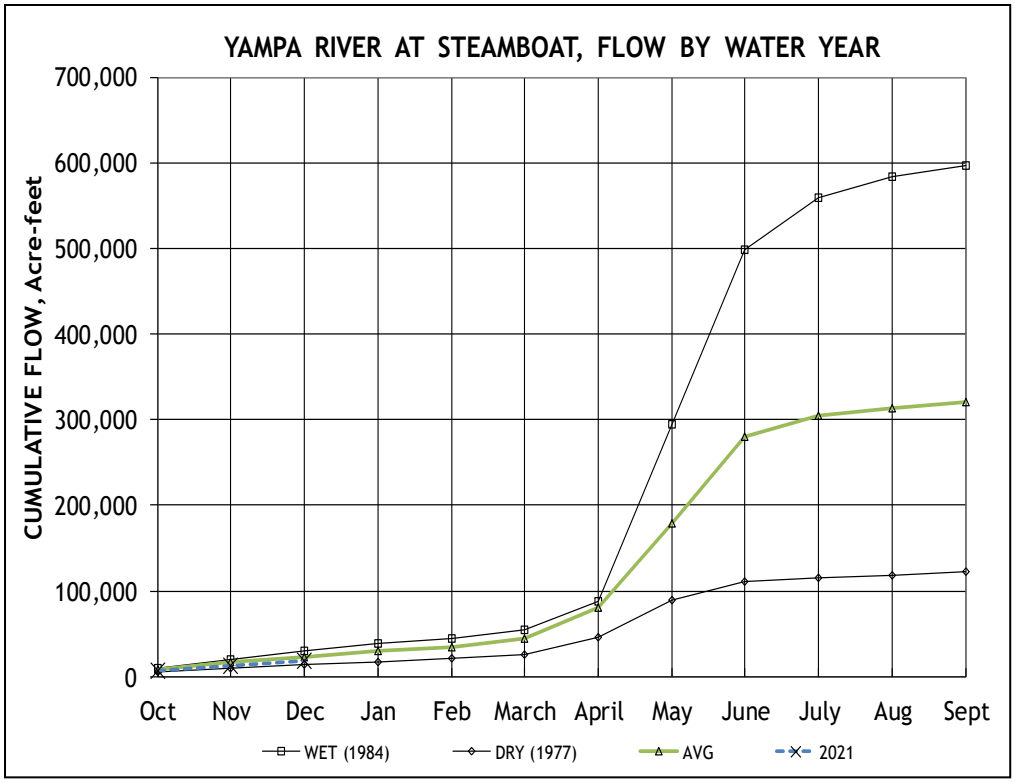

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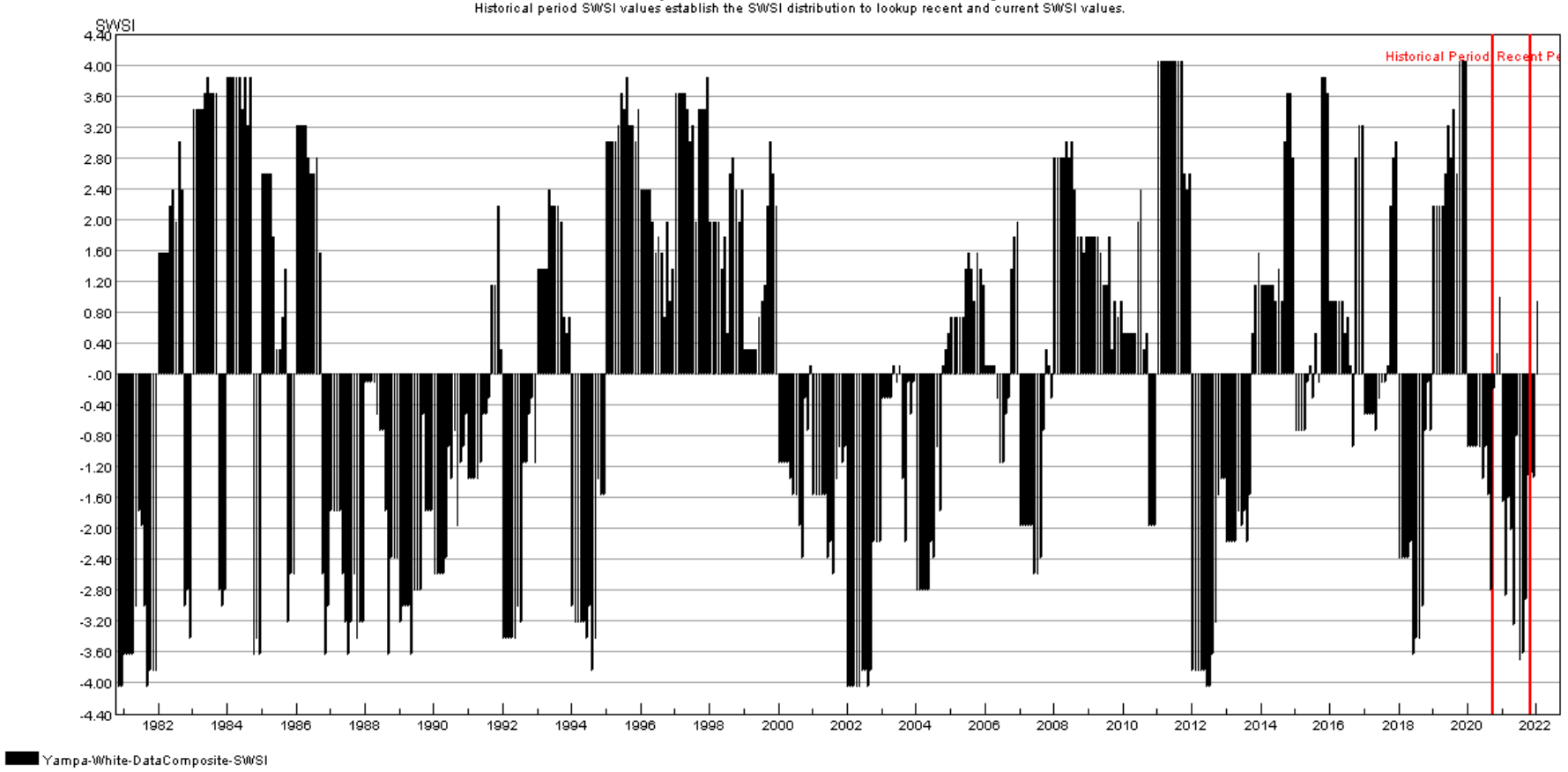
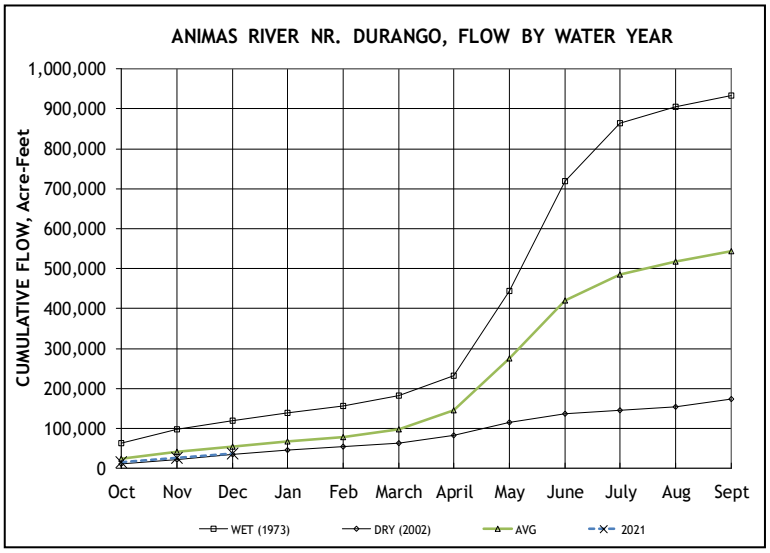


Basinwide Conditions Assessment

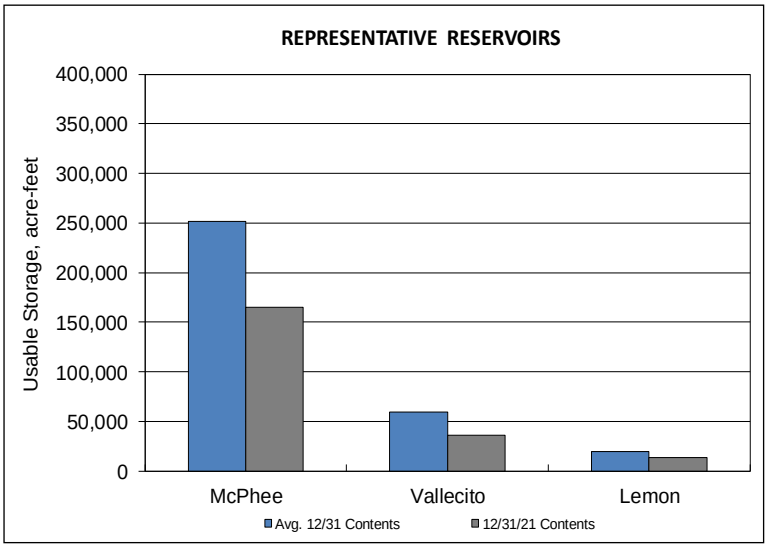
The SWSI value for the month was -0.8.

Flows at the Animas River at Durango averaged 158 cfs (72% of average). The flow at the Dolores River at Dolores was estimated to average 42 cfs (74% of average). The La Plata River at Hesperus averaged 6.4 cfs (80% of average). Precipitation in Durango was 3.42 inches for the month, 215% of the 30-year average of 1.59 inches. Precipitation to date in Durango for the water year is 5.61 inches, 112% of the 30-year average of 5.01 inches. The average high and low temperatures for the month of December in Durango were 44º and 20º. In comparison, the 30-year average high and low for the month is 41º and 15º. The average high temperature for the month was the 39th warmest out of 119 years of record. At the end of the month Vallecito Reservoir contained 36,068 acre-feet compared to its average content of 55,180 acre-feet (65% of average). McPhee Reservoir was up to 164,811 acre-feet compared to its average content of 255,845 (64% of average), while Lemon Reservoir was up to 13,580 acre-feet as compared to its average content of 19,262 acre-feet (71% of average).



Outlook

Precipitation (3.42 inches) was well above average in Durango. There were 16 years out of 127 years of record where there was more precipitation than this year. The flows remain below average for the month but trended a little closer to average when comparing last month's flows. There were 101 out of 111 years of record where there was more flow at the Animas River at Durango gage than this year. There were 78 out of 111 years of record where the total flow past the Dolores stream gauge was more than this year. There were 62 out of 105 years of record where the total flow past the La Plata River at Hesperus gauge was more than this year. All of the reservoirs within the basin are well below average for this time of year. On December 31, the NRCS SNOTEL sites reported an average snow-water-equivalent within the basin at 144%. Last month the average snow-water-equivalent at the end of the month was 35%.



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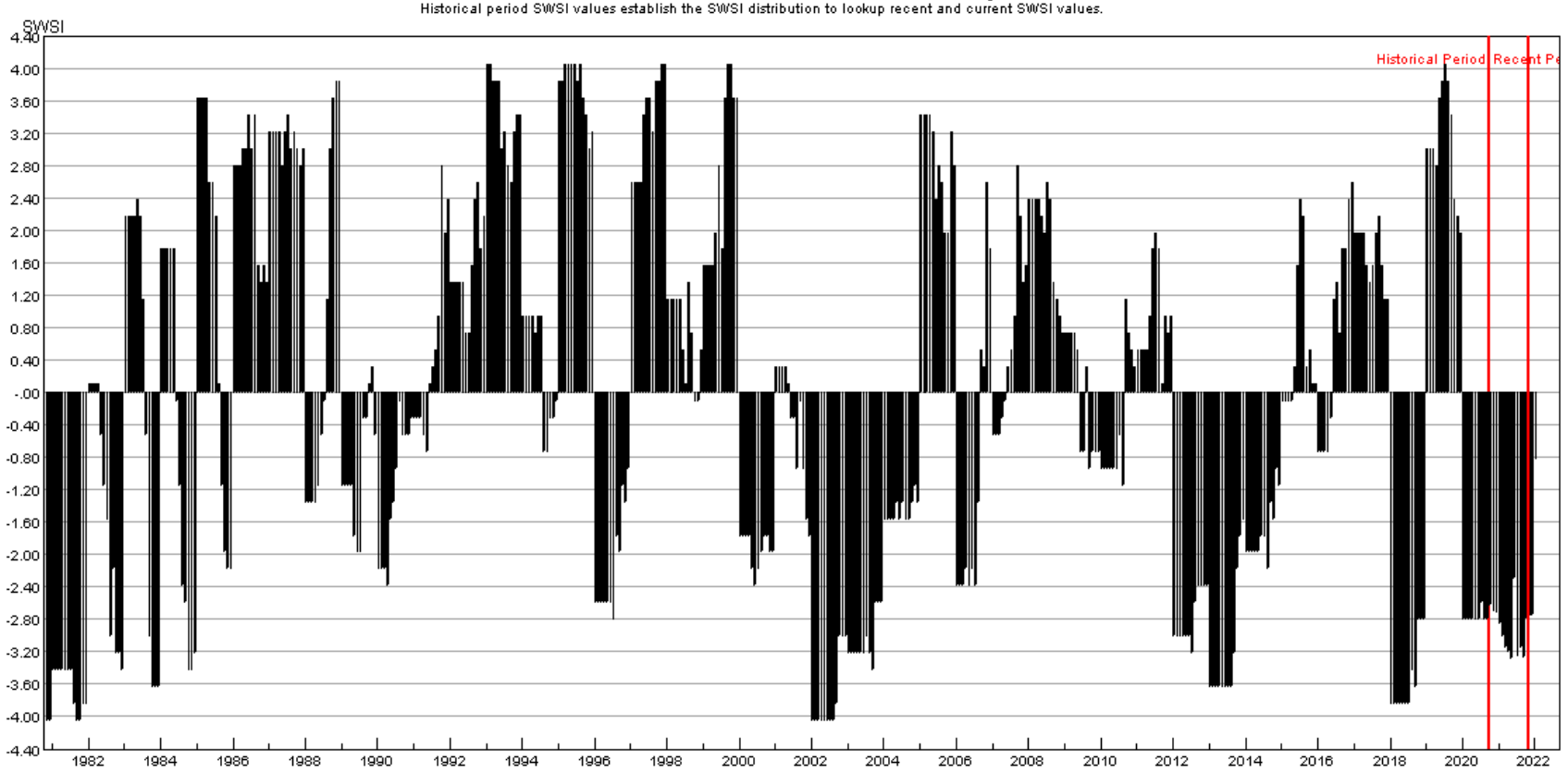

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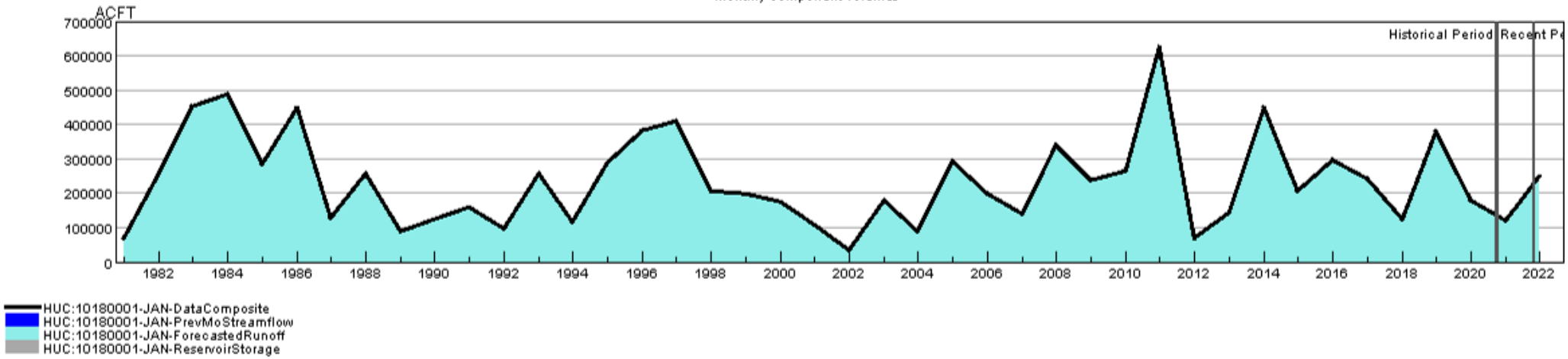

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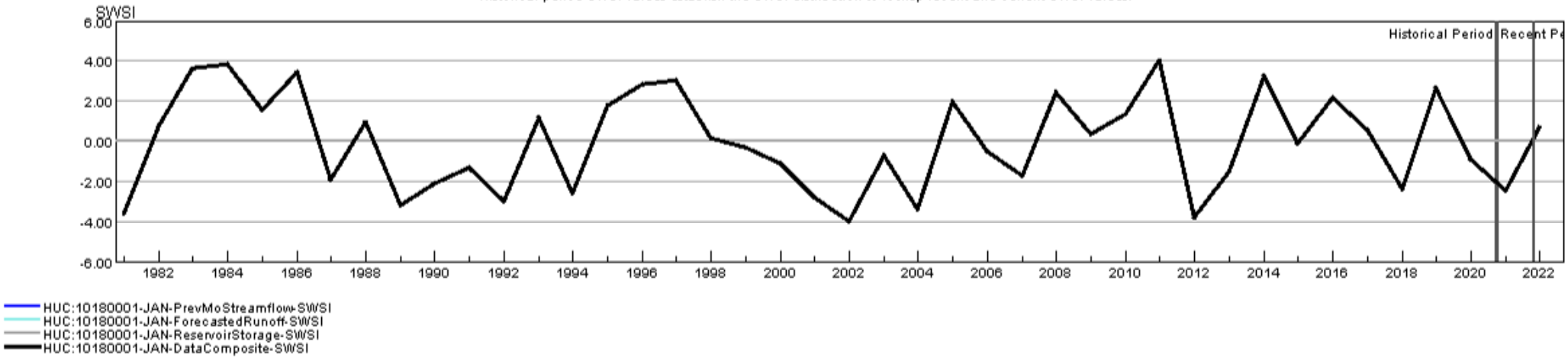

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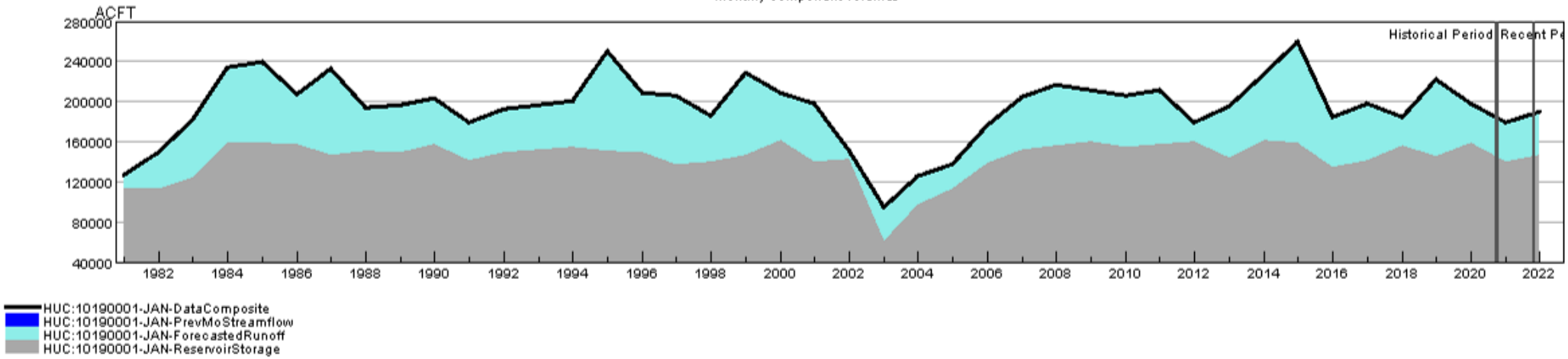

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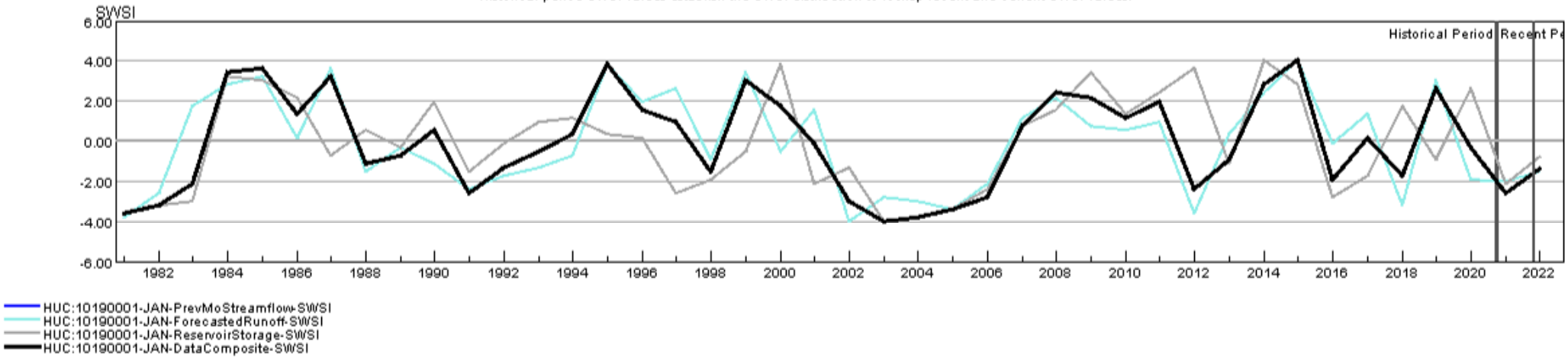

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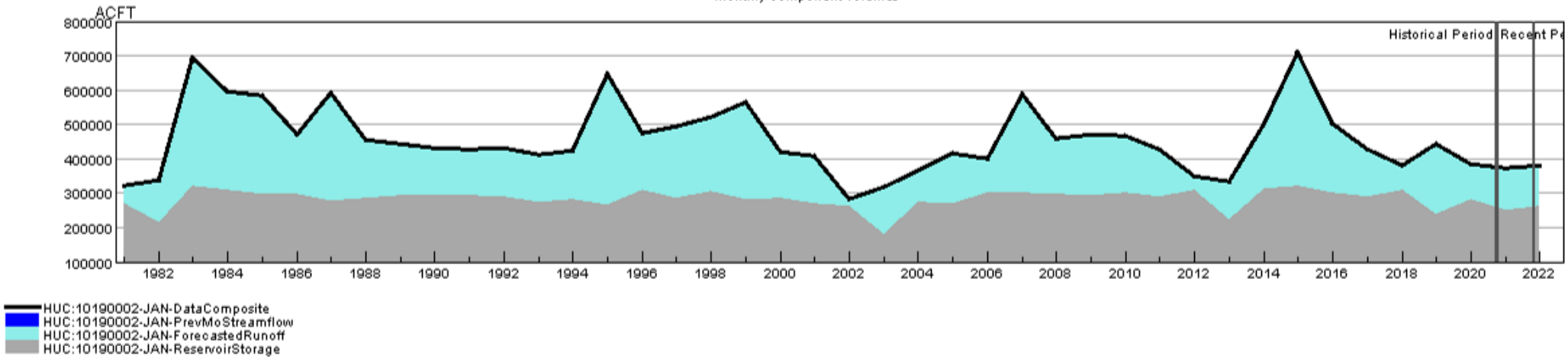

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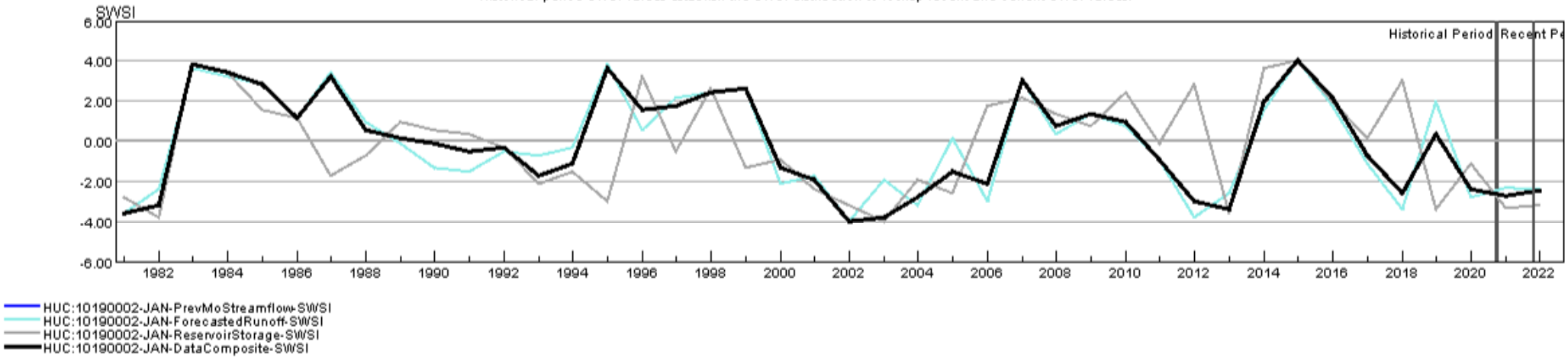

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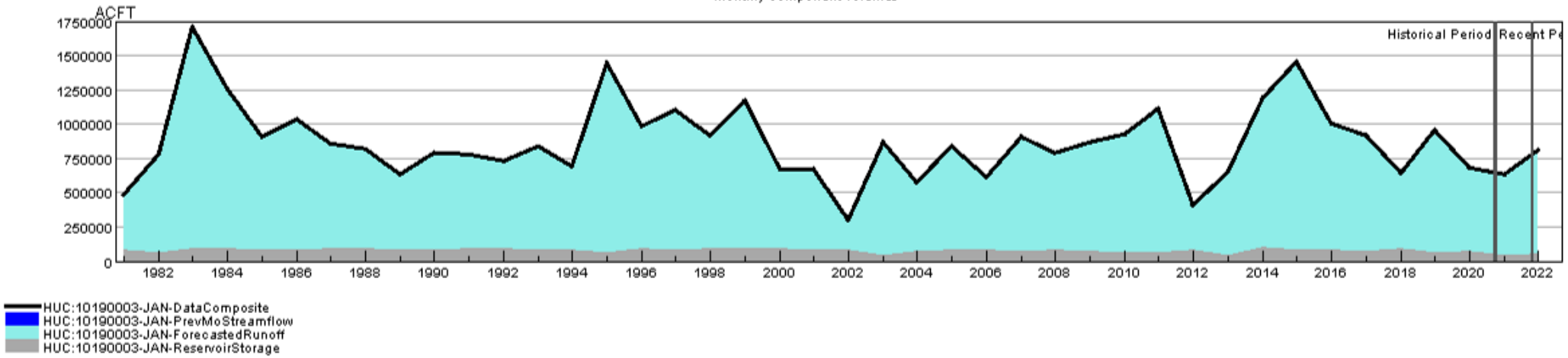

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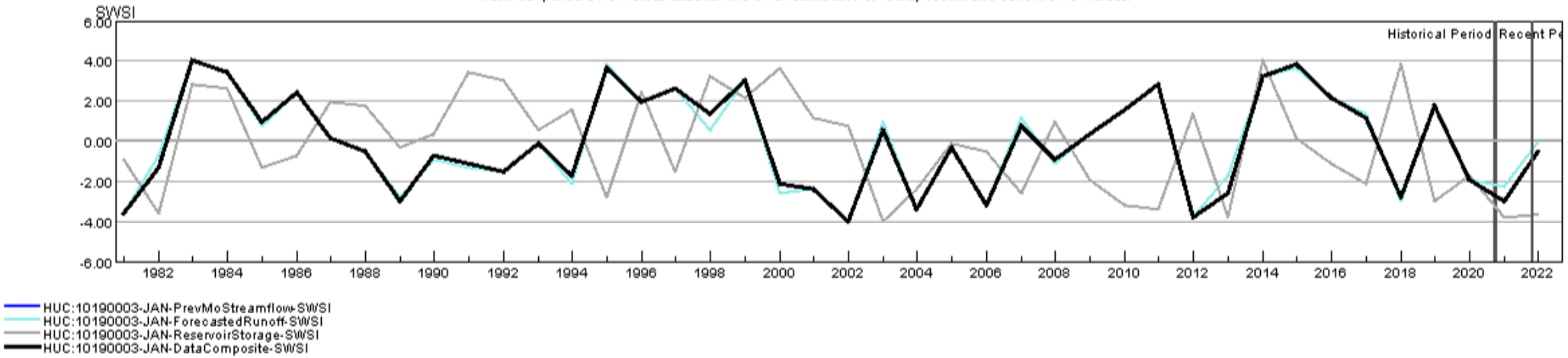

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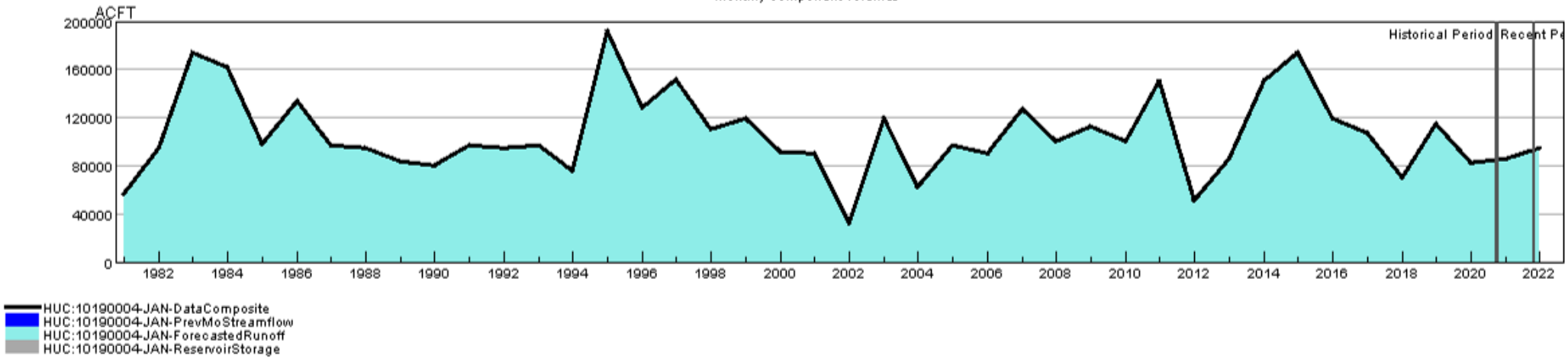

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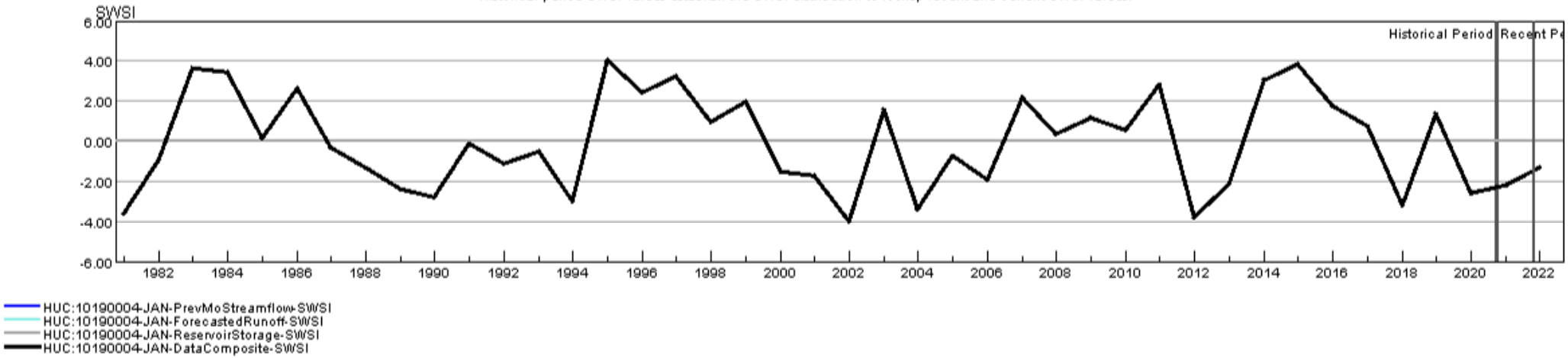

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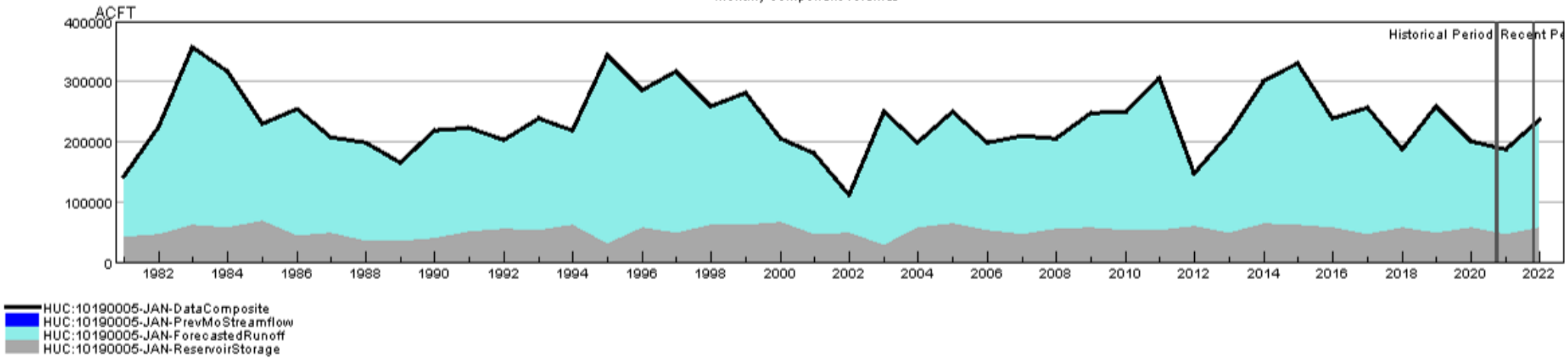

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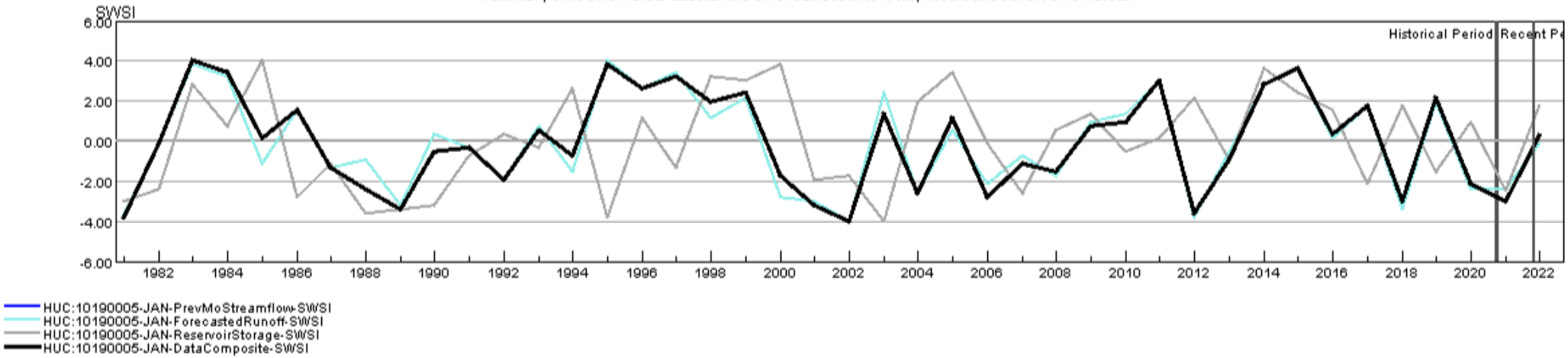

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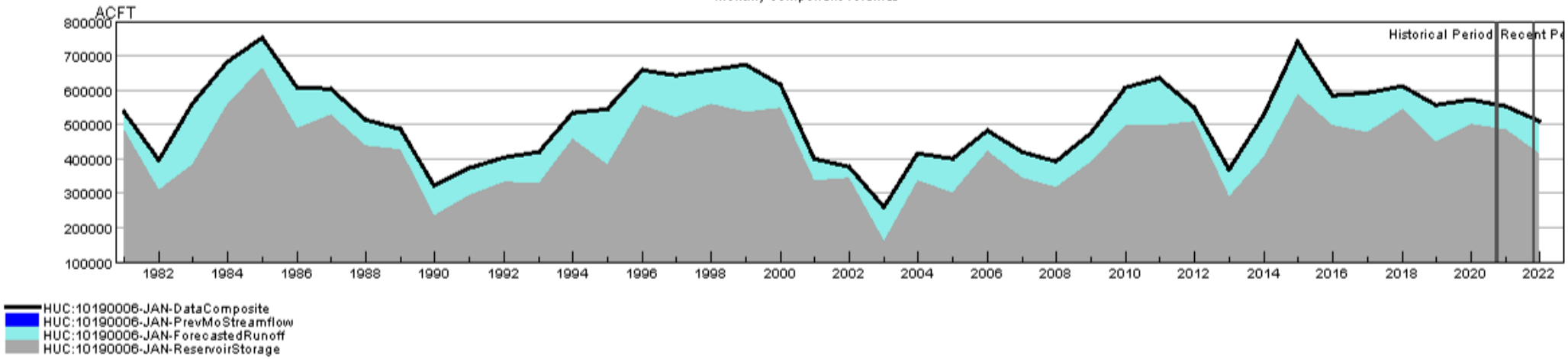

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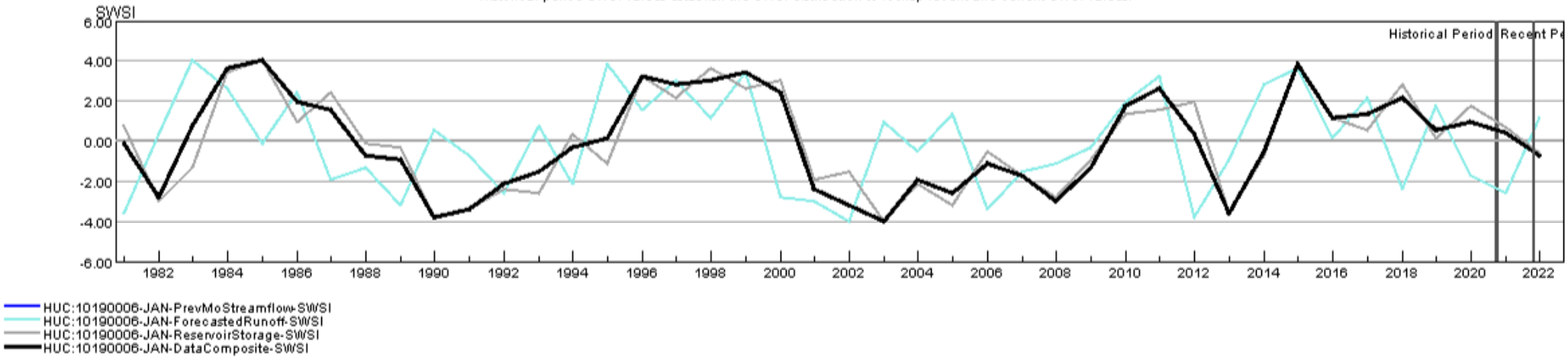

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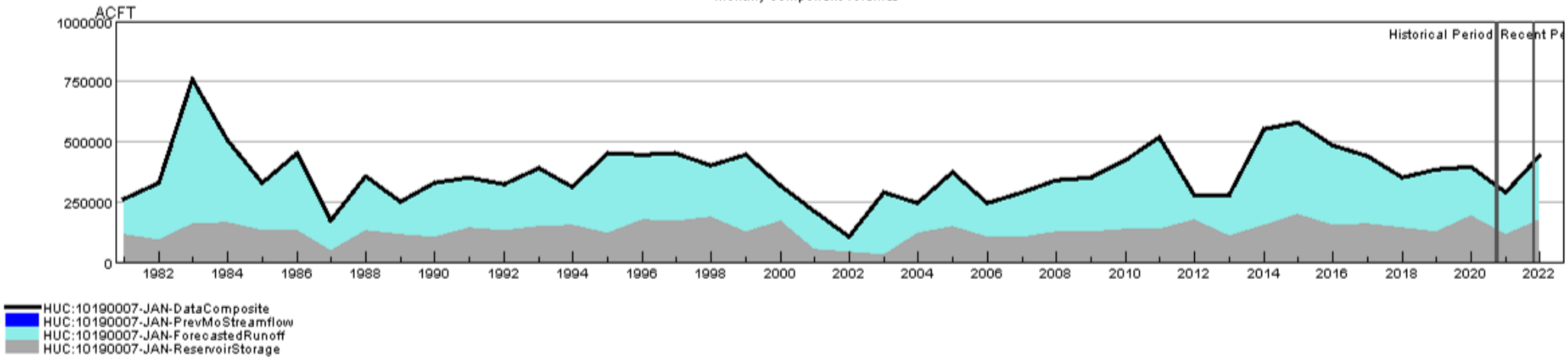

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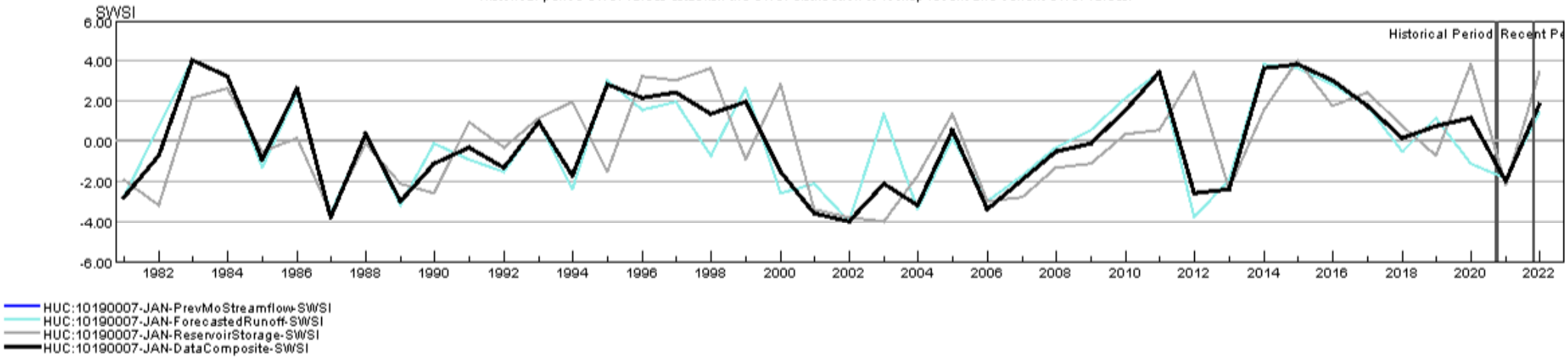

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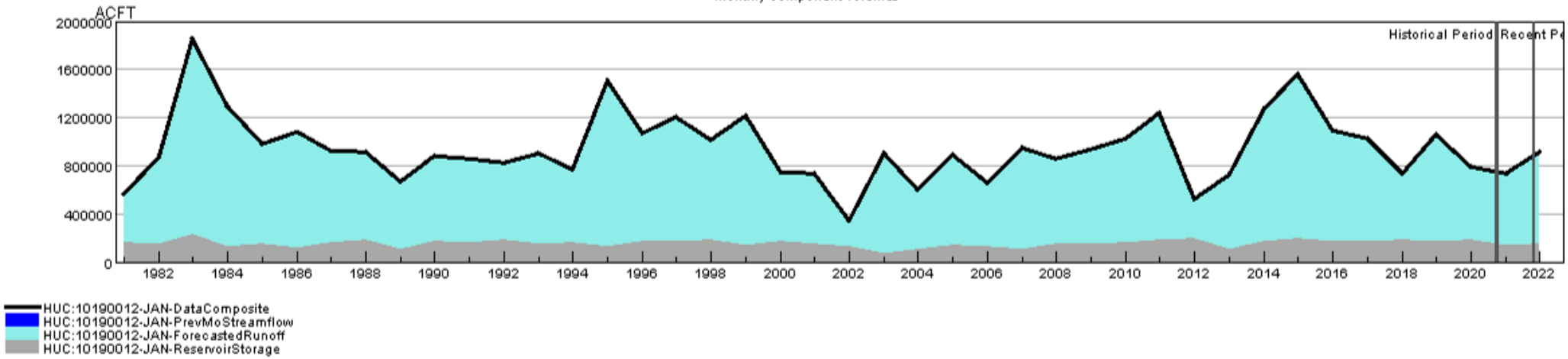

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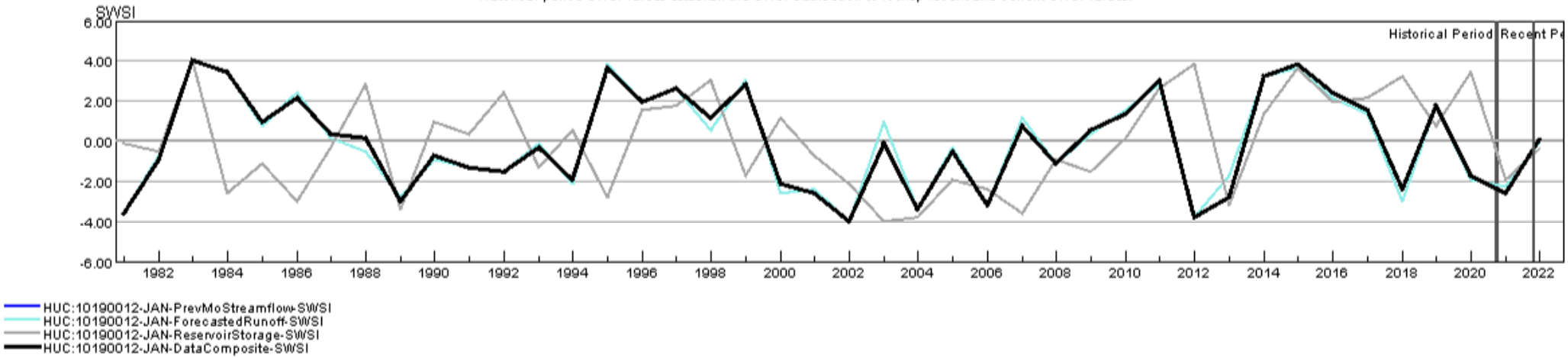

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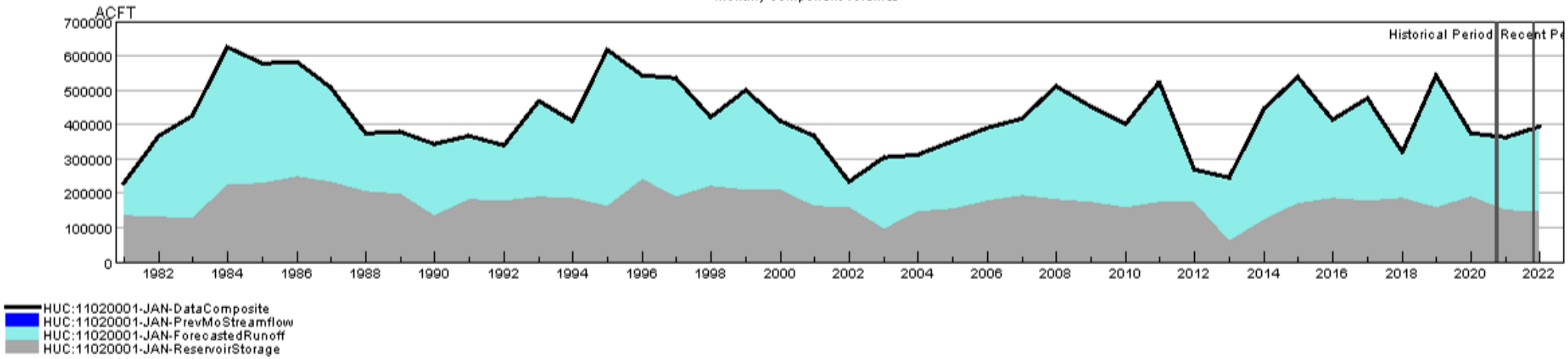

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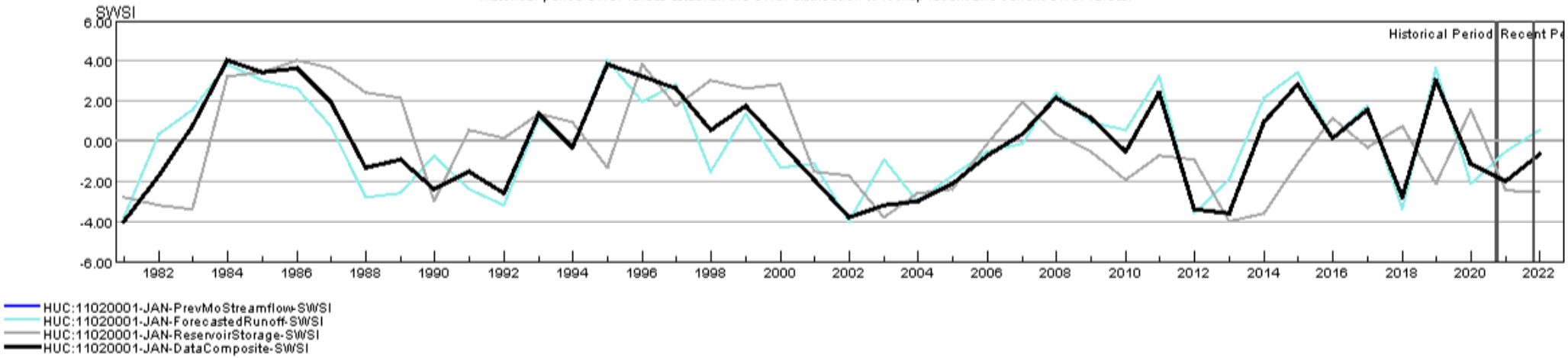

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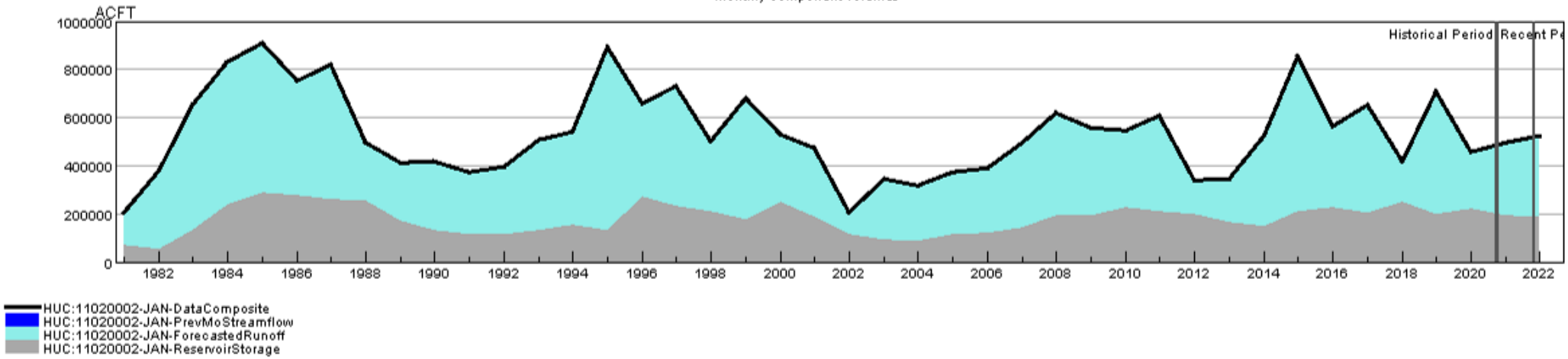

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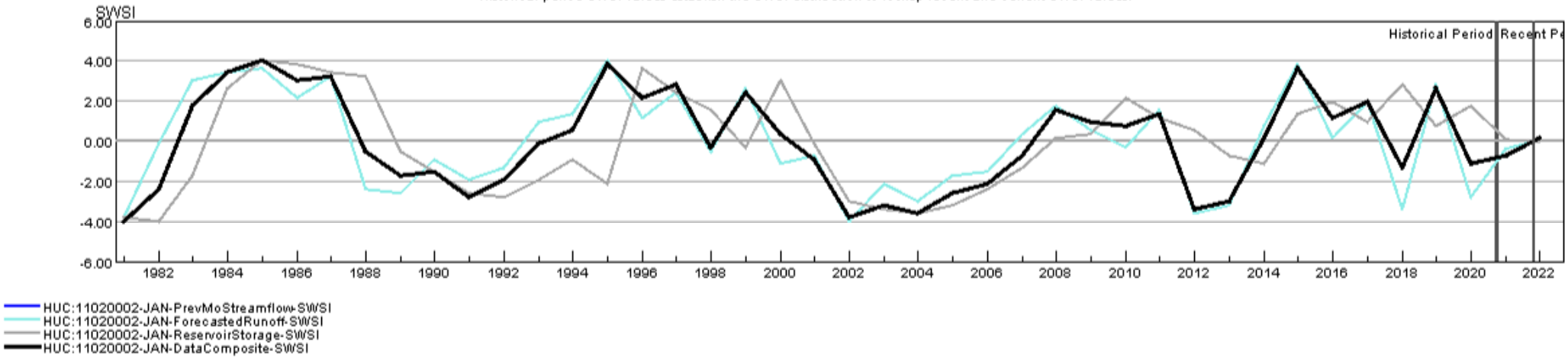

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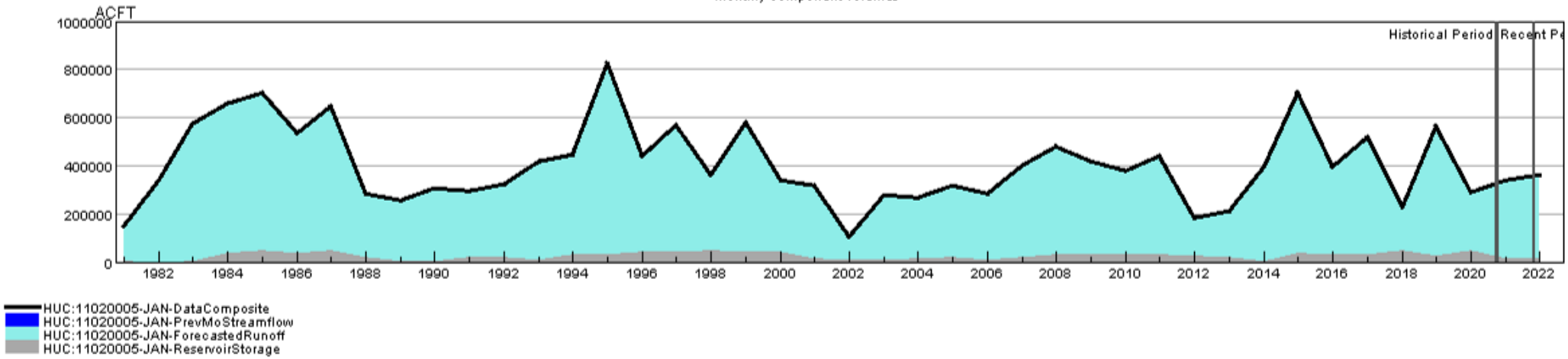

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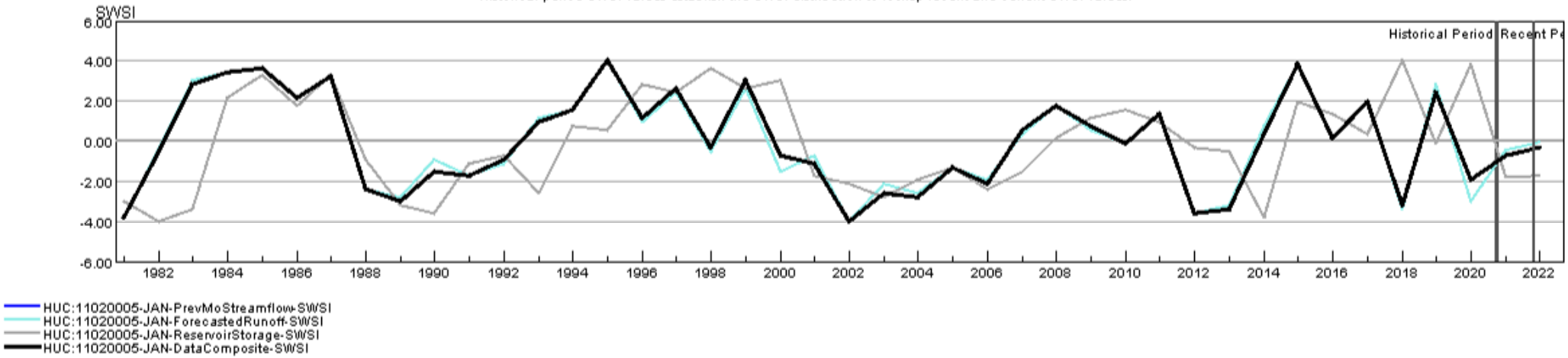

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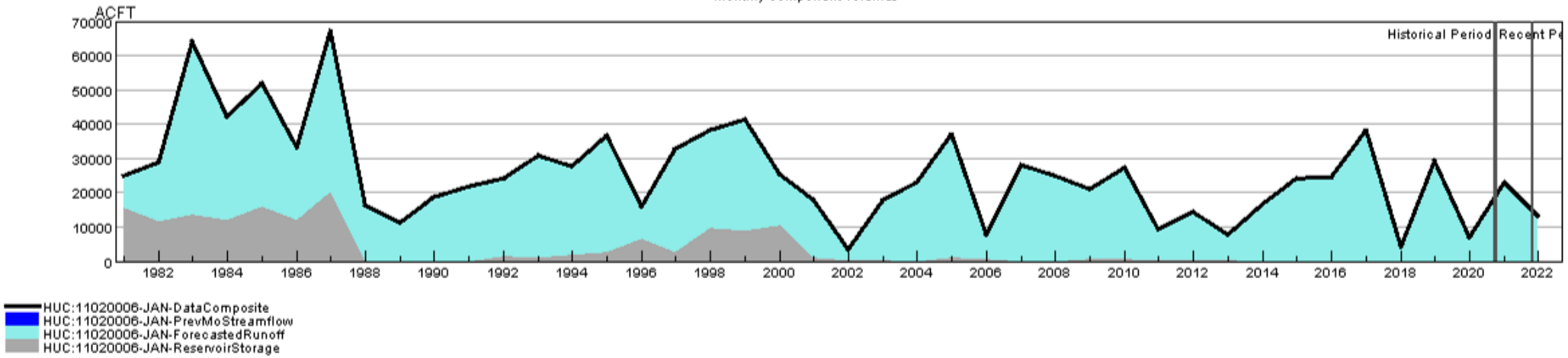

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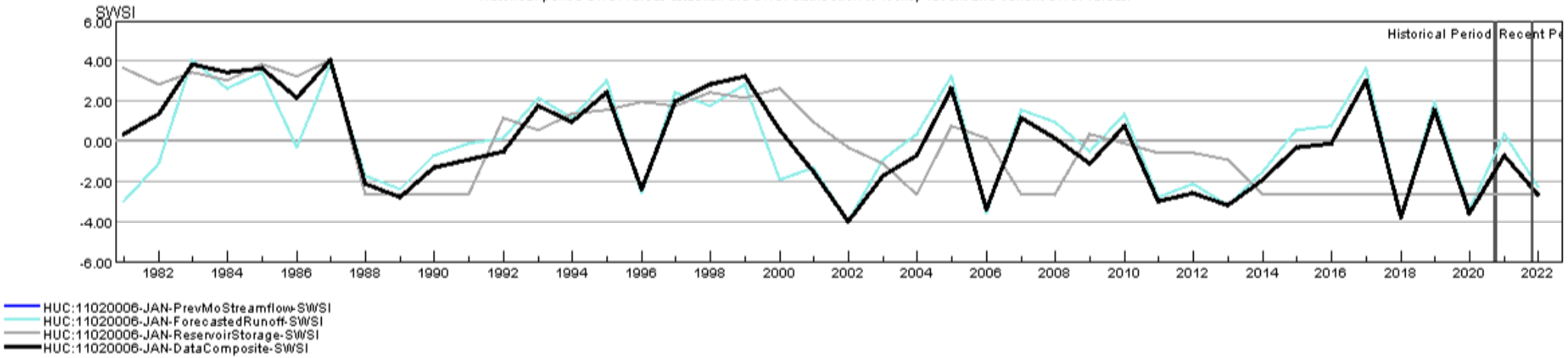

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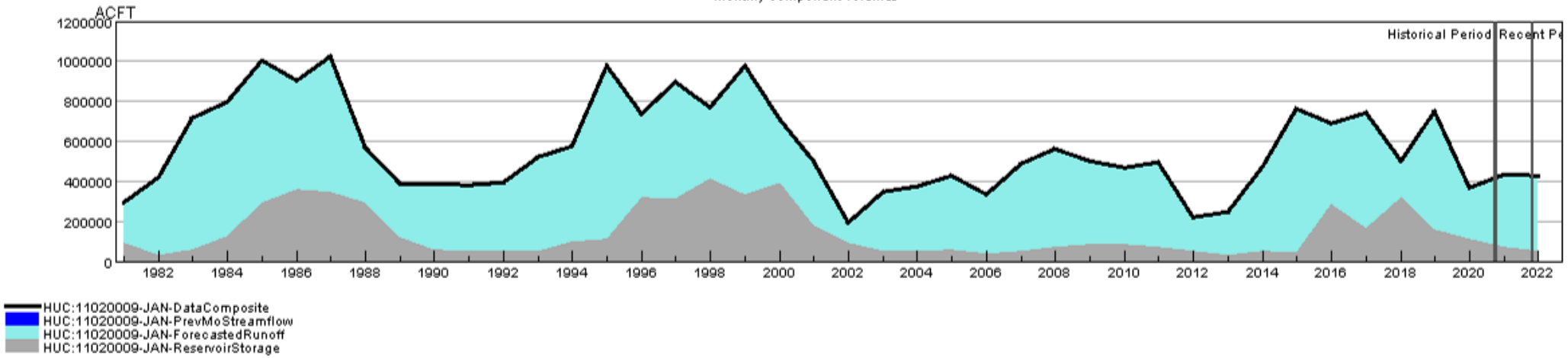

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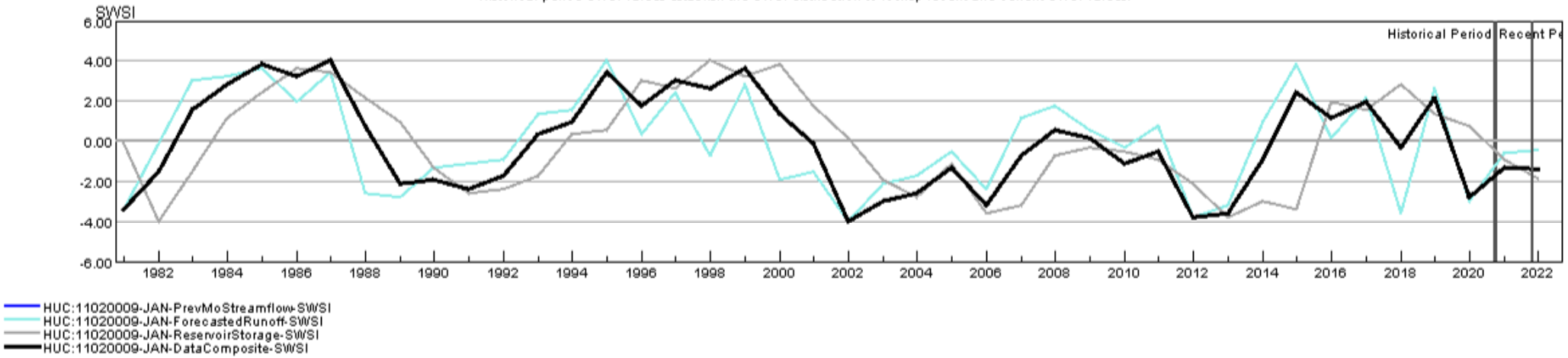

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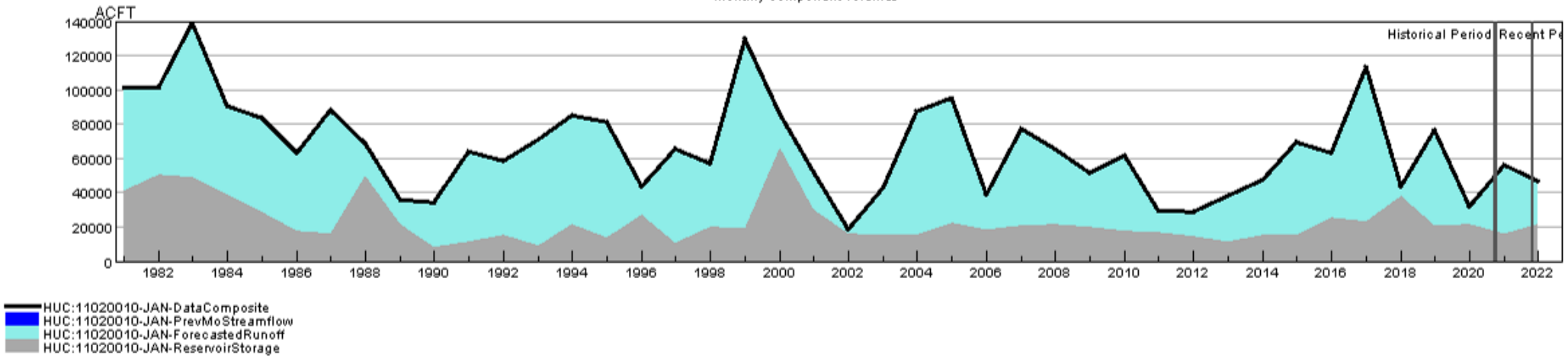

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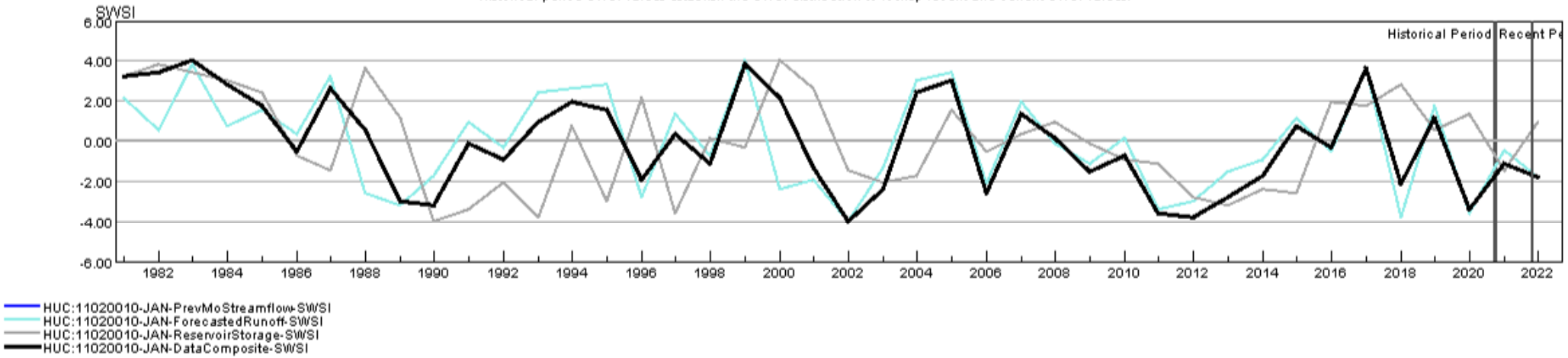

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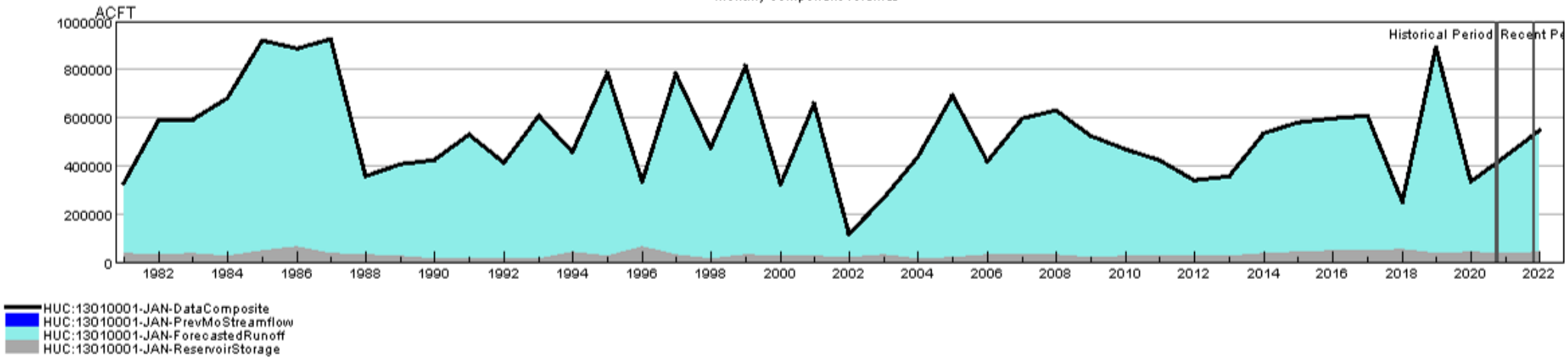

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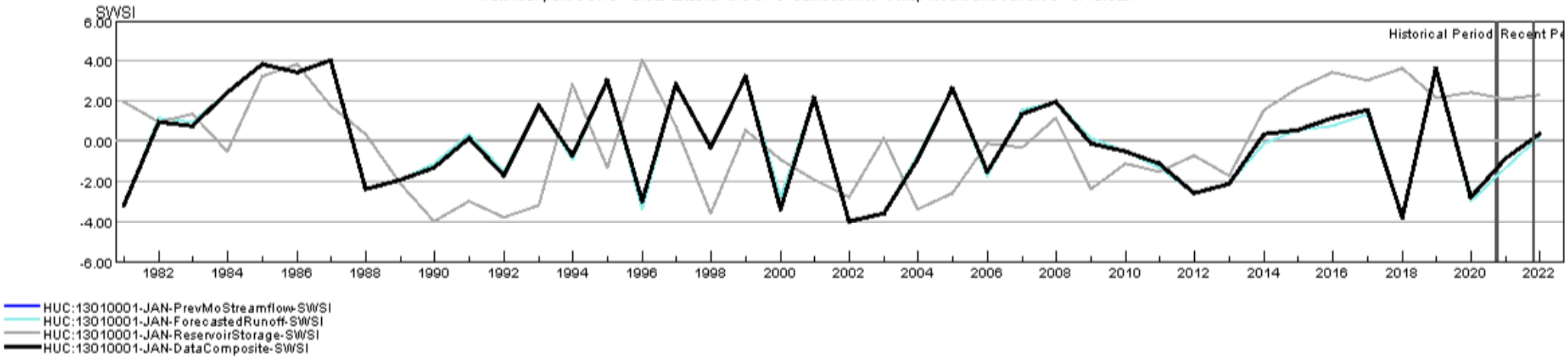

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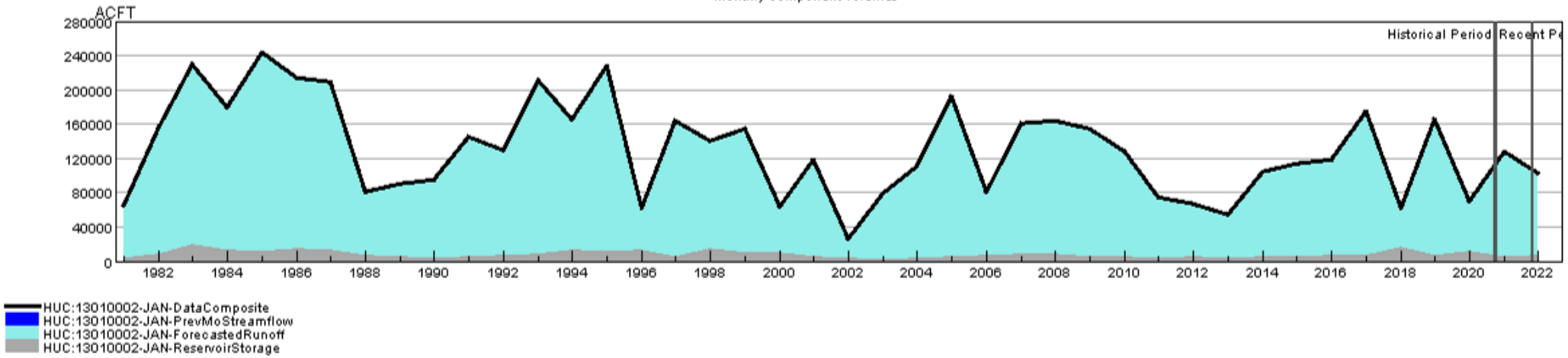

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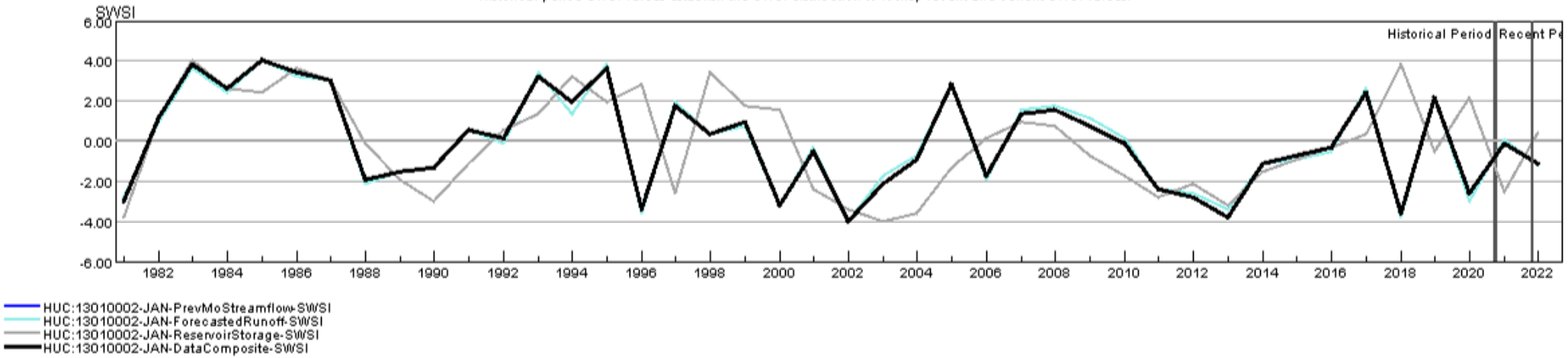

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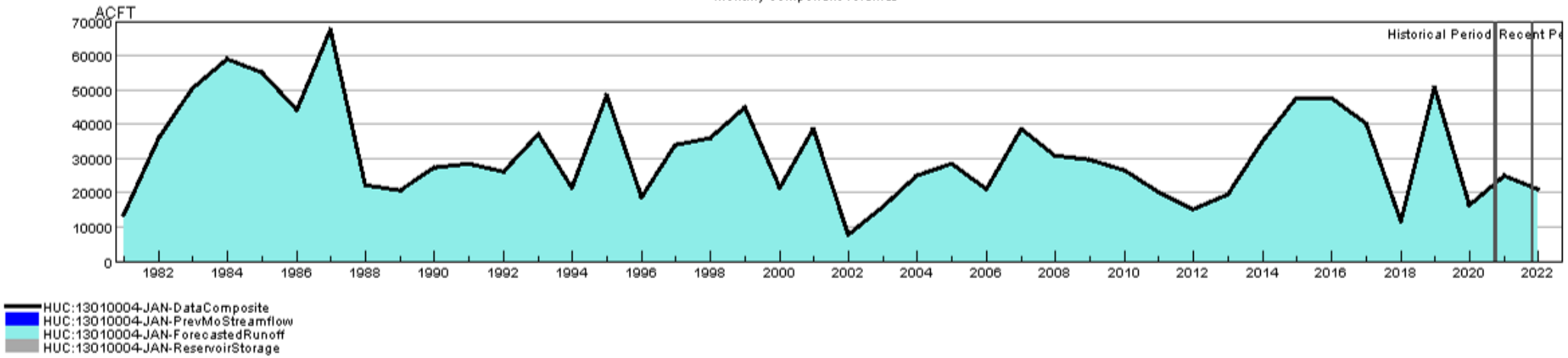

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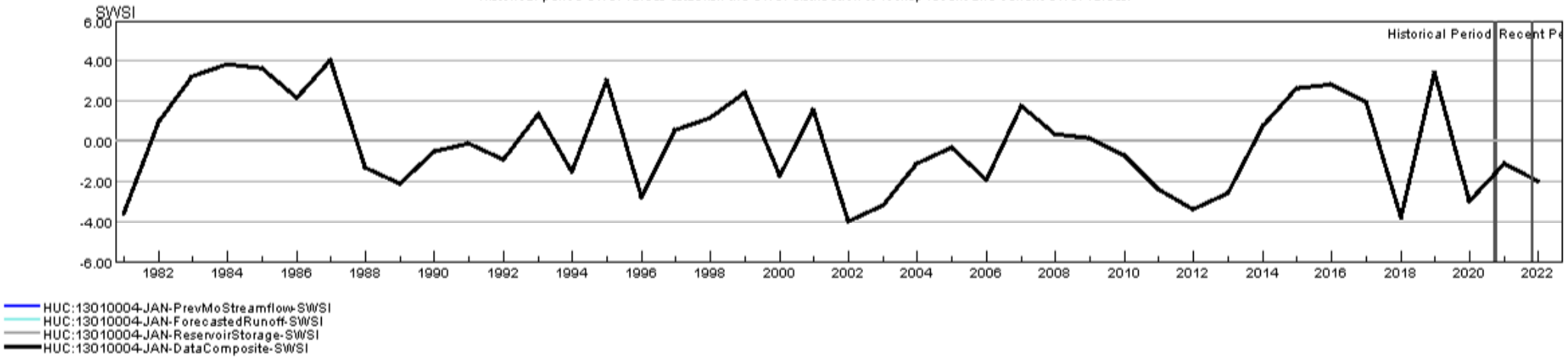

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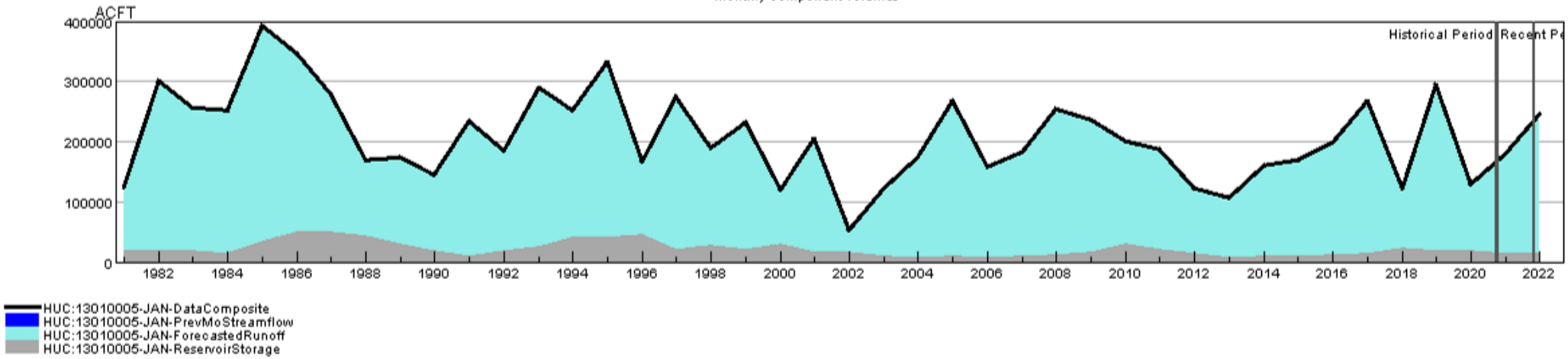

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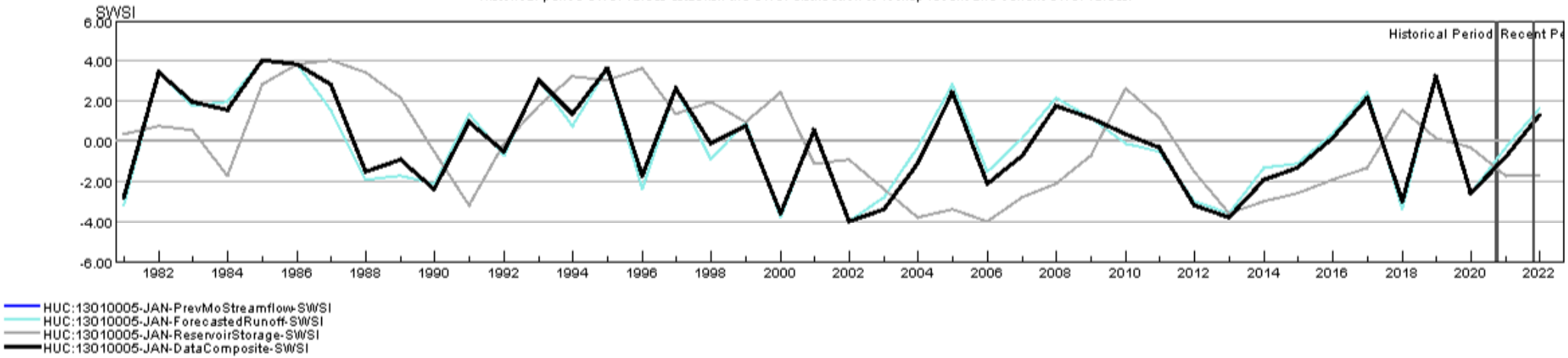

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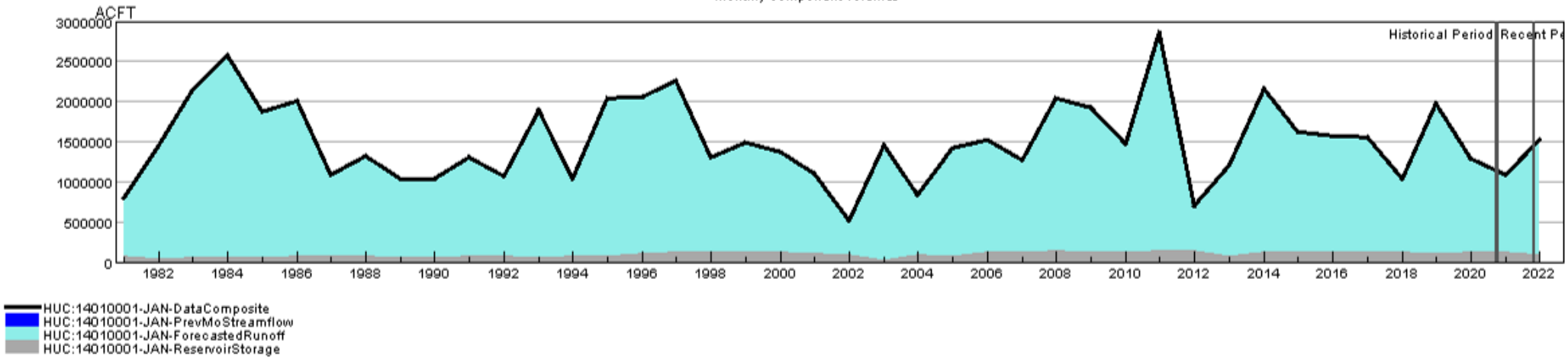

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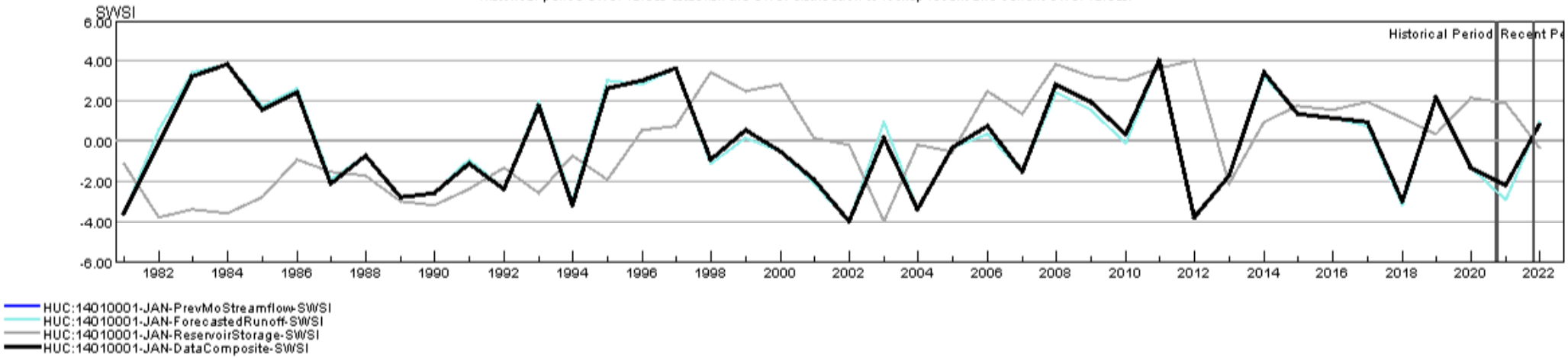

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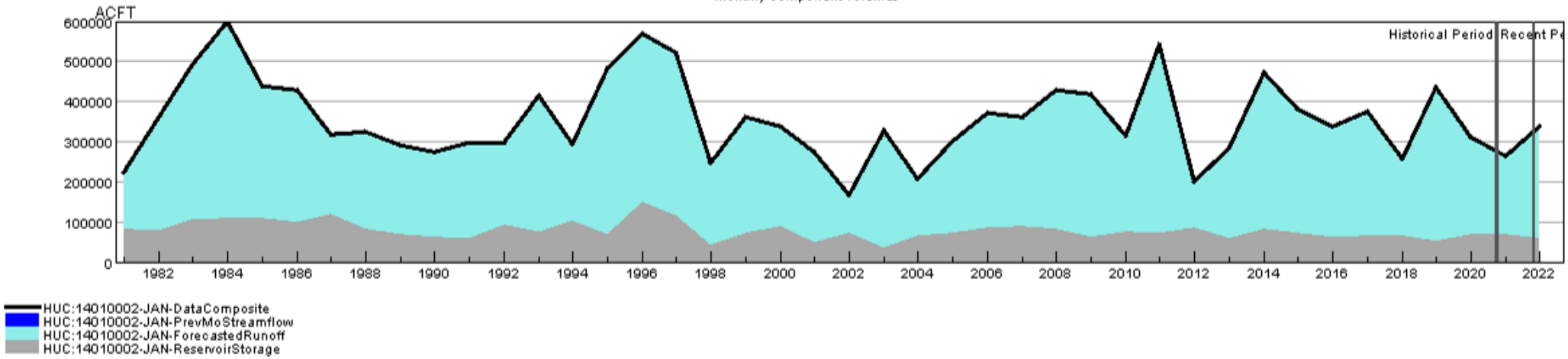

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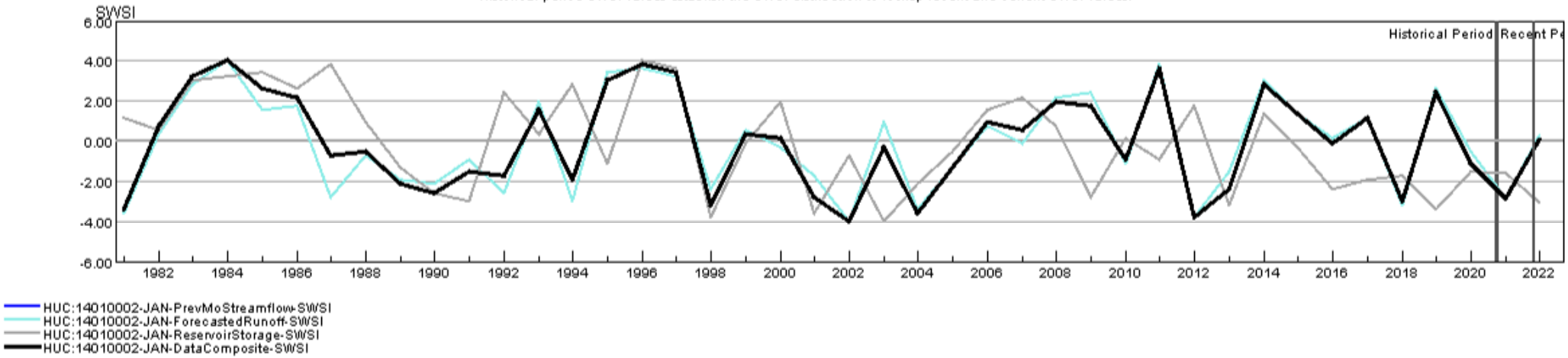

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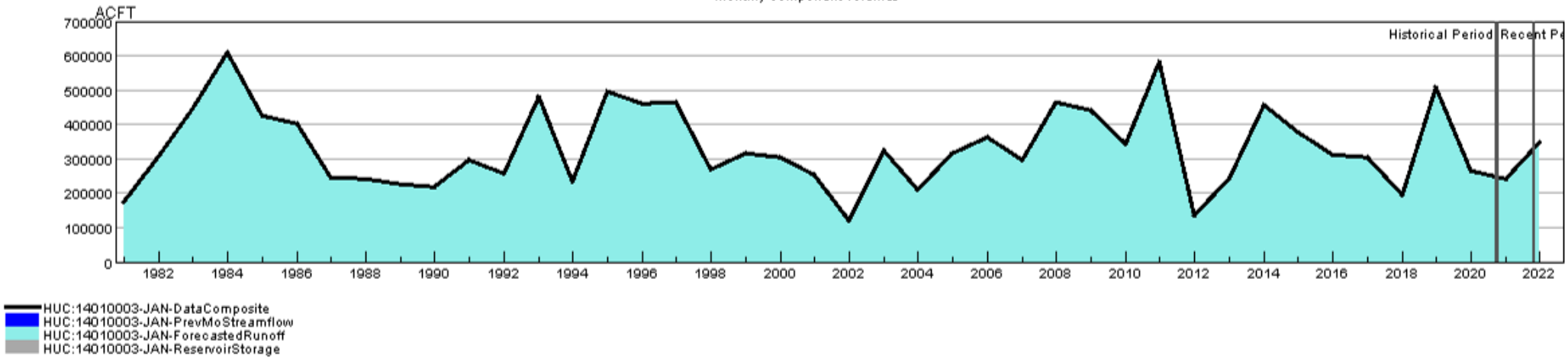

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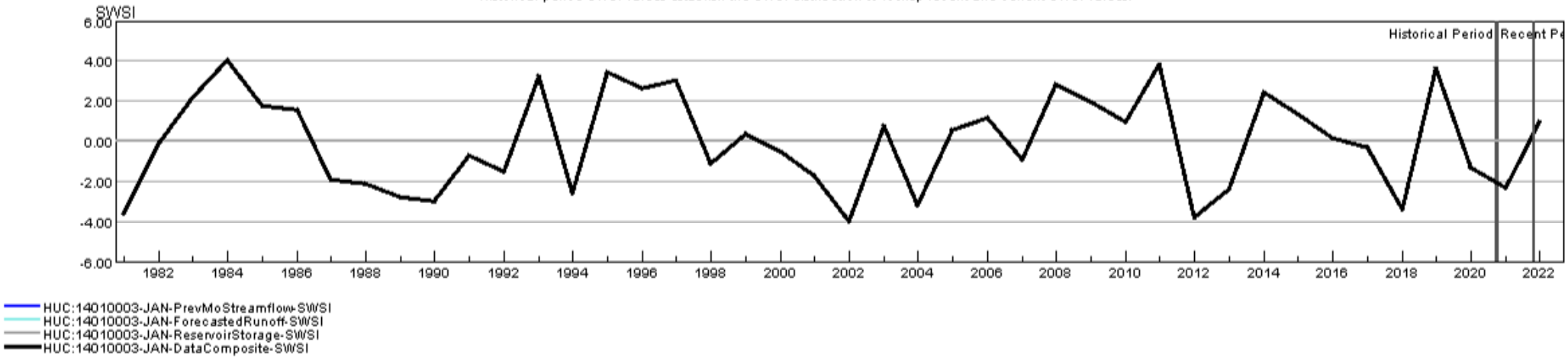

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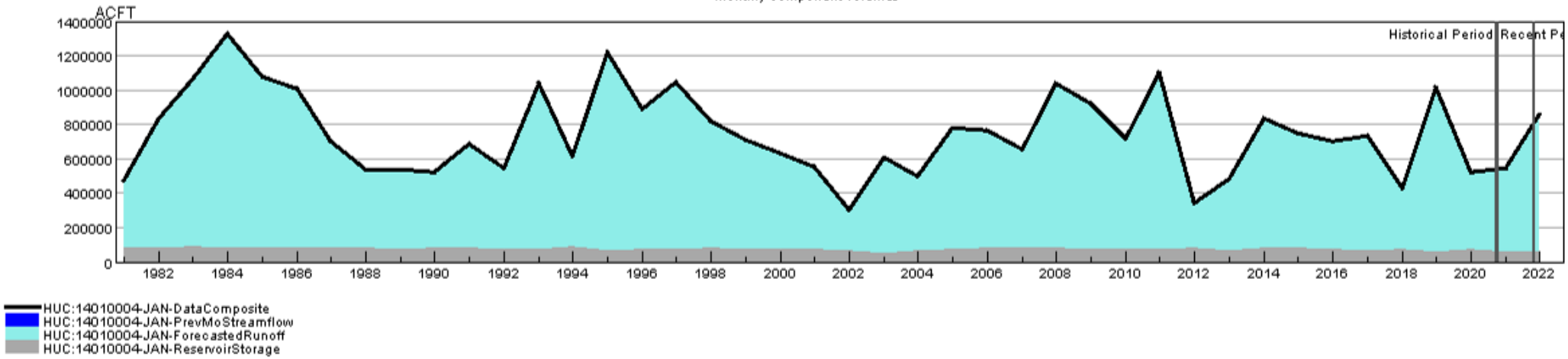

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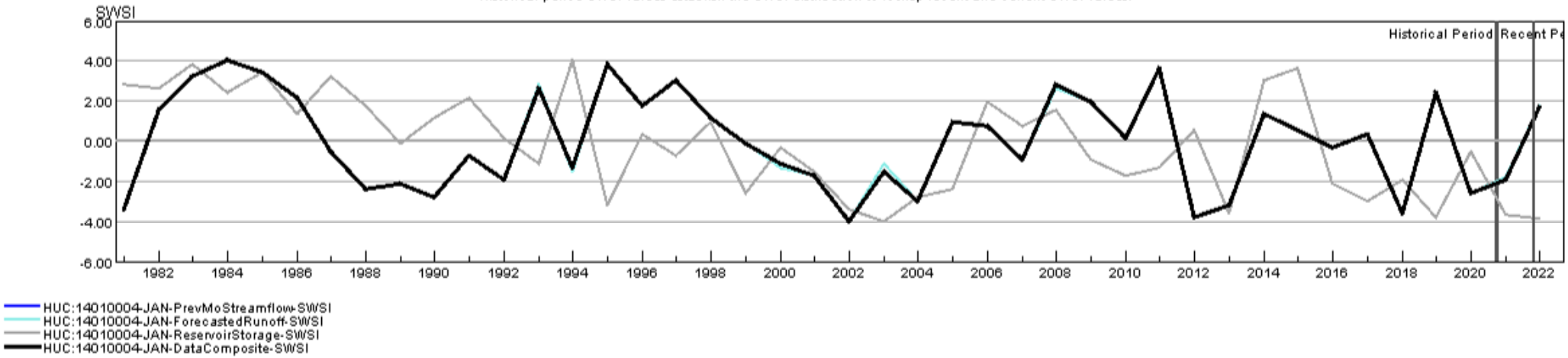

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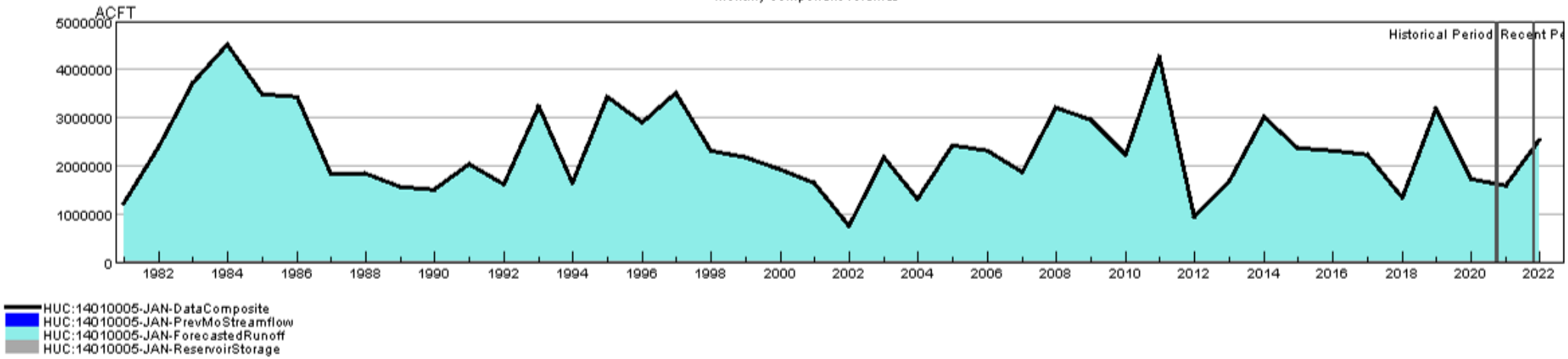

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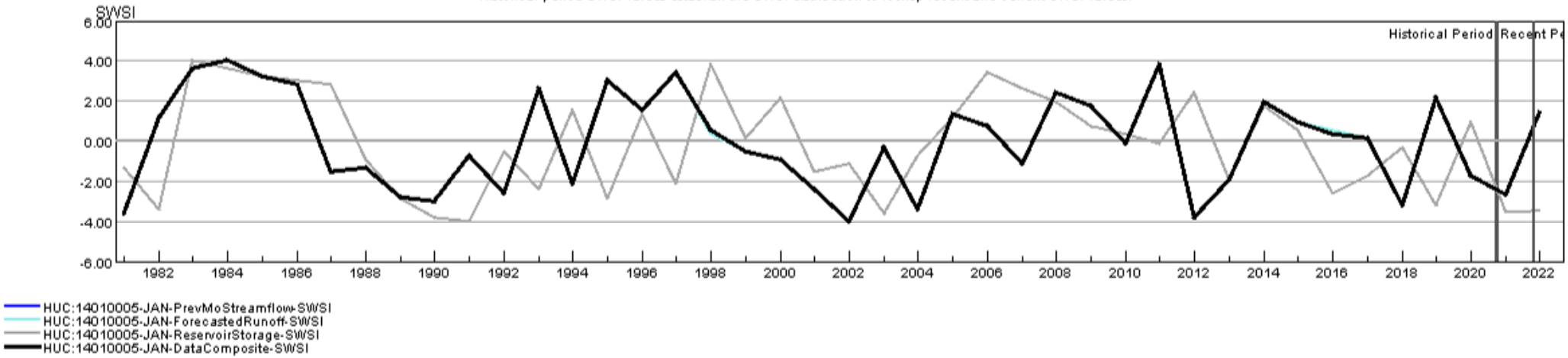

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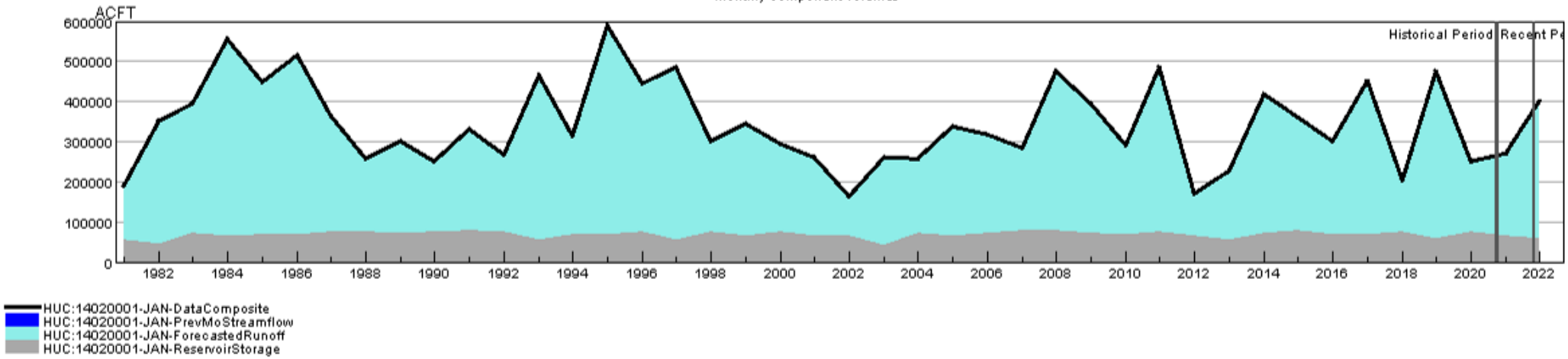

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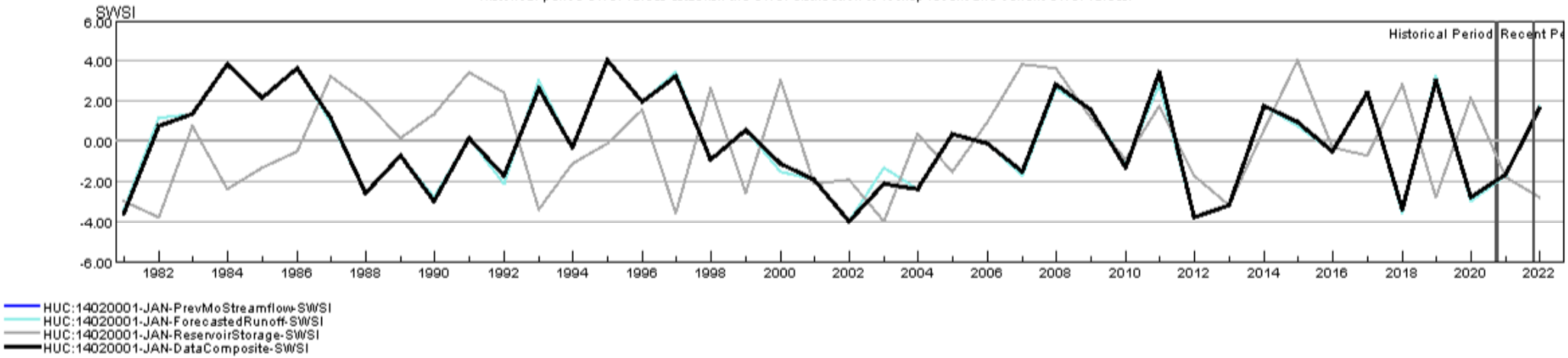

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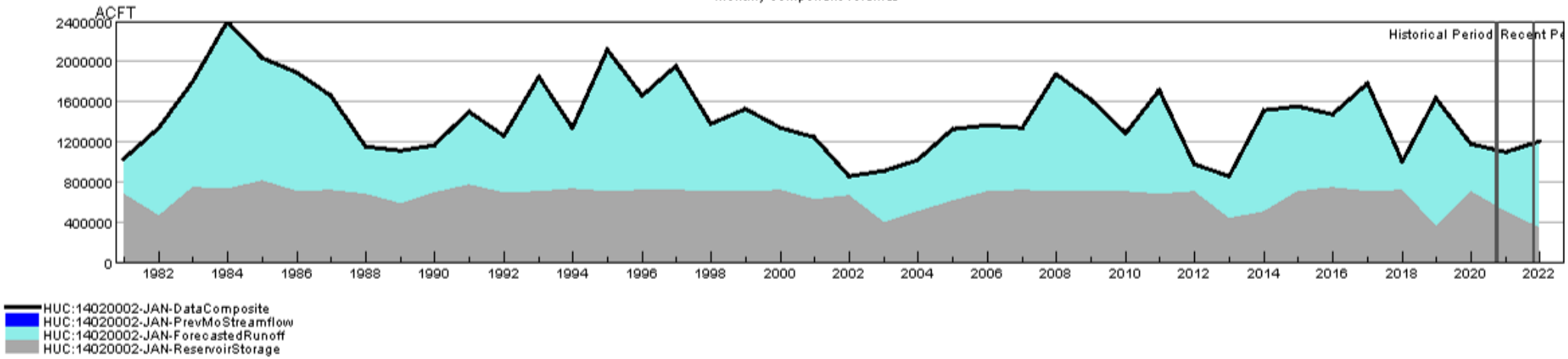

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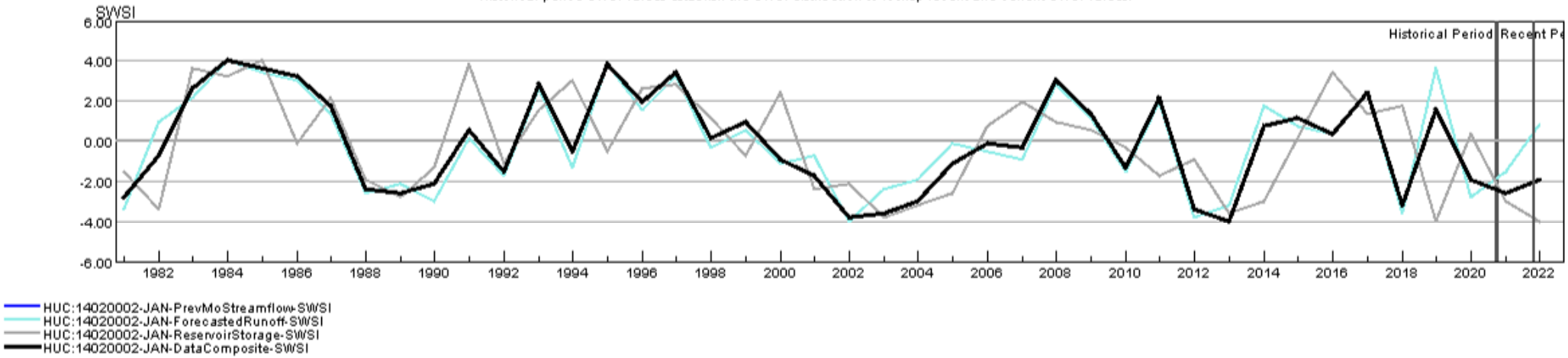

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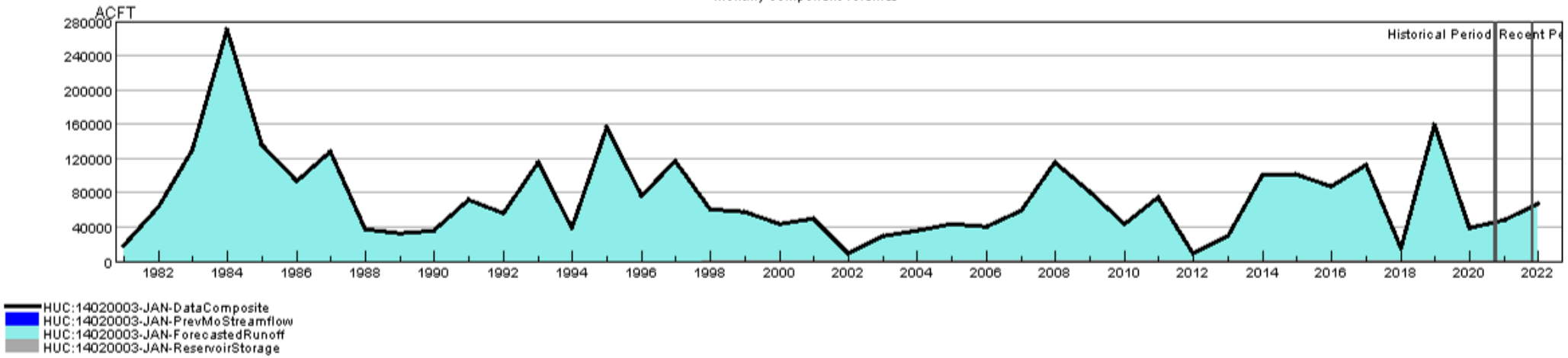

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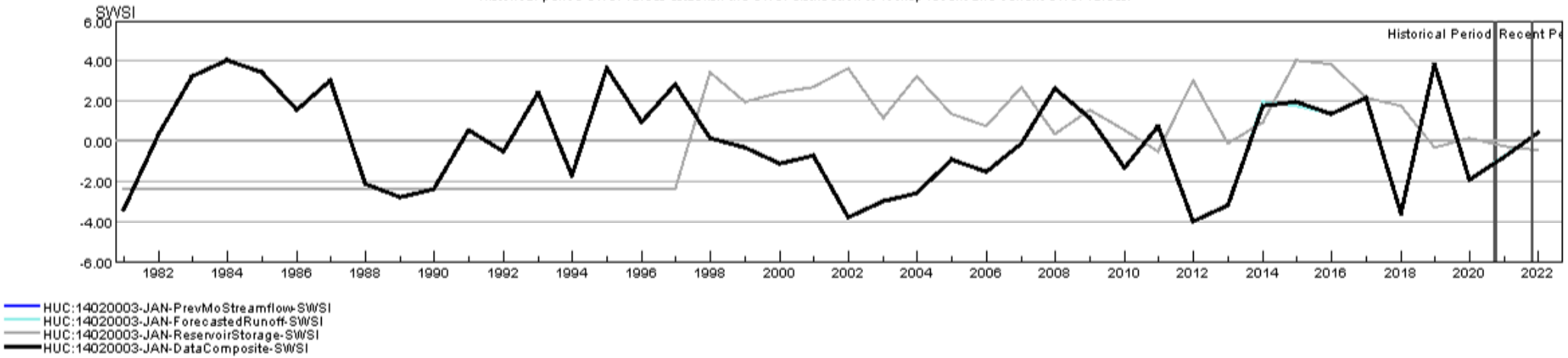

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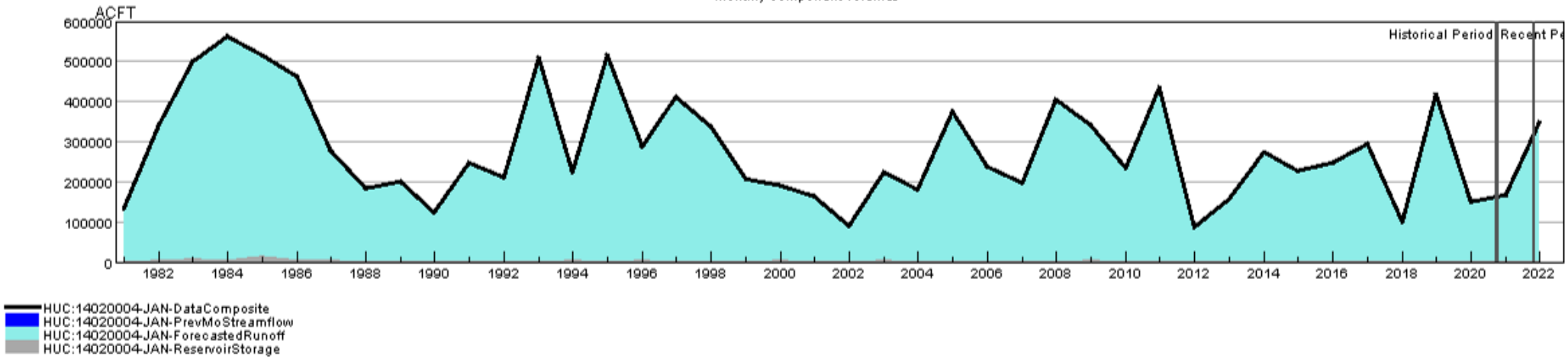

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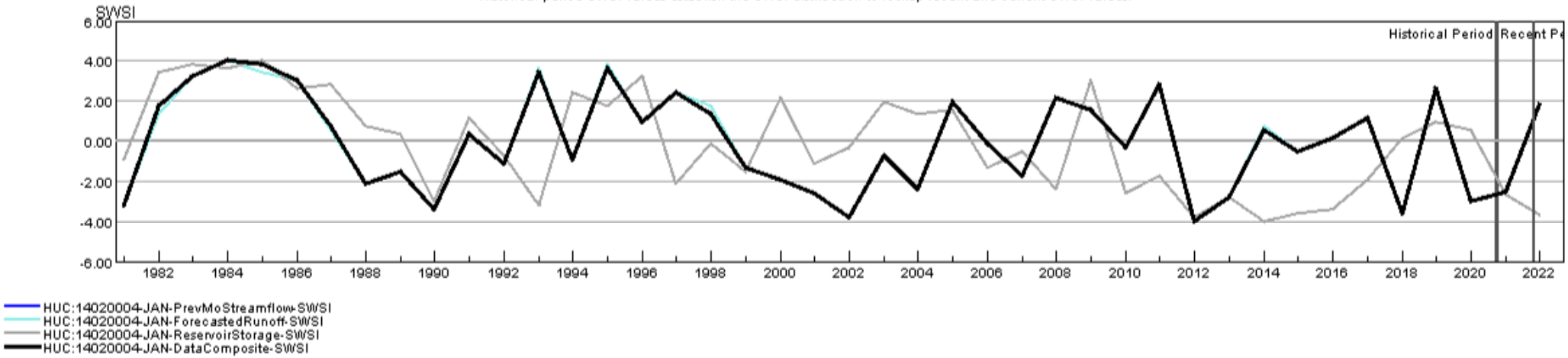

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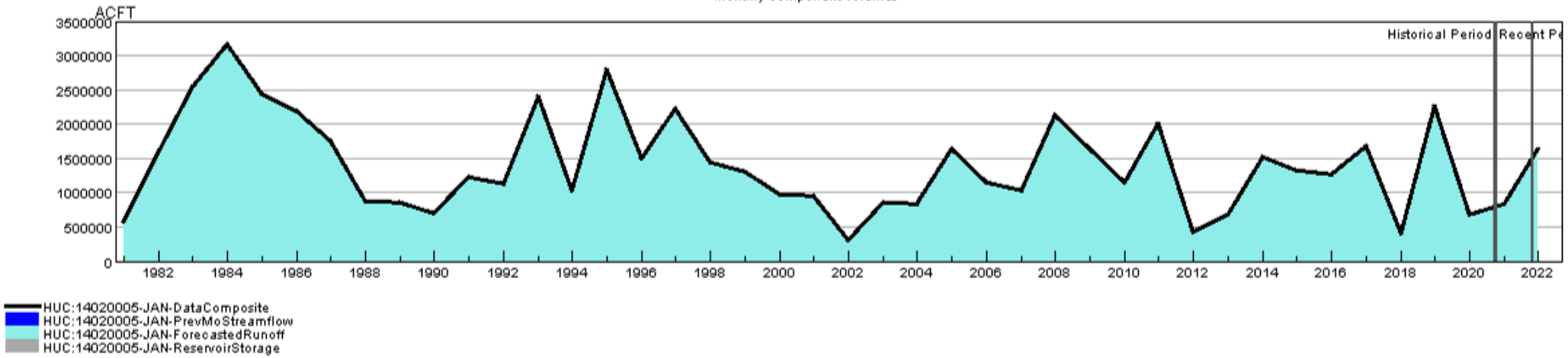

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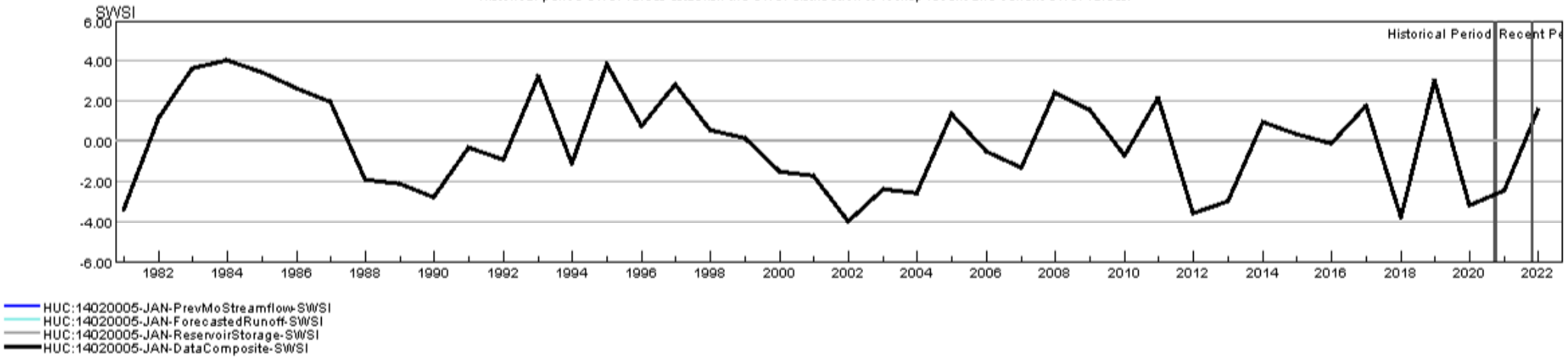

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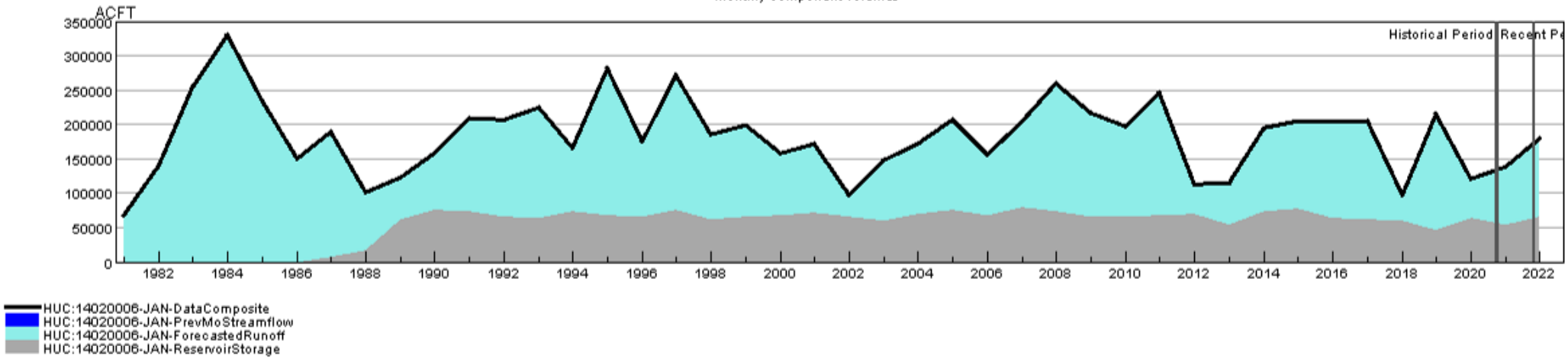

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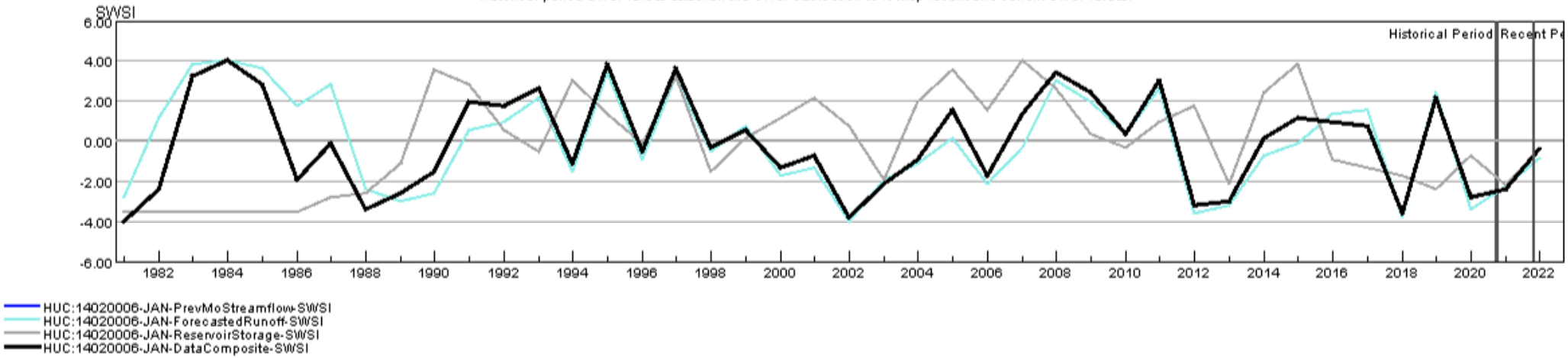

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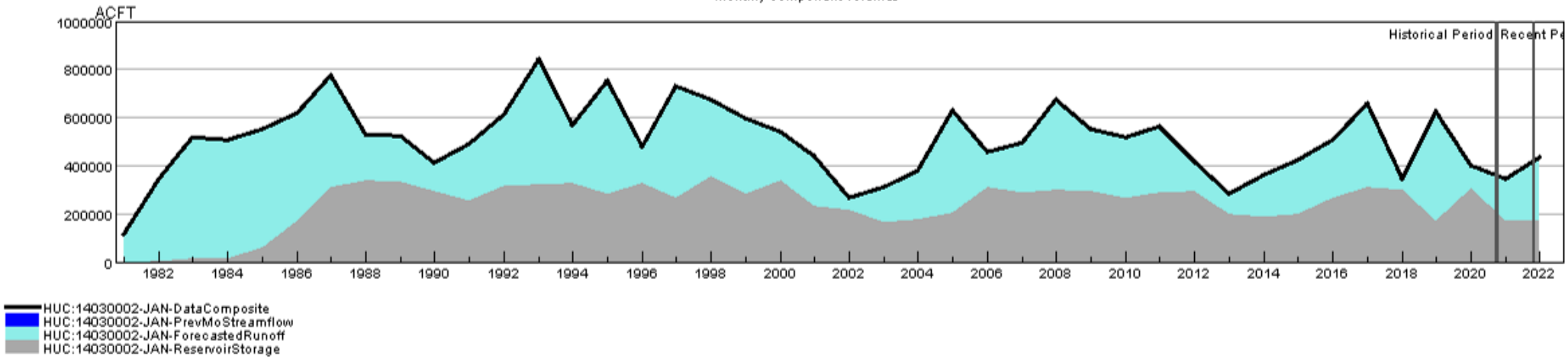

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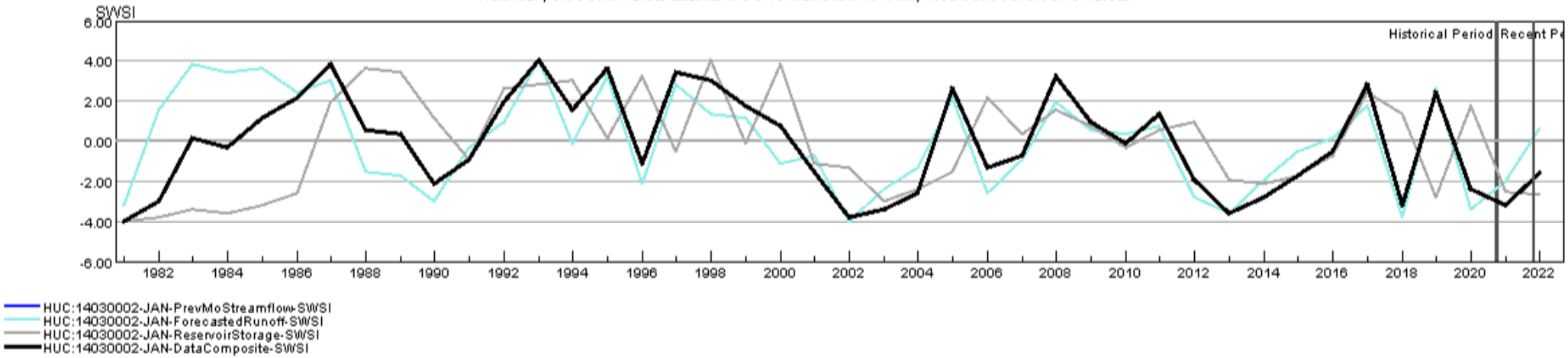

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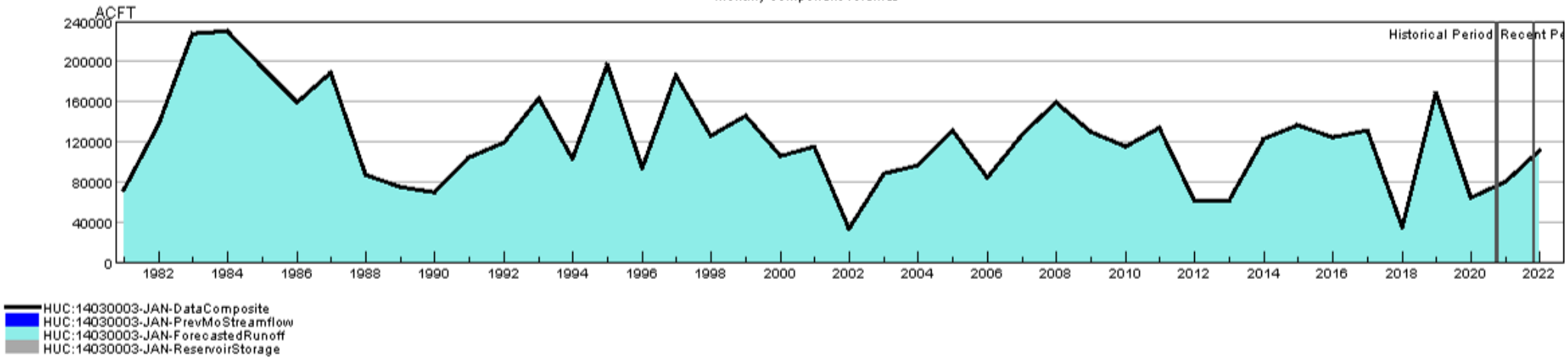

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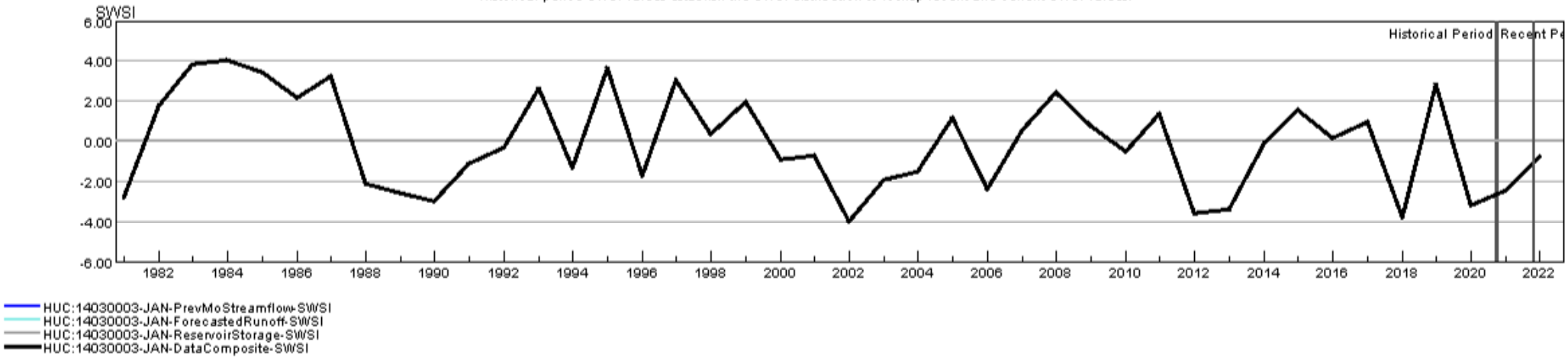

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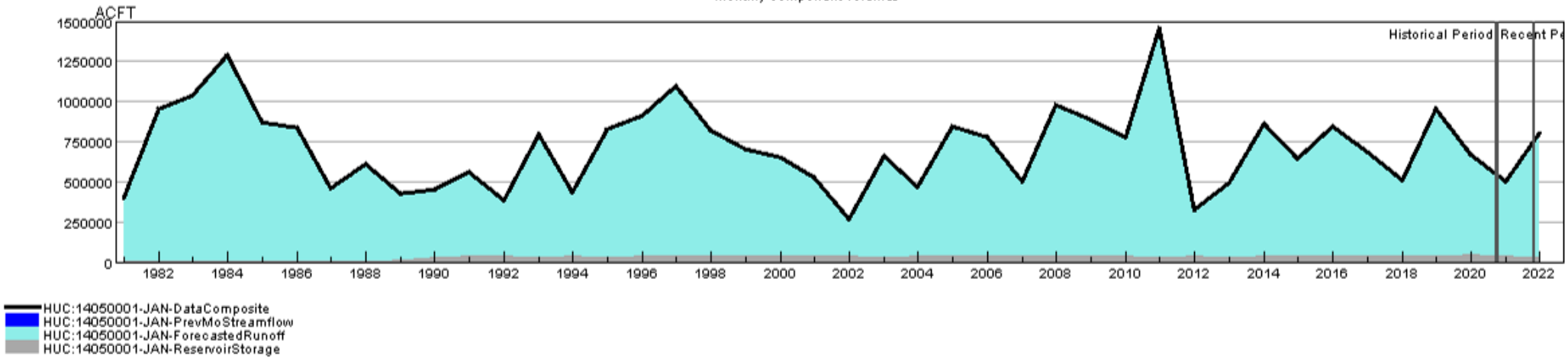

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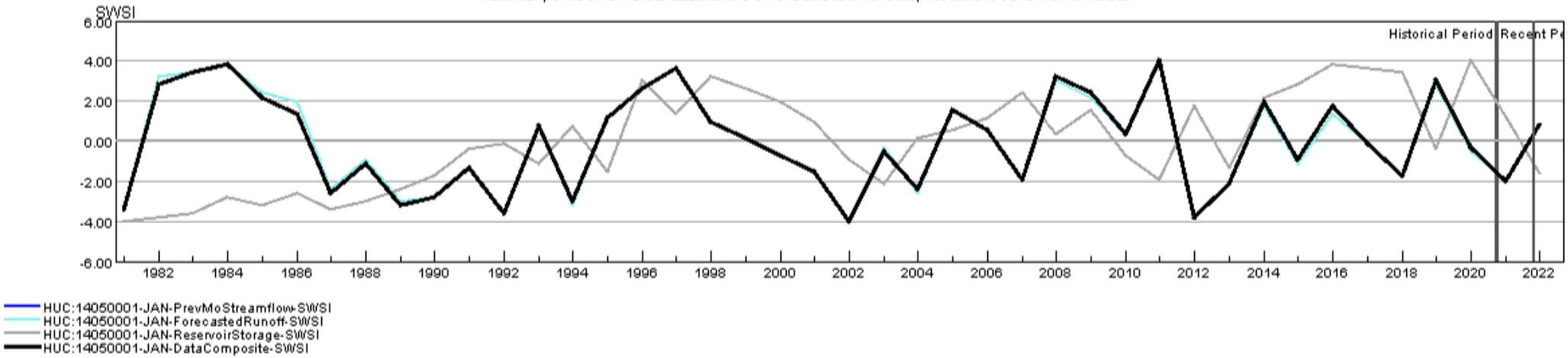

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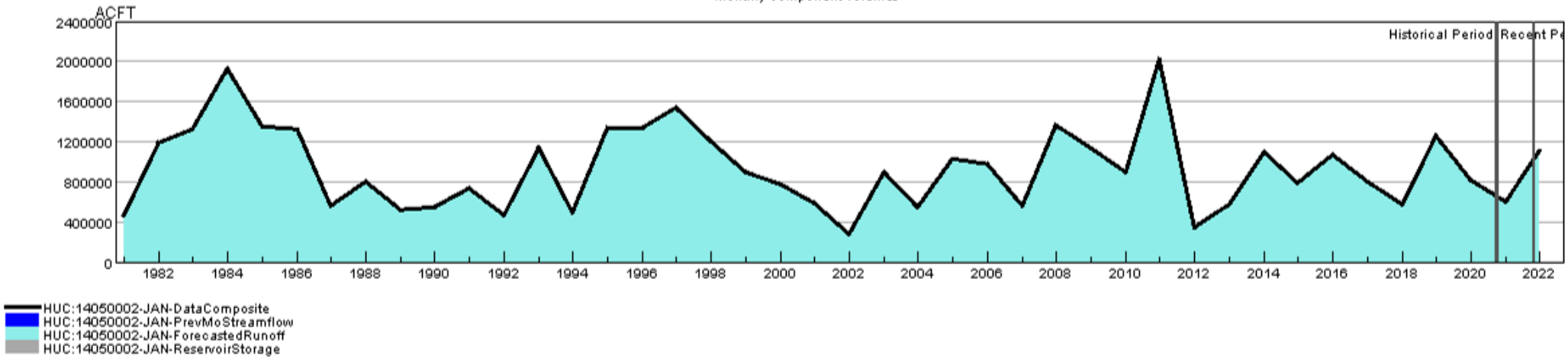

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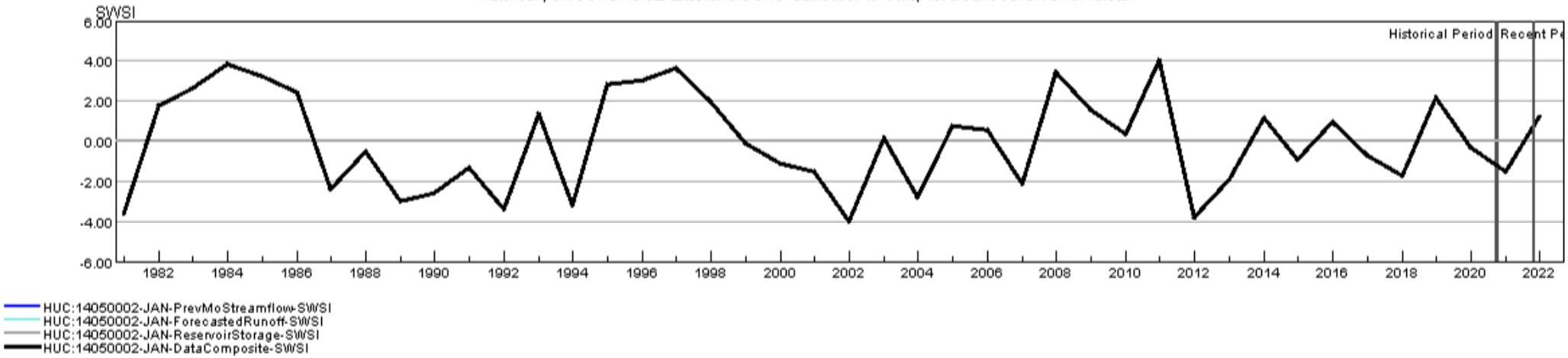

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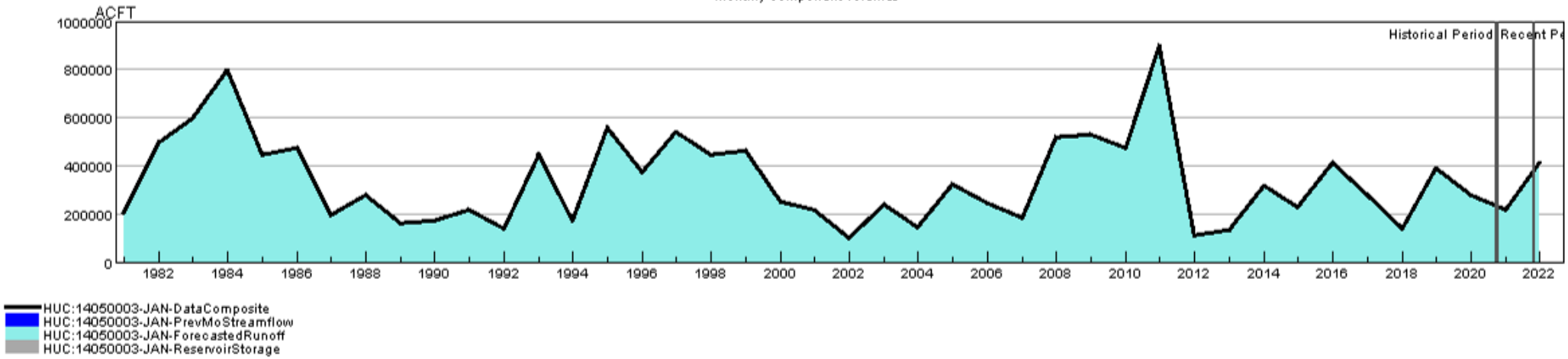

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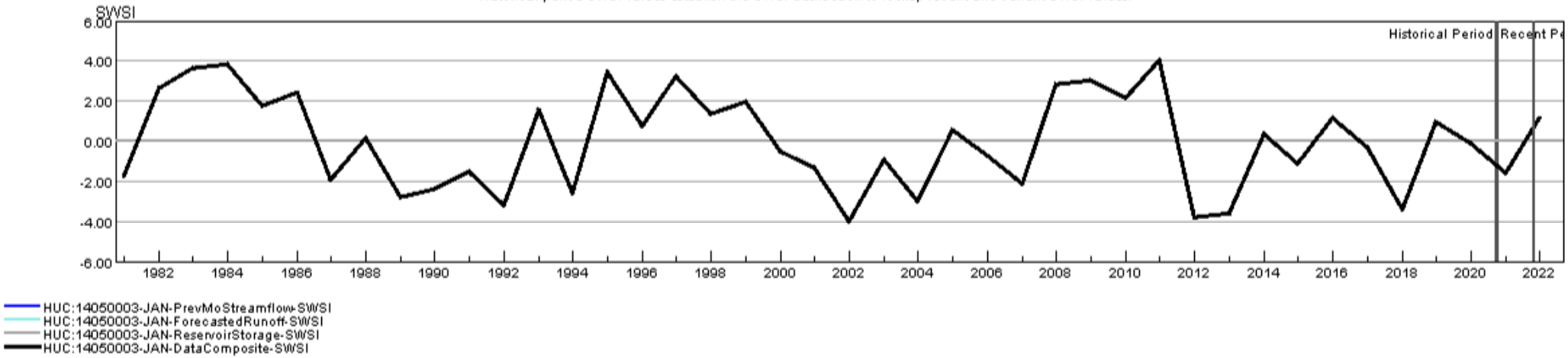

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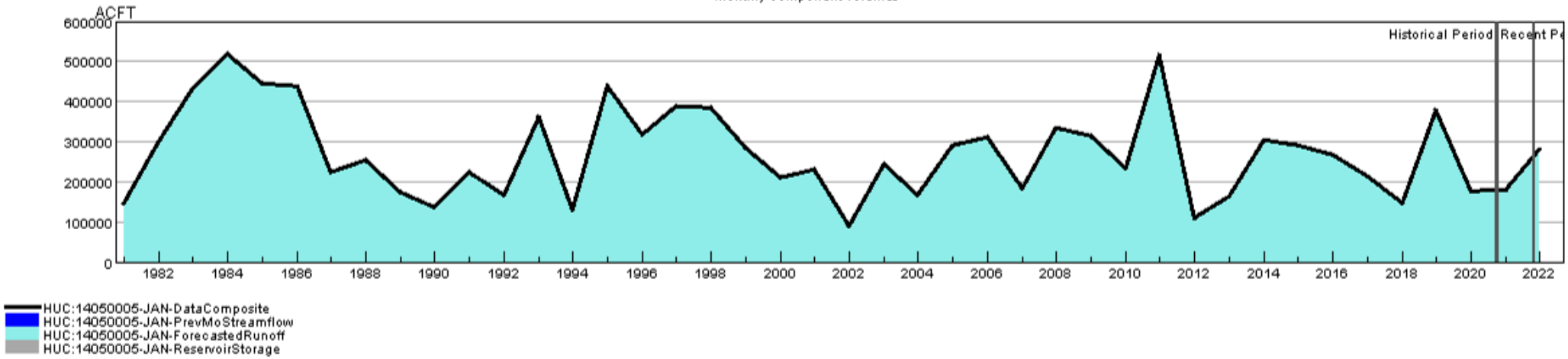

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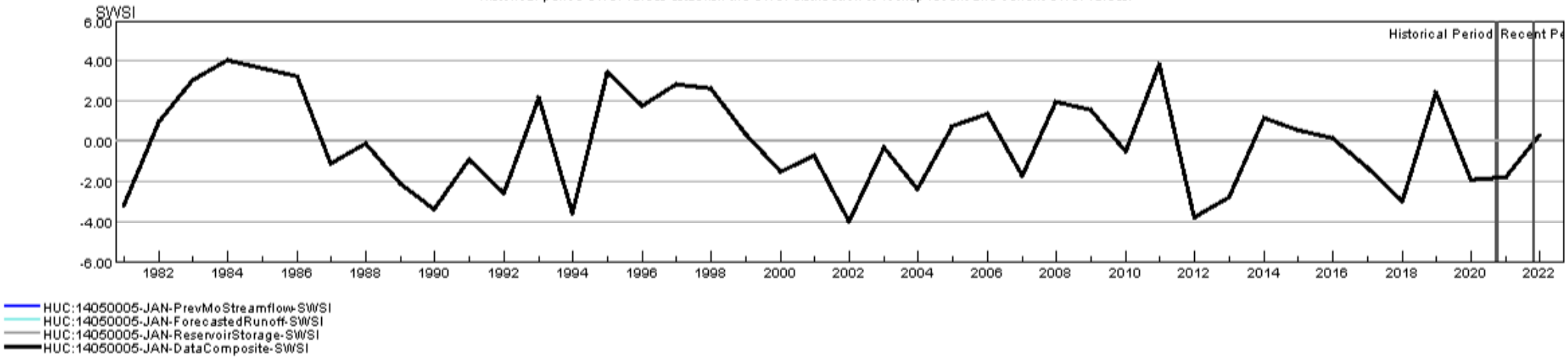

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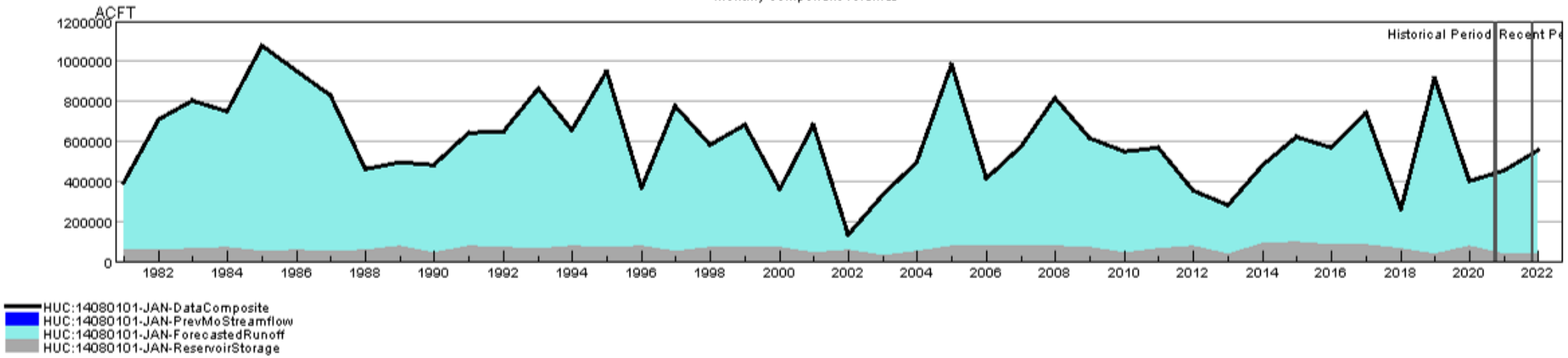

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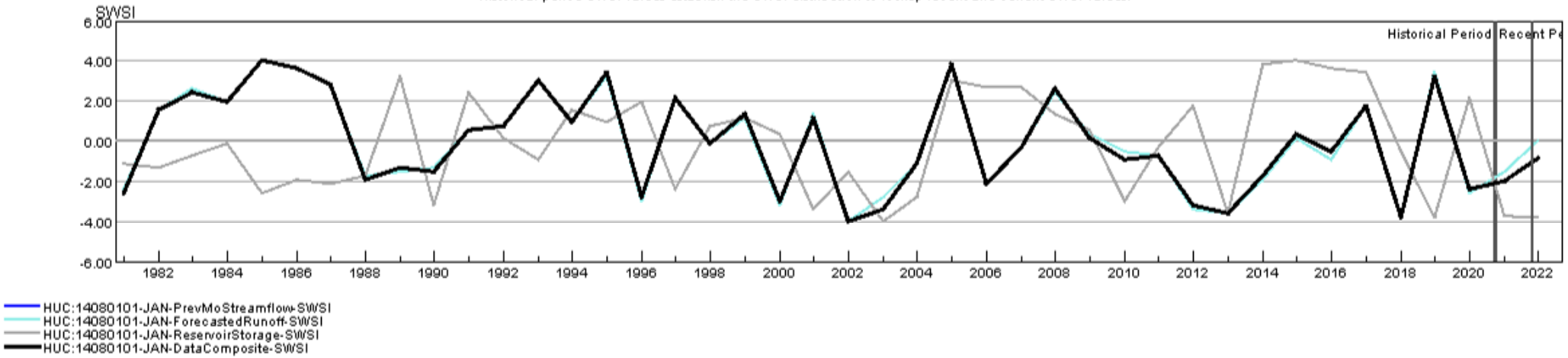

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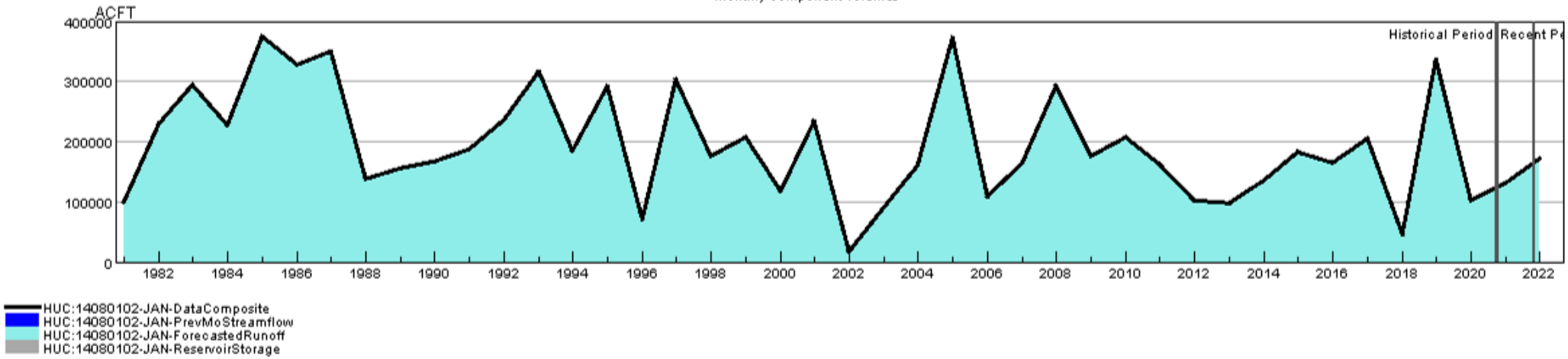

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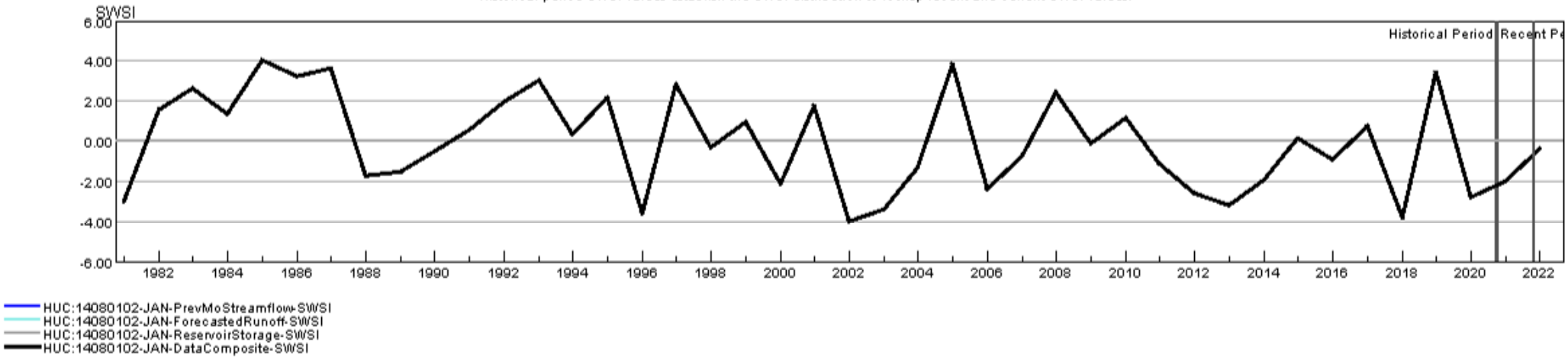

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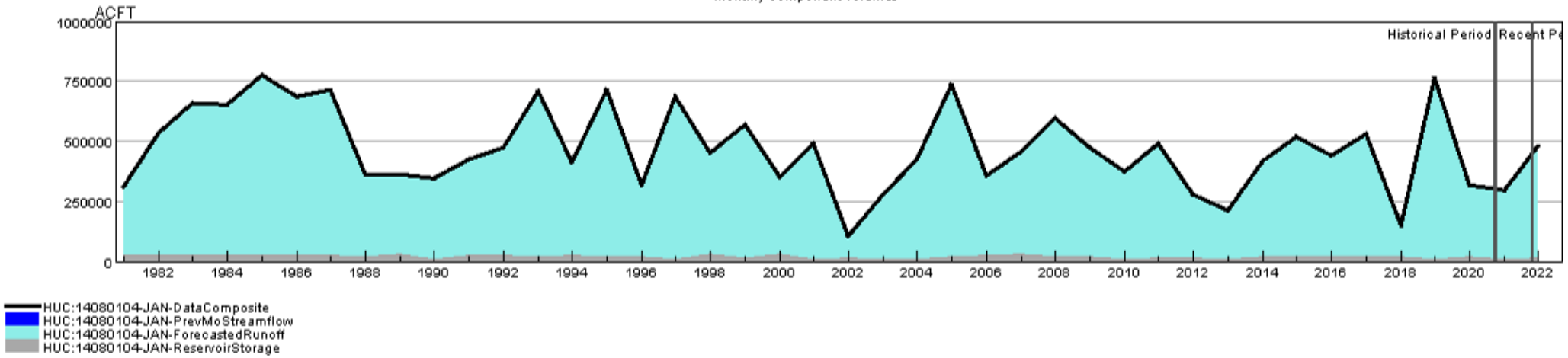

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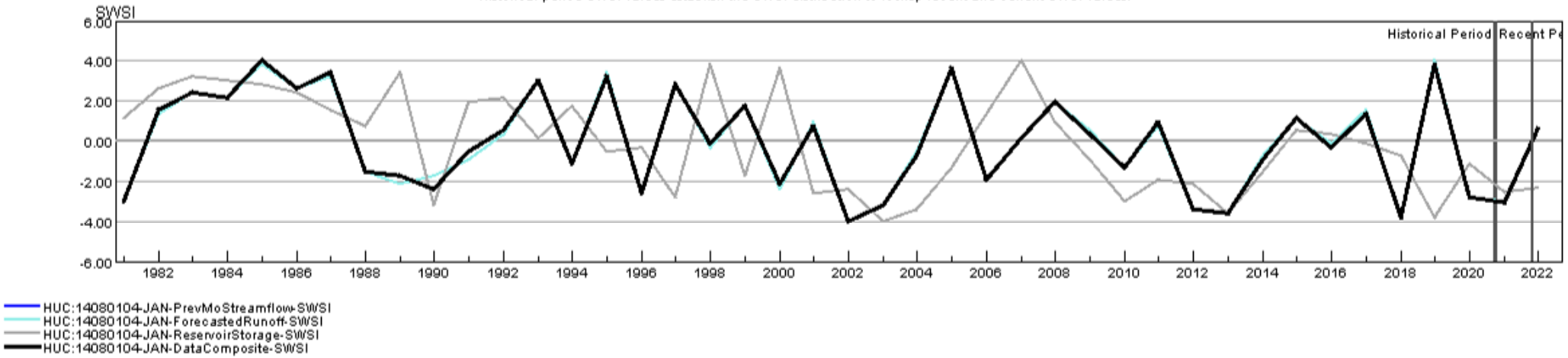

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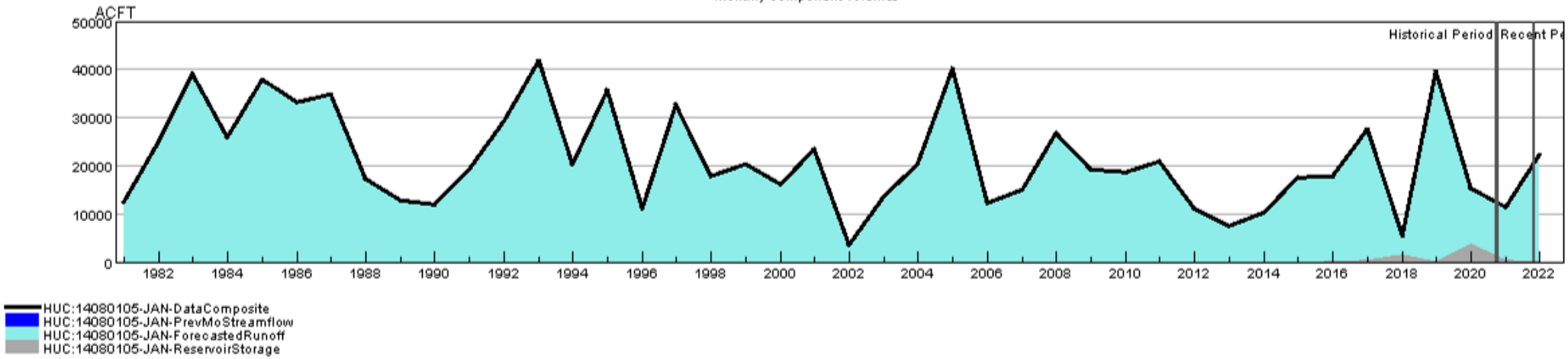

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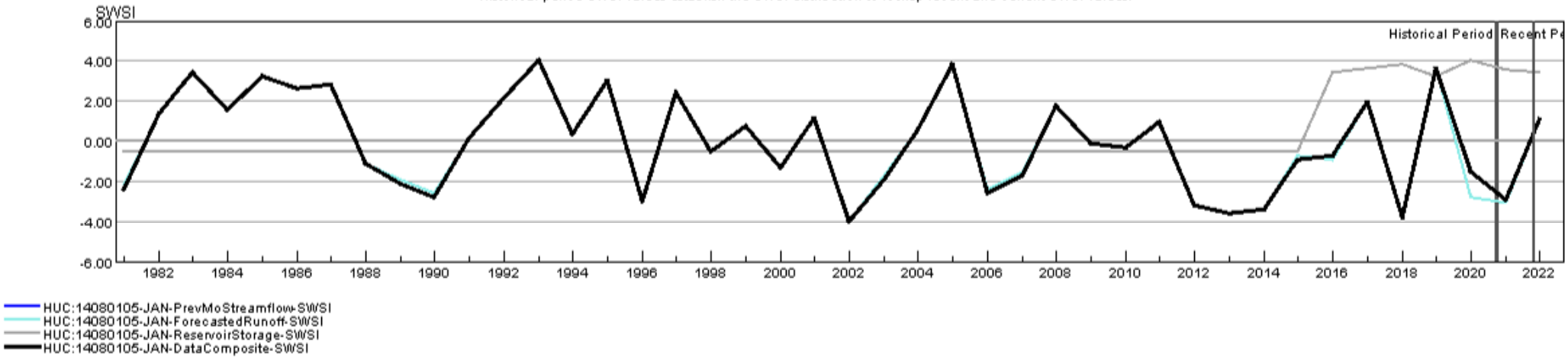

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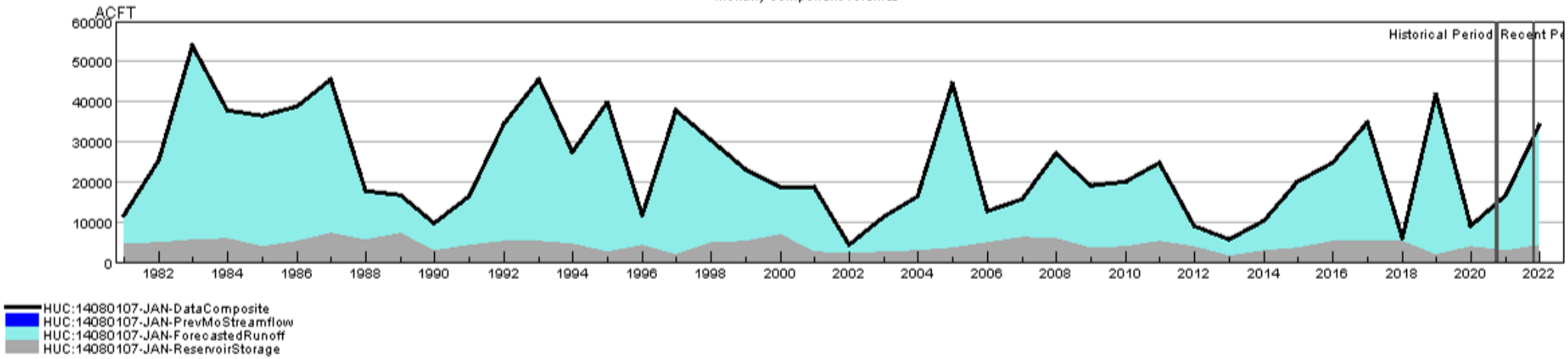

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