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South Platte Summary January 2026

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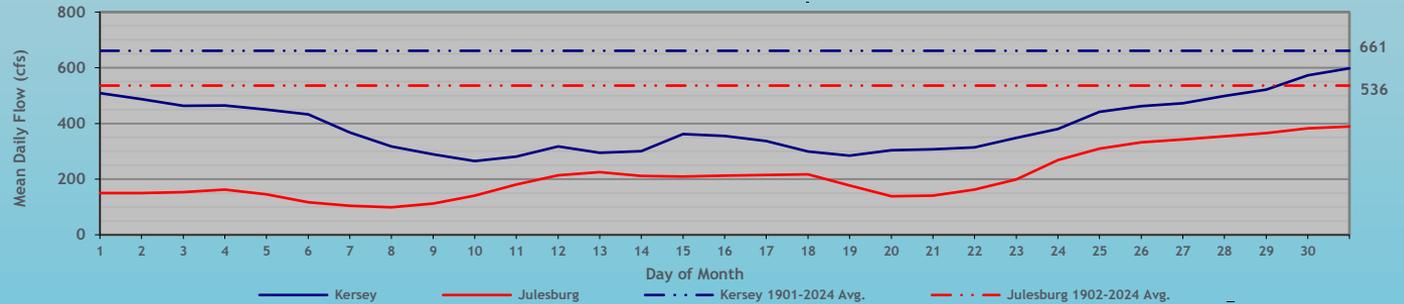
MONTH OF January 2026

RESERVOIR	FULL ALLOWABLE CAPACITY (ACRE FEET)	FIRST OF MONTH (ACRE FEET)	END OF MONTH (ACRE FEET)	DISTRICT	CHANGE IN STORAGE (ACRE FEET)	% CHANGE IN STORAGE BASED ON FIRST OF MONTH STORAGE	% OF CURRENT FULL ALLOWABLE CAPACITY	% OF CURRENT FULL ALLOWABLE CAPACITY THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	SURCHARGE (ACRE FEET)
JULESBURG	22,666	14,923	14,077	64	-846	-6%	62%	71%	0
N STERLING	73,730	43,537	60,105	64	16,568	38%	82%	82%	0
PREWITT	28,500	23,778	22,721	64	-1,057	-4%	80%	80%	0
JACKSON	27,257	24,788	24,999	1	211	1%	92%	89%	0
EMPIRE	37,700	25,325	26,560	1	1,235	5%	70%	67%	0
RIVERSIDE	63,113	52,881	51,413	1	-1,468	-3%	81%	79%	0
BARR LAKE	32,152	18,799	23,718	2	4,919	26%	74%	59%	0
CHEESMAN	79,064	68,351	65,807	80	-2,544	-4%	83%	93%	0
ELEVEN MILE	97,779	99,177	99,521	23	344	0%	100%	100%	1,742
SPINNEY	53,651	21,857	22,883	23	1,026	5%	43%	46%	0
ANTERO	20,015	18,376	18,272	23	-104	-1%	91%	95%	0

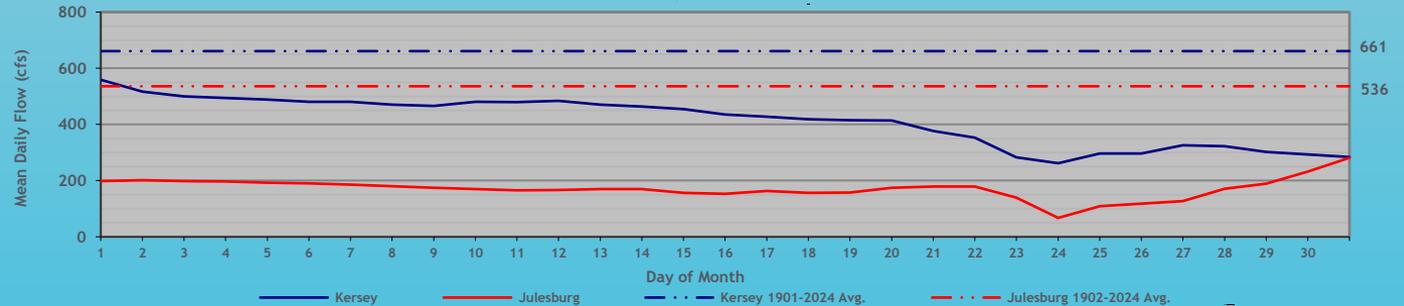
RIVER GAGES	MEAN DAILY FLOW (CFS)
KERSEY	413
JULESBURG	171
THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	
KERSEY	390
JULESBURG	212
MEAN FOR PERIOD OF RECORD*	
KERSEY	661
JULESBURG	536

*Kersey 1901 - 2024 *Julesburg 1902 - 2024

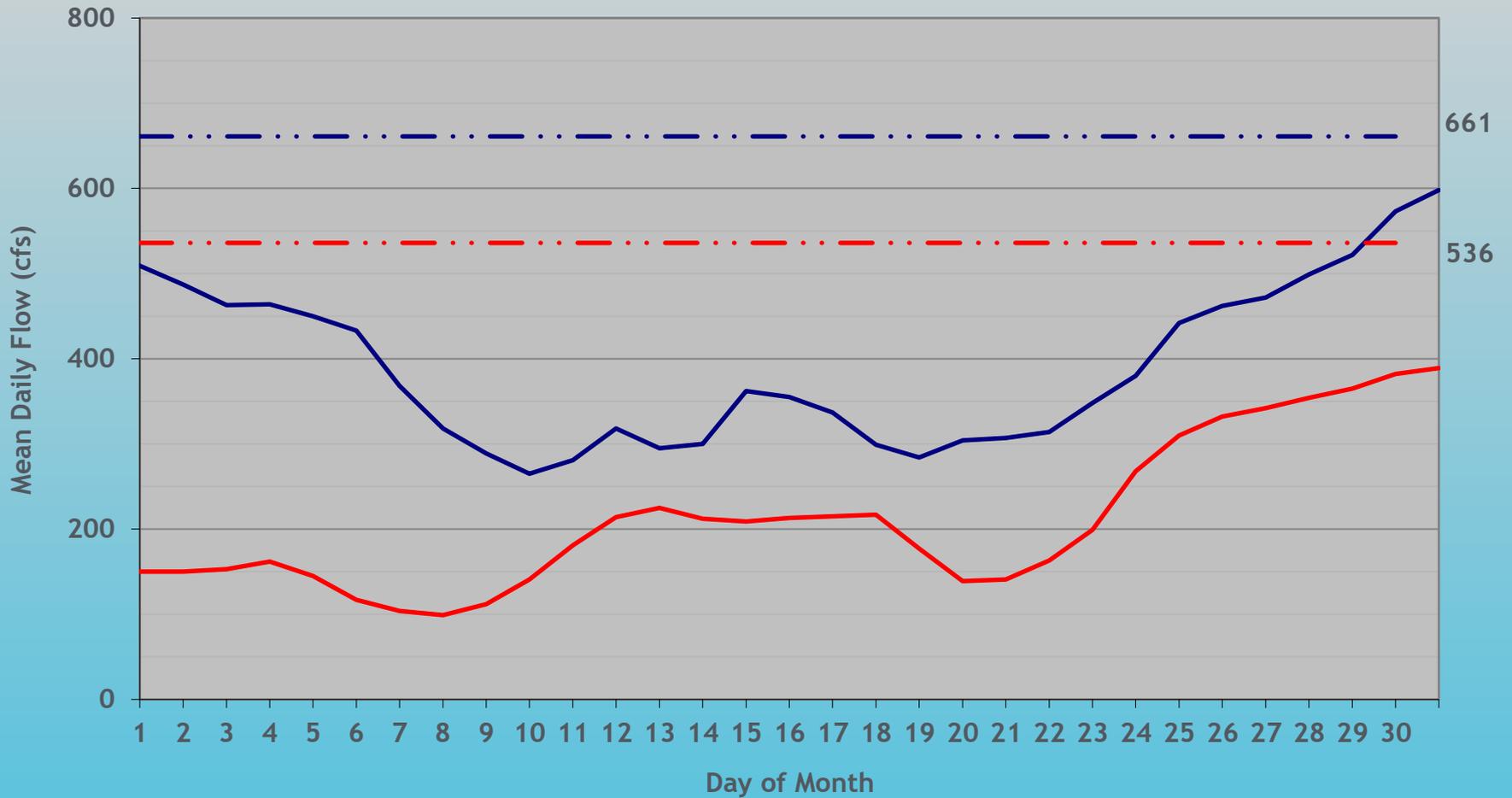
KERSEY and JULESBURG
January 2025



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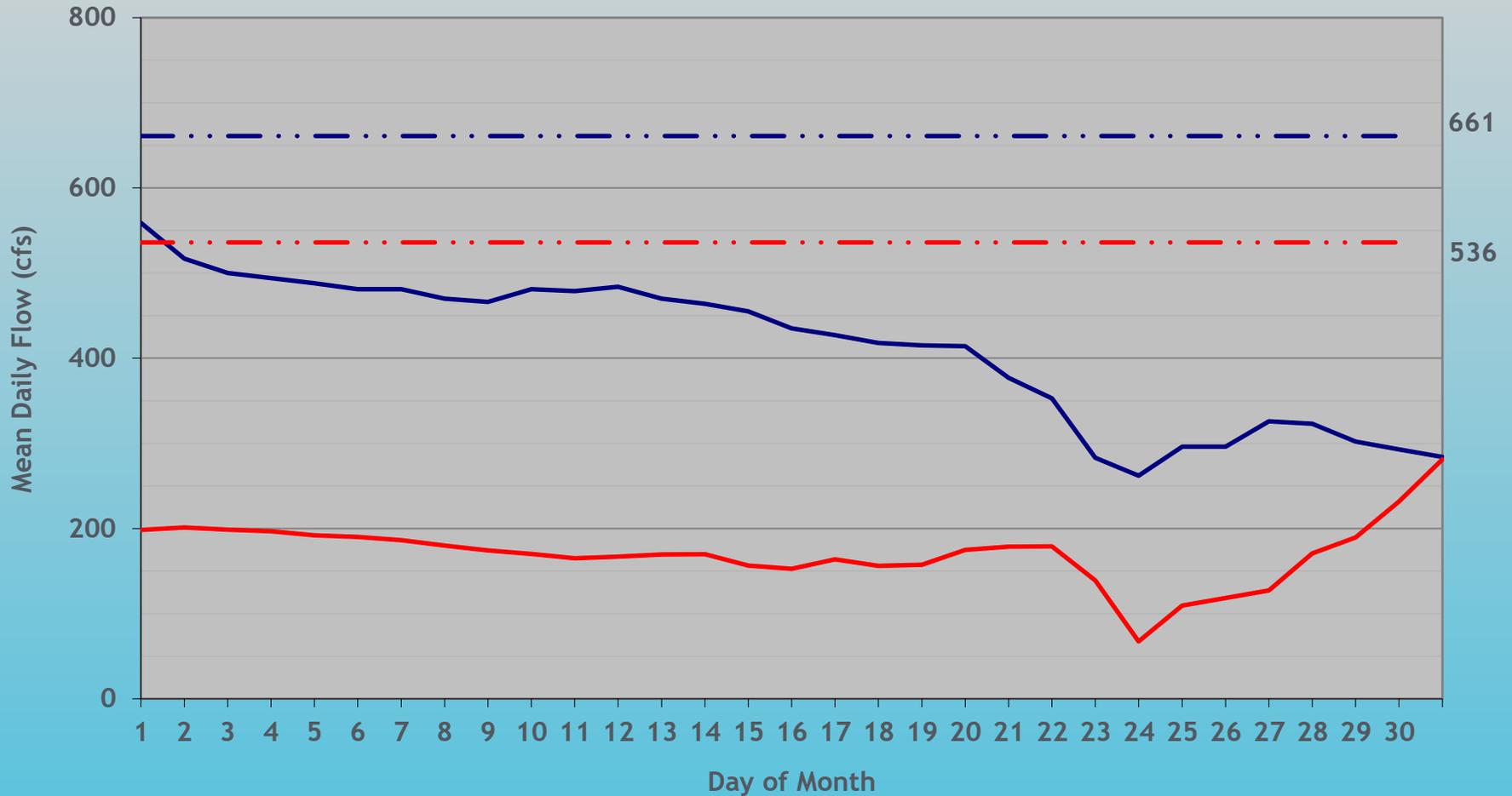


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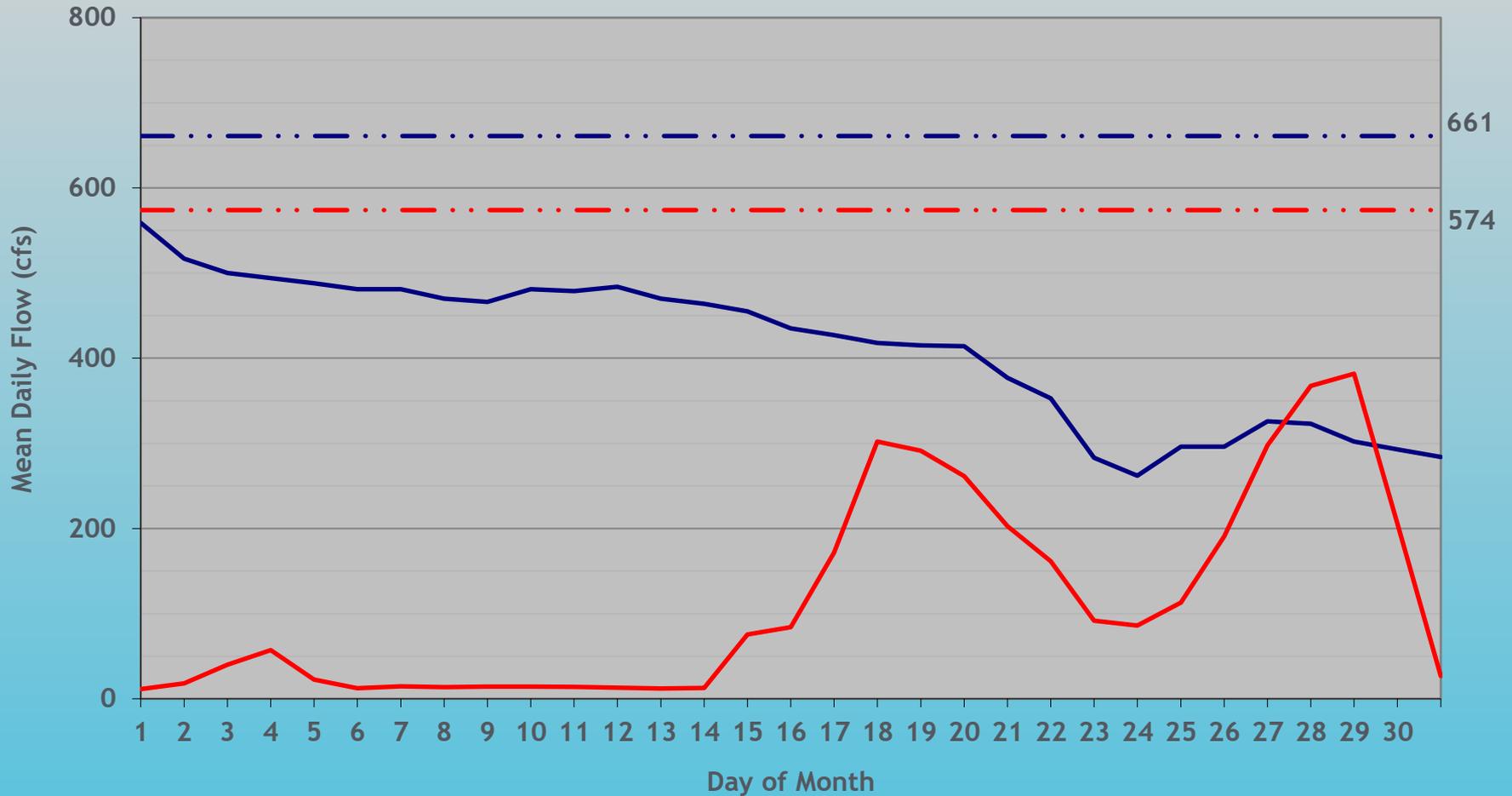
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KERSEY and JULESBURG January 2026



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South Platte River Monthly Stream Flow (cfs) Statistics

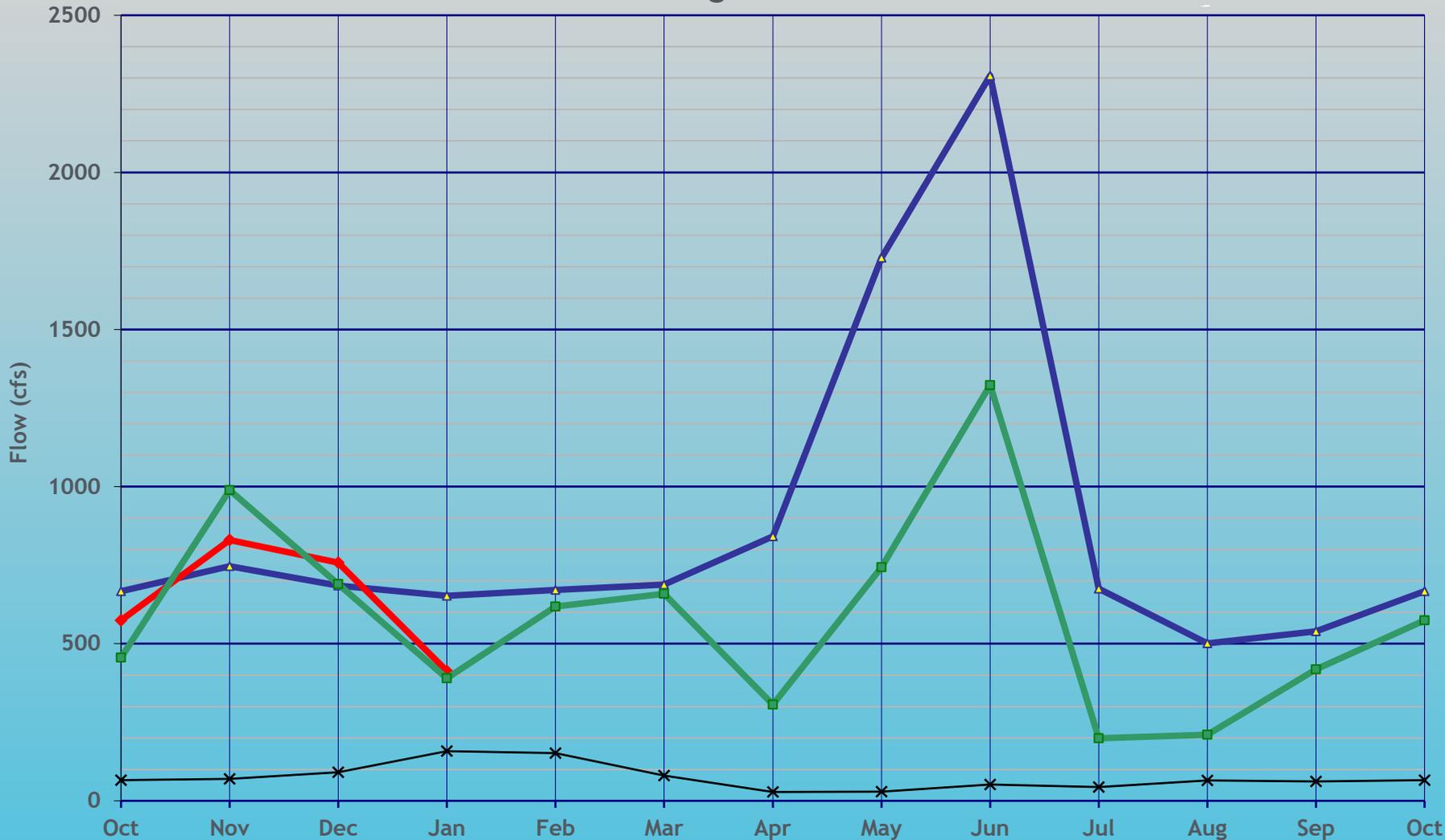
South Platte River at Kersey

South Platte River at Julesburg

Month	Historic*		Year	Historic*		IY 2026 Mean Monthly Flow	Month	Historic*		Year	Historic*		IY 2026 Mean Monthly Flow
	Mean Flow	Max Flow		Min Flow	Max Flow			Min Flow	Year				
Oct	667	6180	1984	66	1954	574	Oct	299	3130	1984	4.2	1903	230
Nov	747	3650	1984	70	1934	830	Nov	335	2900	1984	4.2	1903	82
Dec	685	1890	1961	91	1934	758	Dec	401	1820	1984	13	2002	205
Jan	652	2160	1974	158	1935	413	Jan	512	2510	1970	21	2003	171
Feb	671	3060	1914	152	1935		Feb	578	3220	1930	29	2005	
Mar	688	3470	1983	80	1935		Mar	512	12900	1910	15	1904	
Apr	842	18100	1942	28	1955		Apr	514	14400	1942	4.0	1904	
May	1728	26100	1973	29	1955		May	994	18100	1973	12	1911	
Jun	2308	31000	1921	52	1954		Jun	1426	30800	1921	2.0	1910	
Jul	675	12600	1983	44	1955		Jul	311	12600	1983	0.0	1903	
Aug	501	9690	1951	65	1934		Aug	178	8920	1968	0.0	1903	
Sep	539	14200	1938	62	1940		Sep	284	7130	1938	2.0	1902	
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*Period of record 1902-2024							*Period of record 1902-2024						

South Platte River at Kersey

Irrigation Year



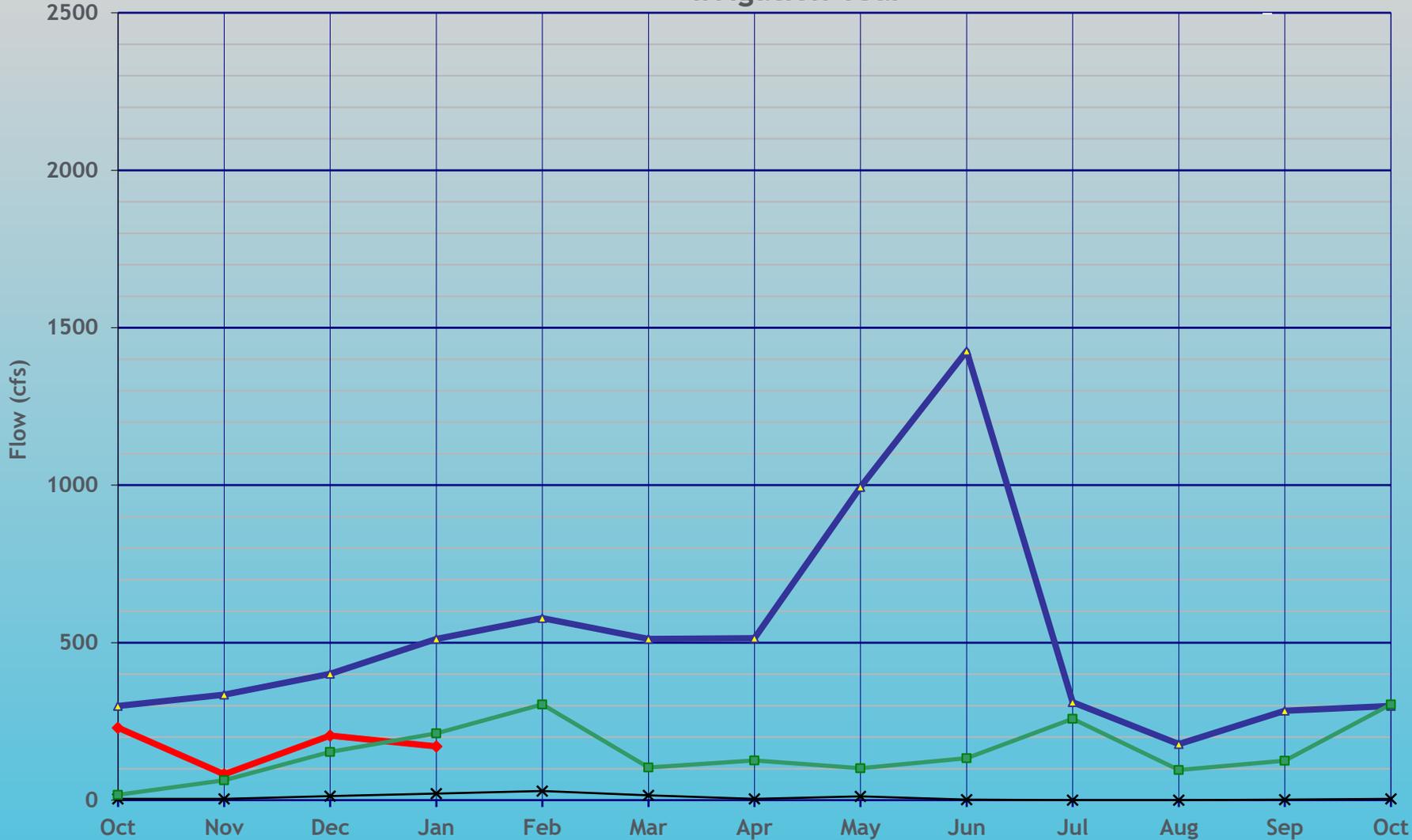
▲ Historic* Mean Flow × Historic* Min Flow ◆ 2025-2026 Mean Flow ■ 2024-2025 Mean Flow

*1901-2021



South Platte River at Julesburg

Irrigation Year



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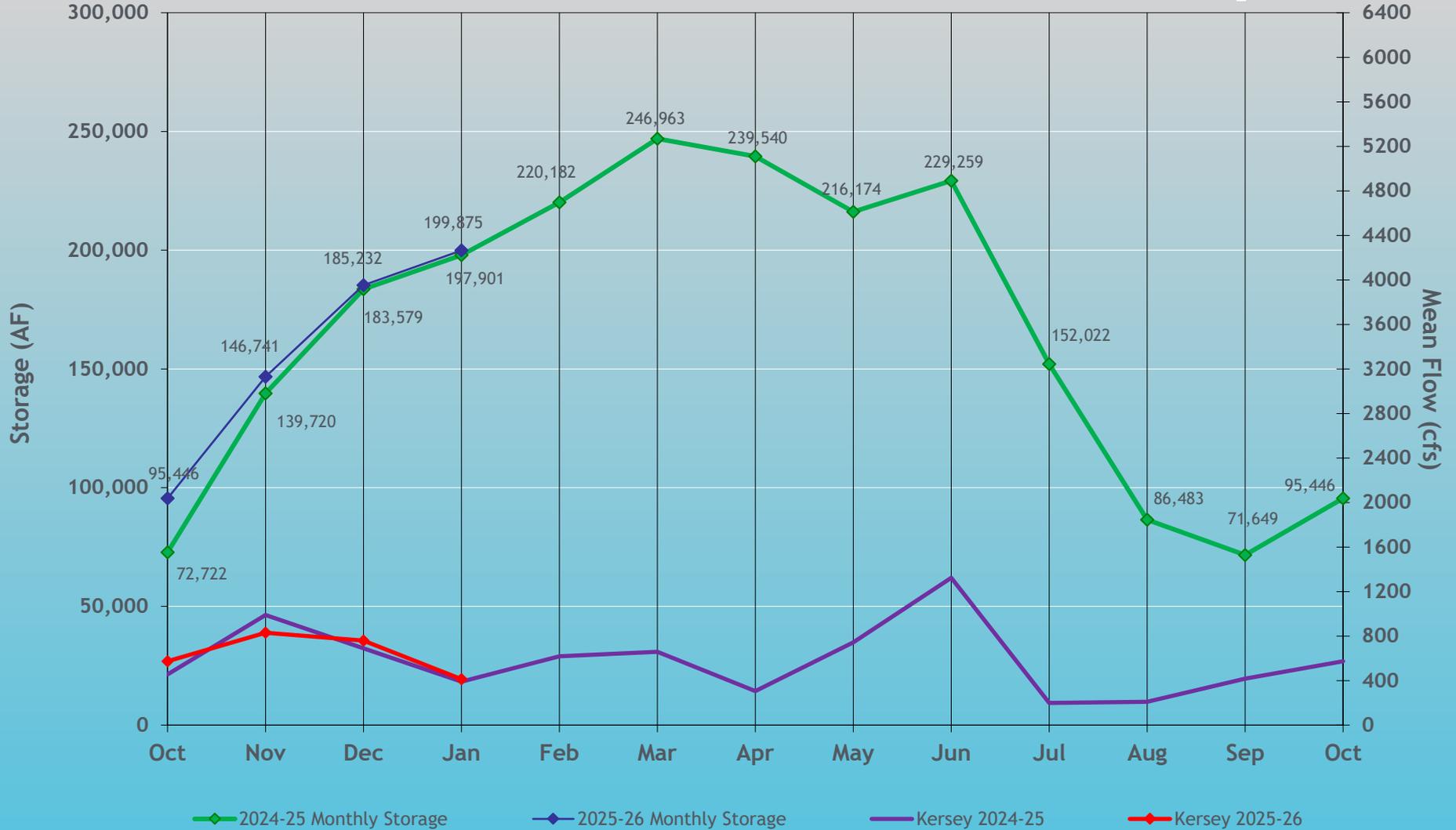
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Next three slides show Reservoir Storage above and below Kersey

Reservoir Storage below Kersey

Selected Reservoirs*

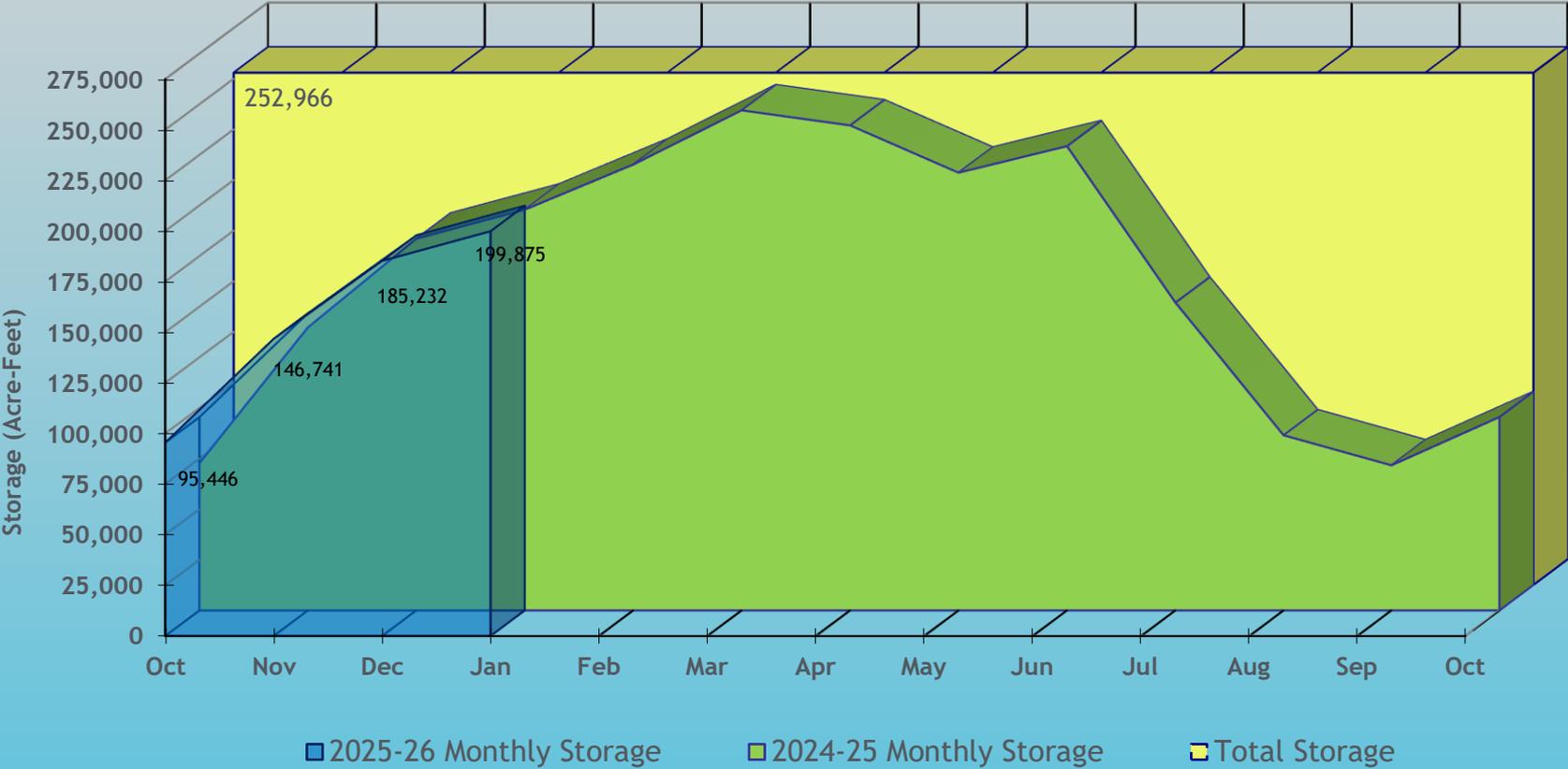


*Empire, Riverside, Jackson, Prewitt, North Sterling, & Julesburg



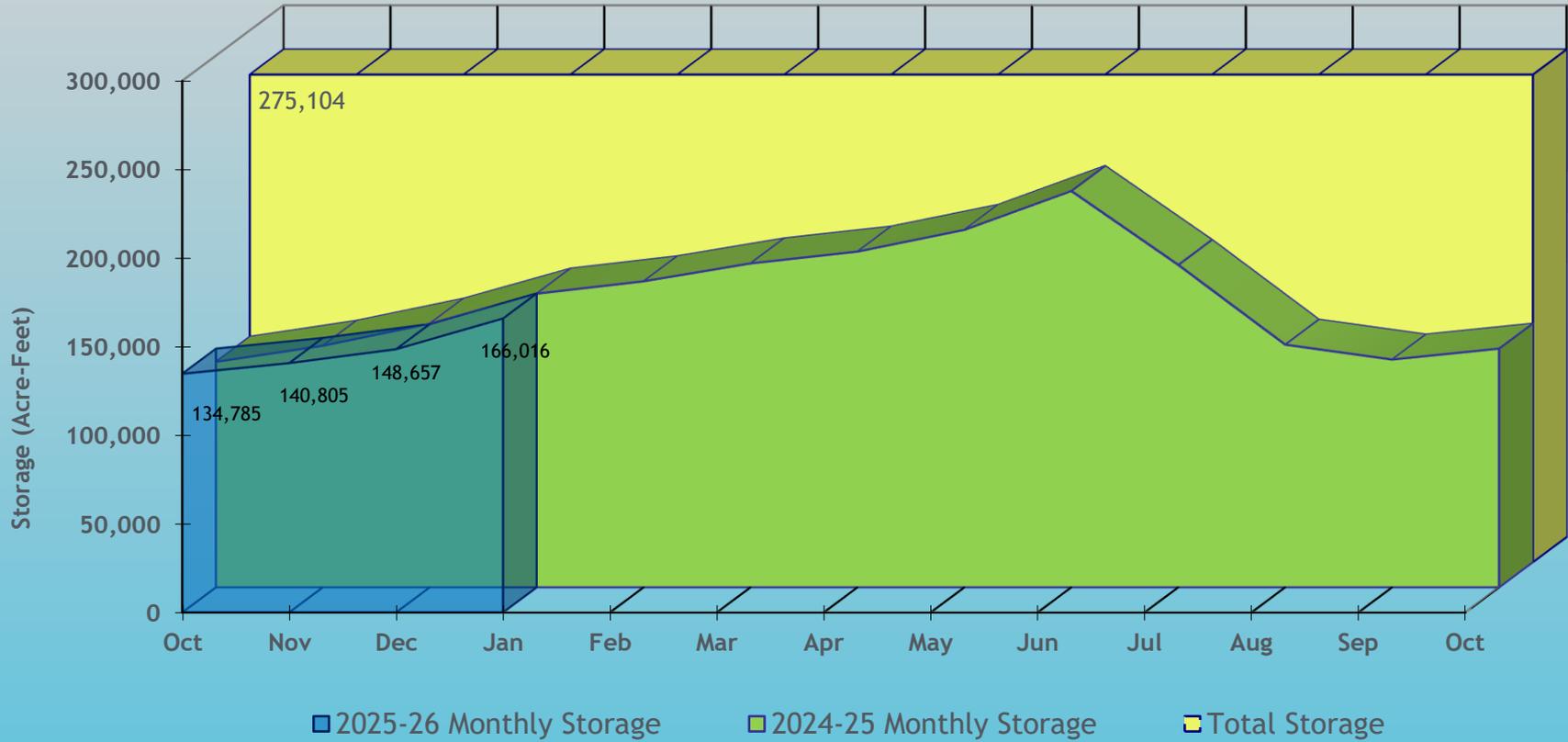
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South Platte Reservoir Storage below Kersey*



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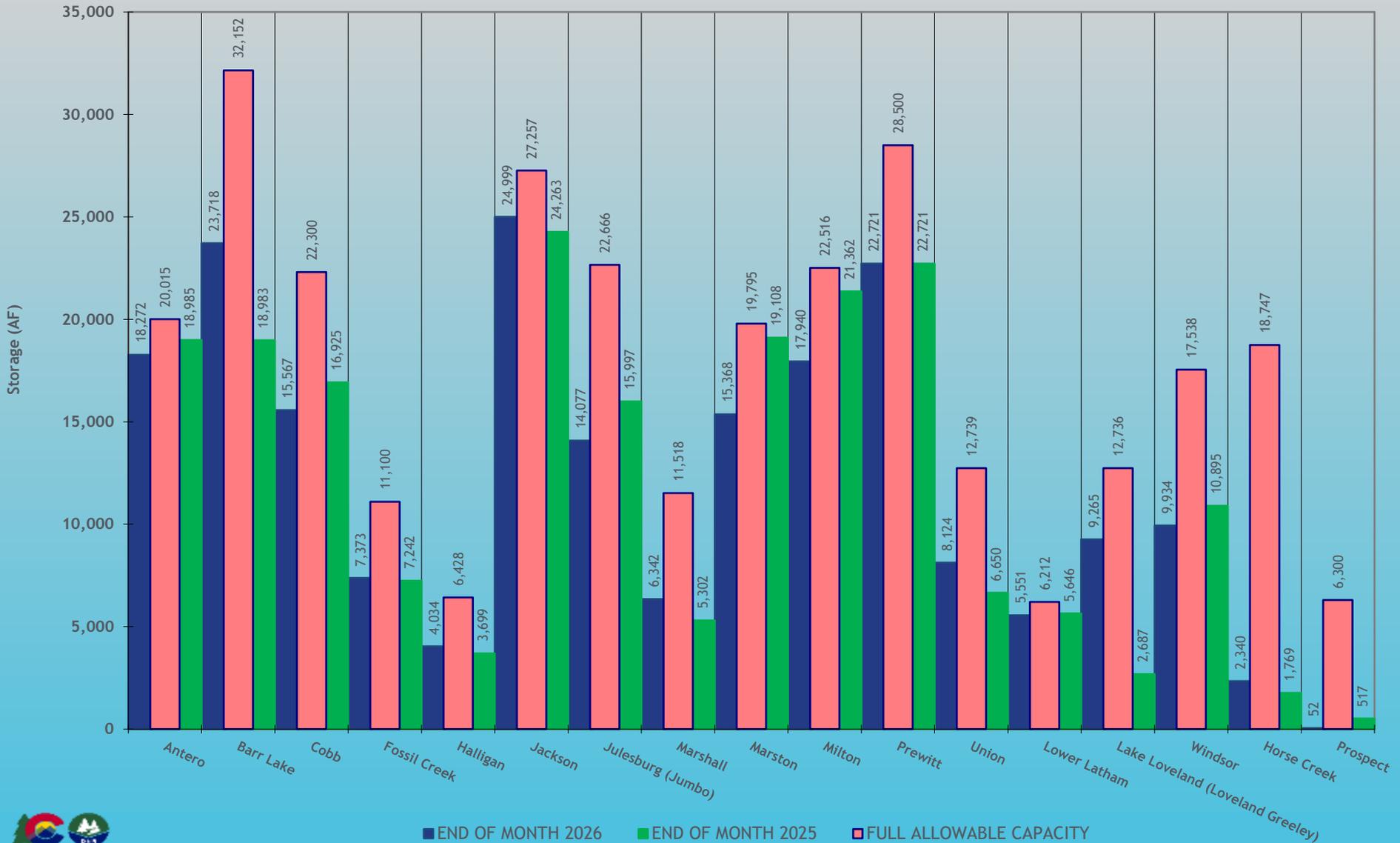
South Platte Reservoir Storage above Kersey*



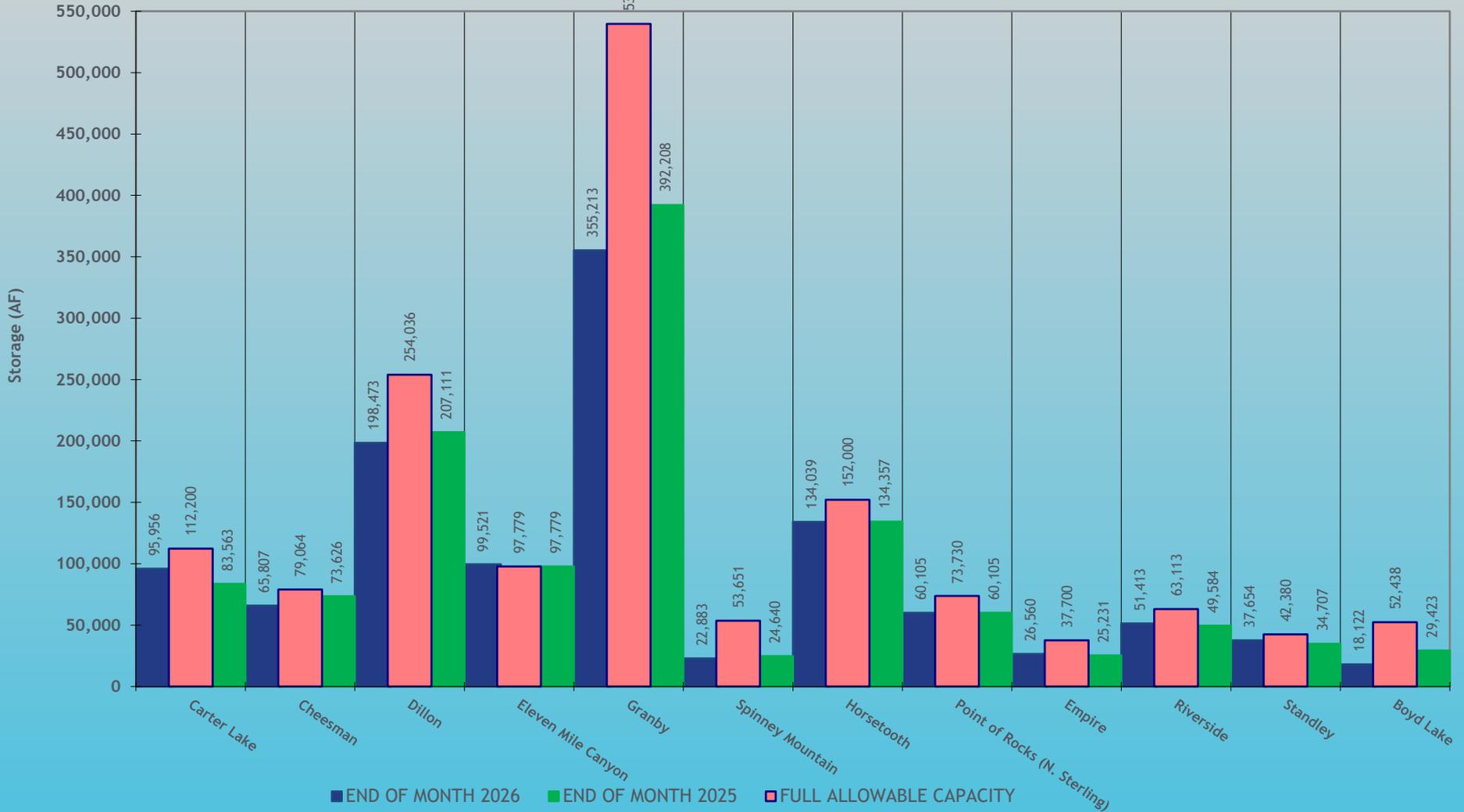
*Barr, Cobb, Fossil Crk, Halligan, Marshall, Milton, Union, Standley, Lower Latham, Boyd, Loveland, Windsor, Horse Crk, & Prospect



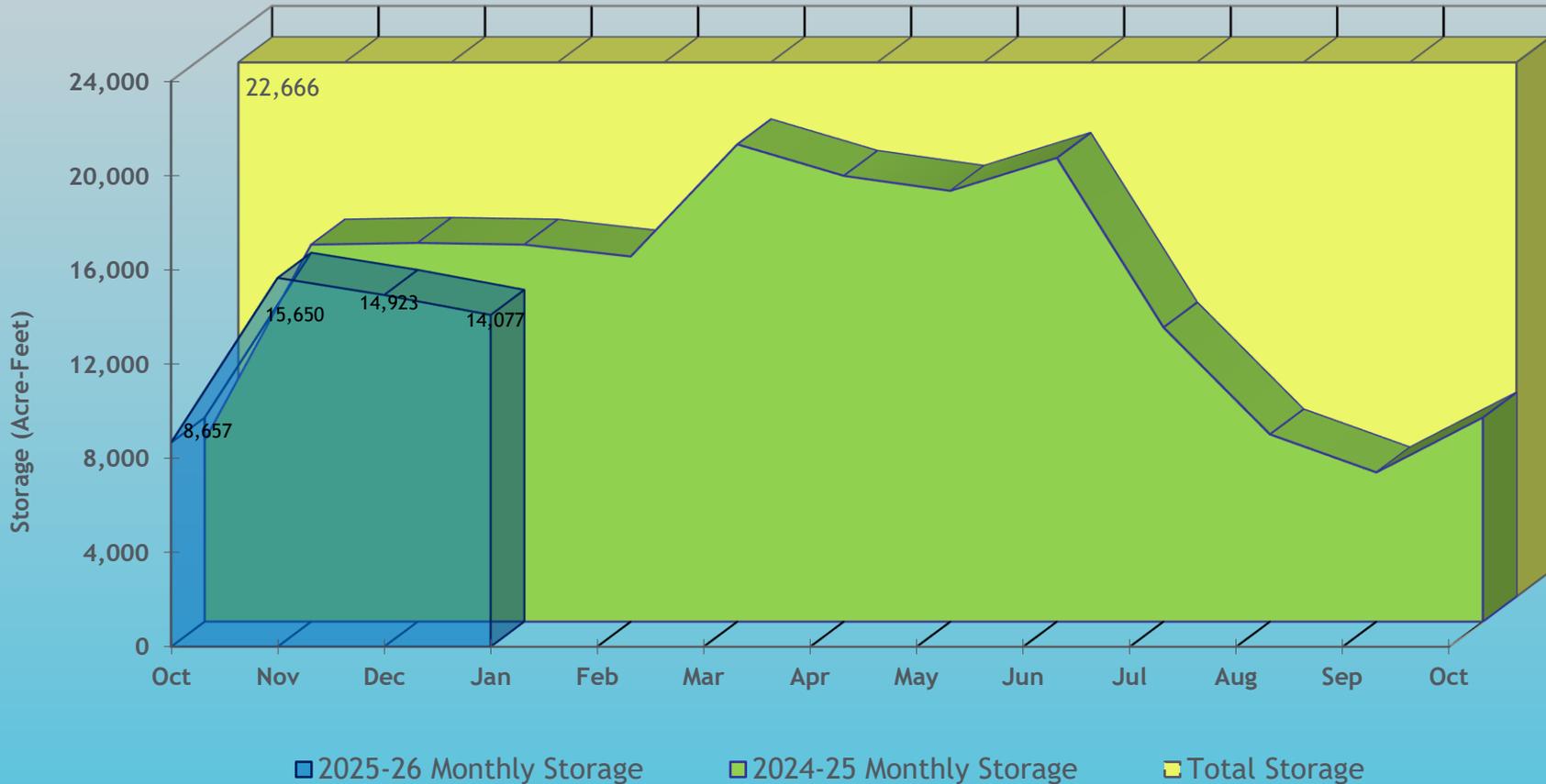
January Reservoir Change in Storage IY2025 versus IY2026



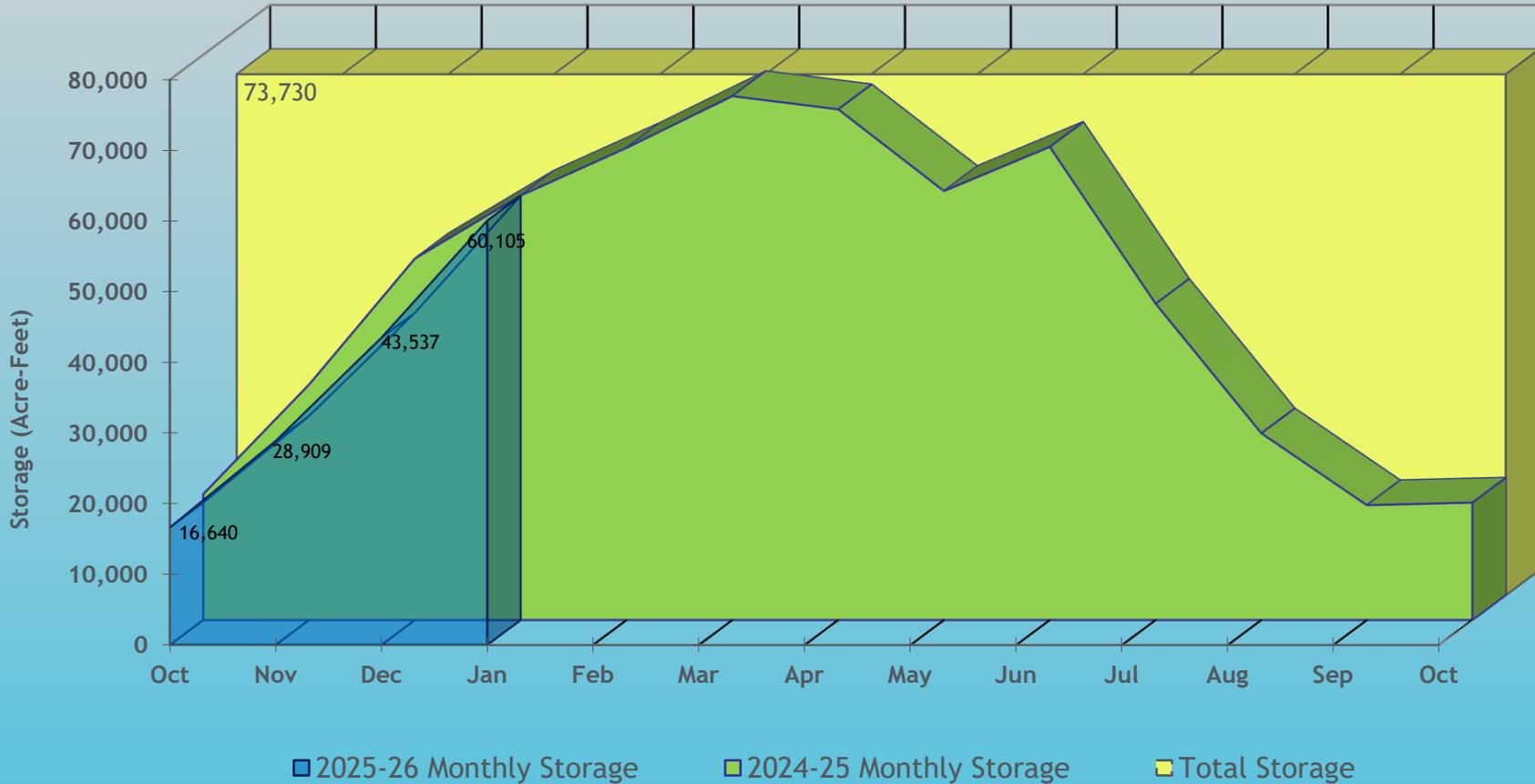
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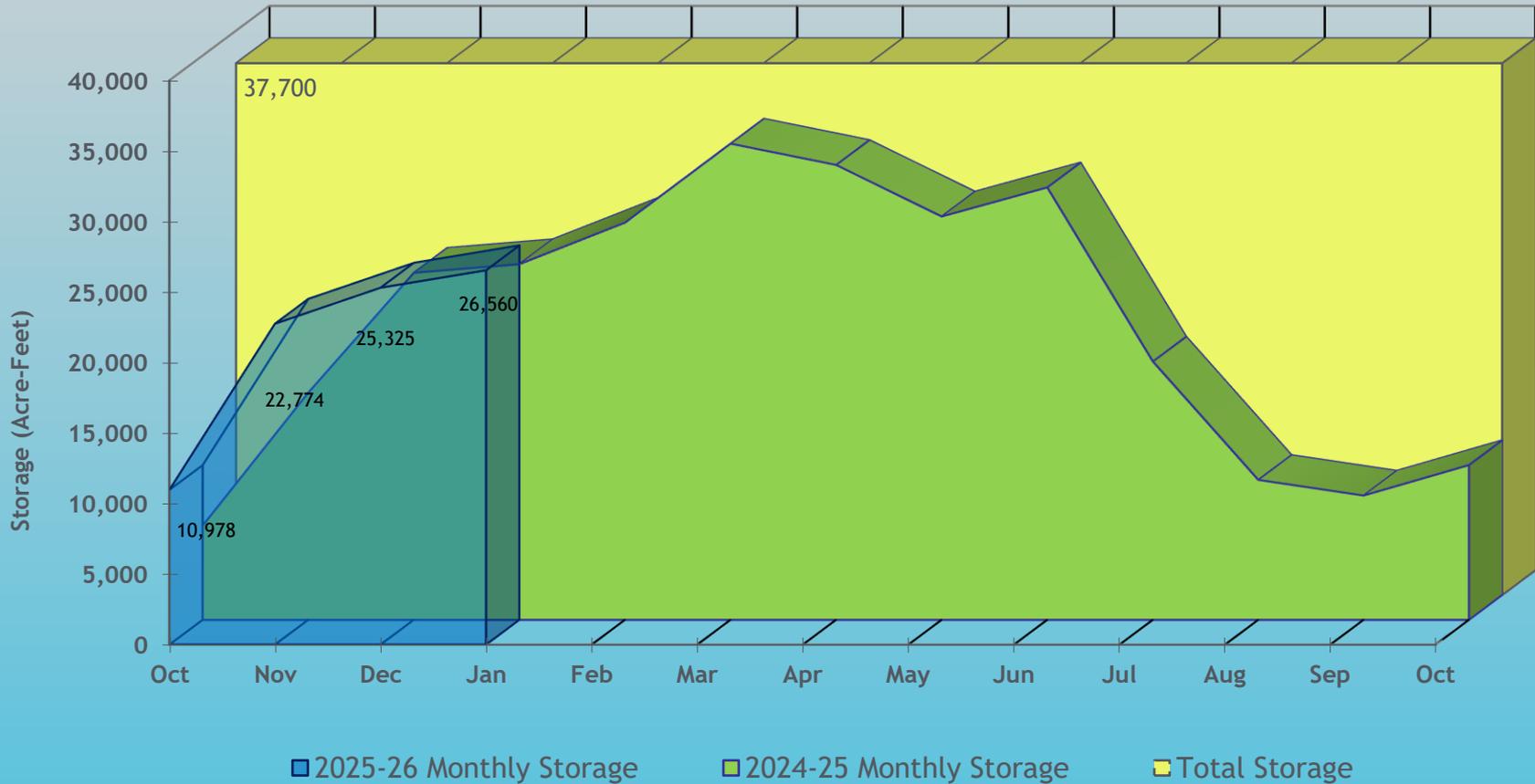
Julesburg Reservoir (District 64 - Agricultural)



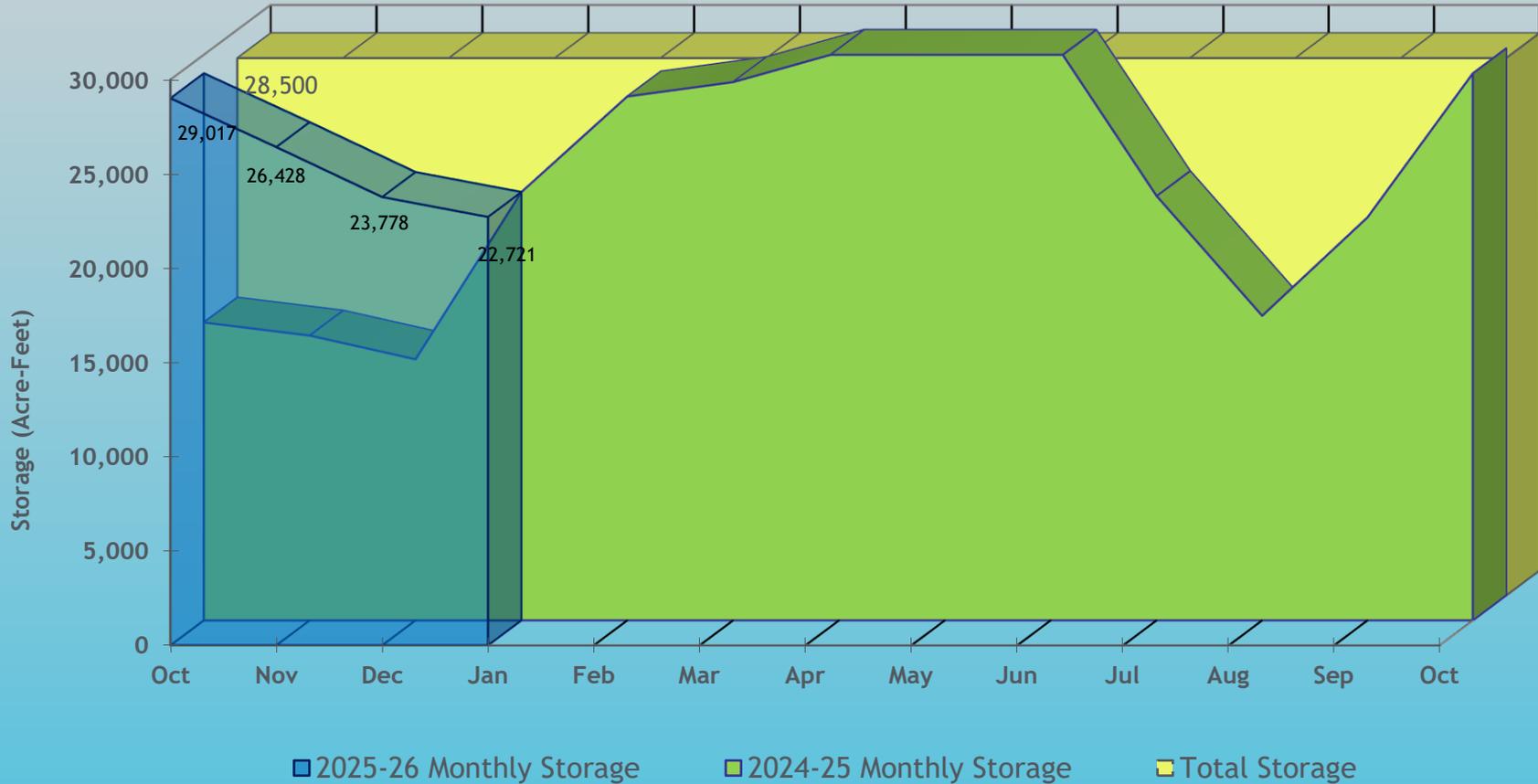
North Sterling Reservoir (District 64 - Agricultural)



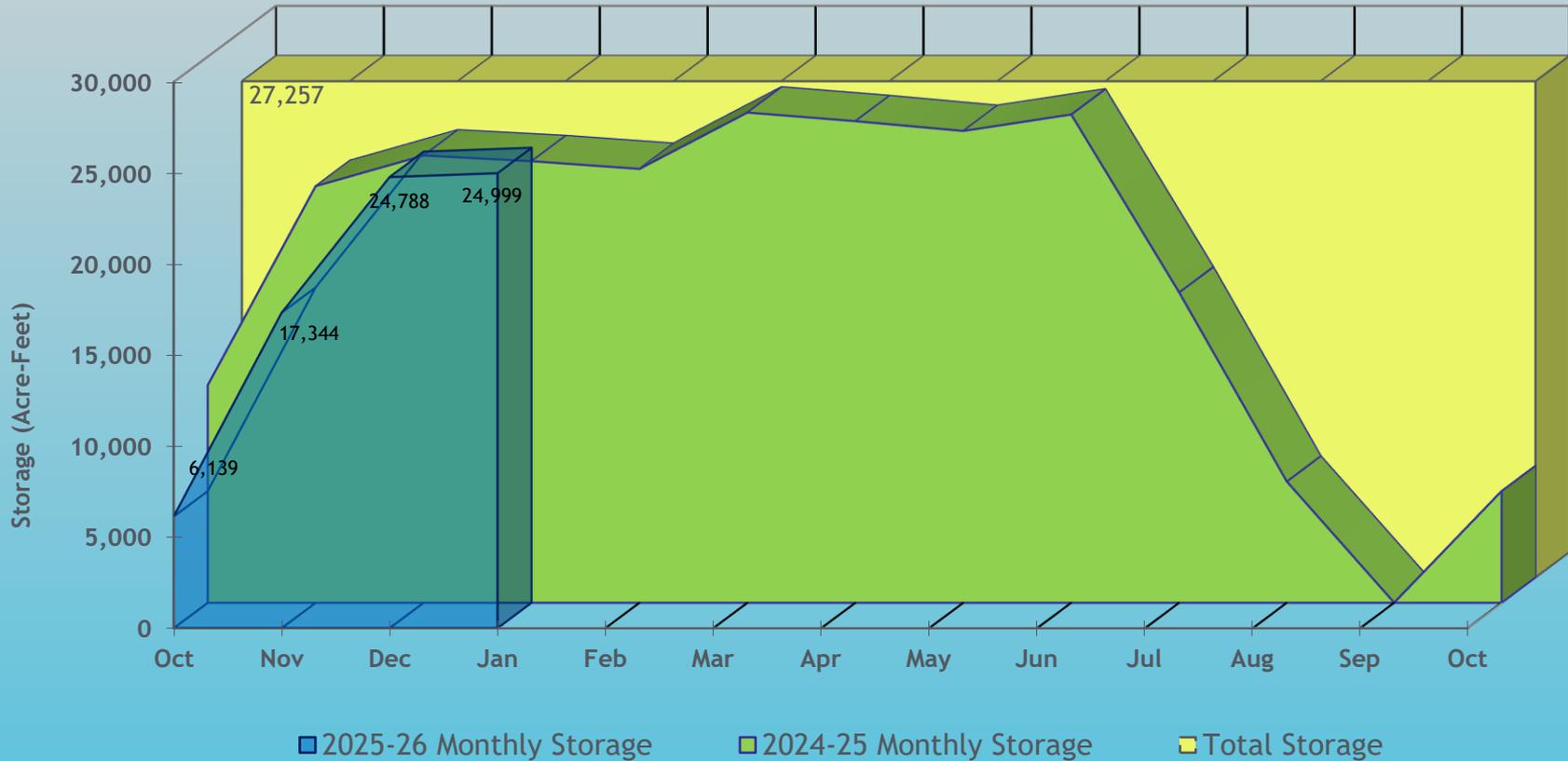
Empire Reservoir (District 1 - Agricultural)



Prewitt Reservoir (District 64 - Agricultural)



Jackson Reservoir (District 1 - Agricultural)

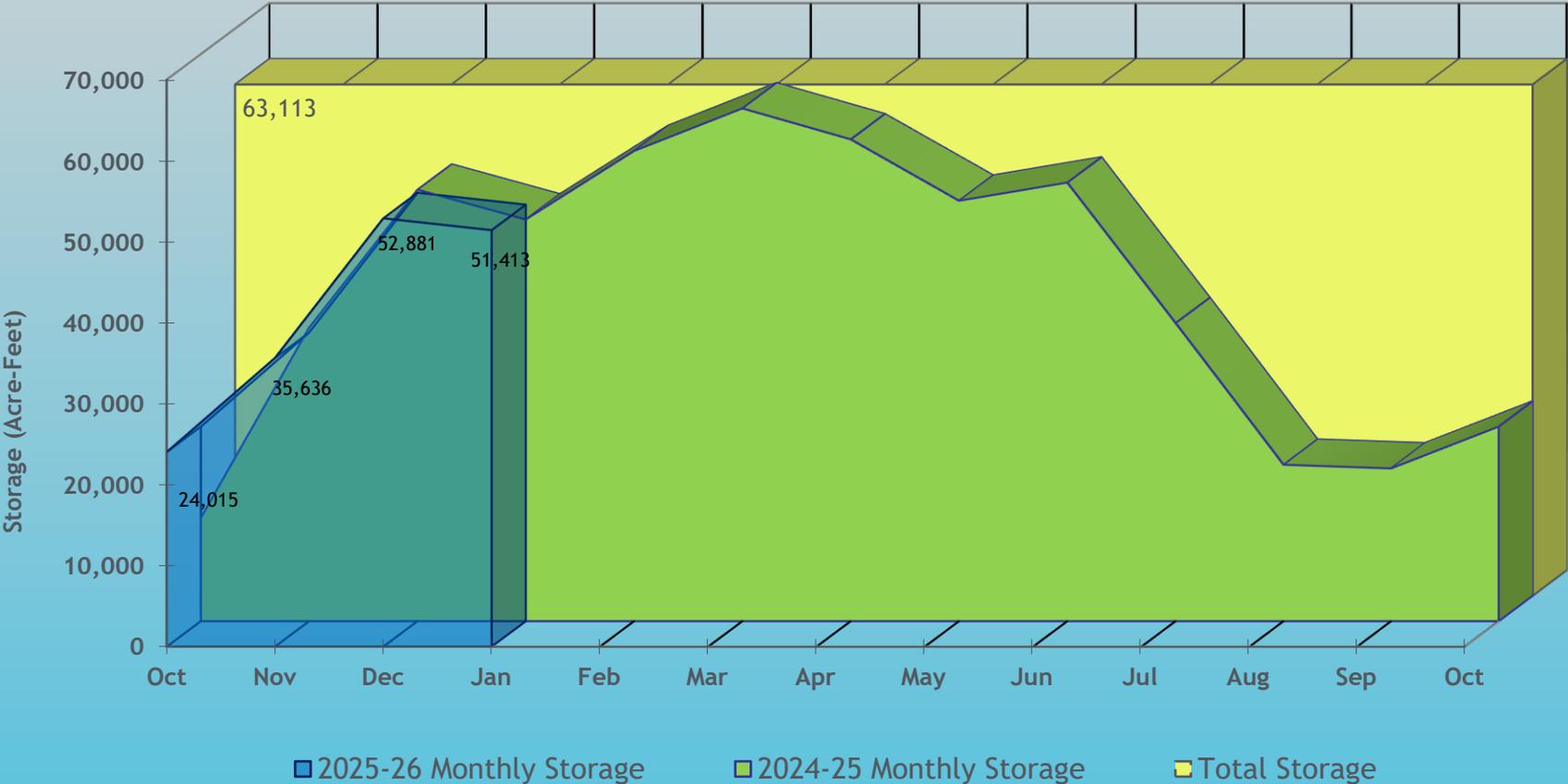


■ 2025-26 Monthly Storage

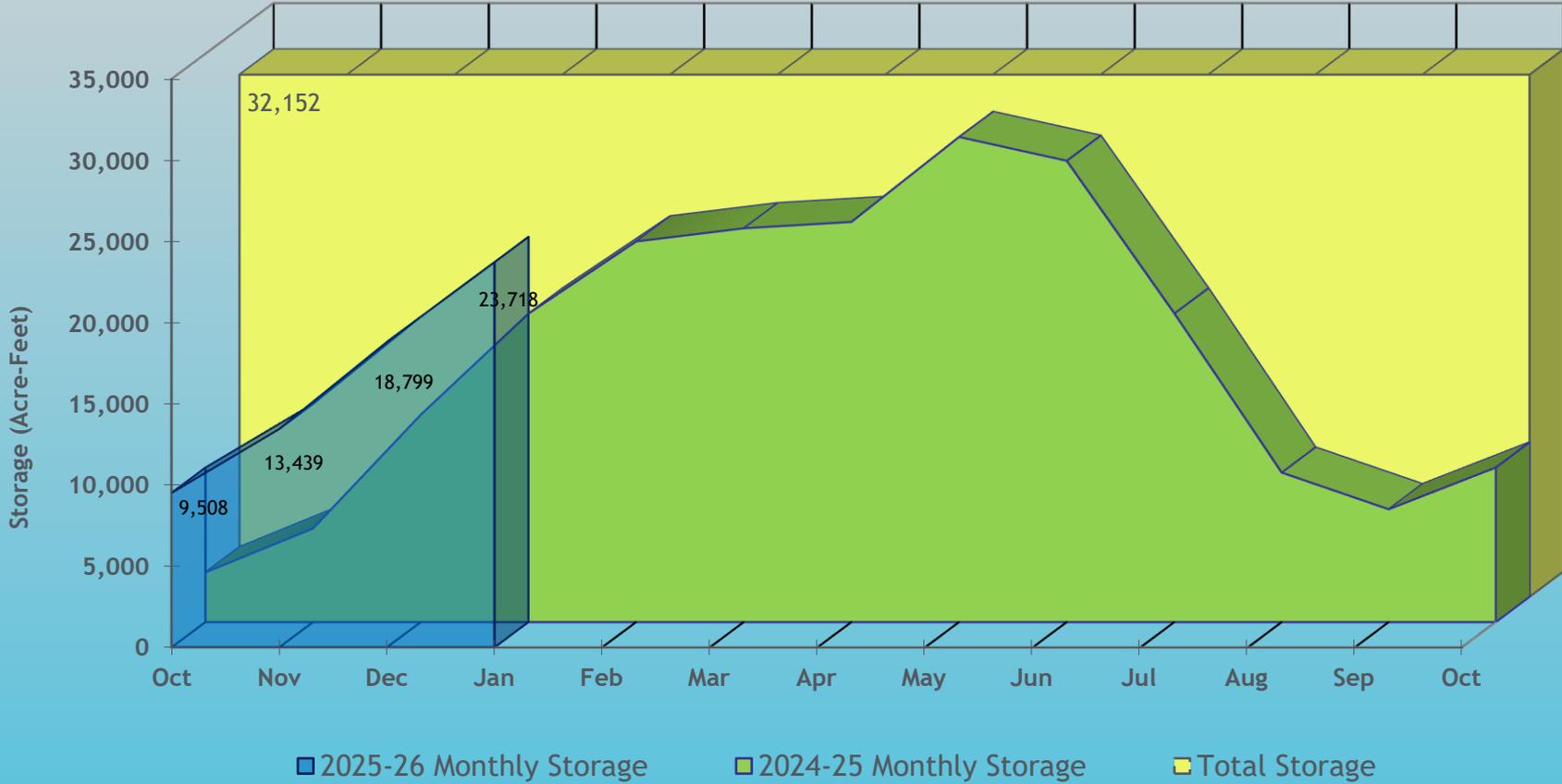
■ 2024-25 Monthly Storage

■ Total Storage

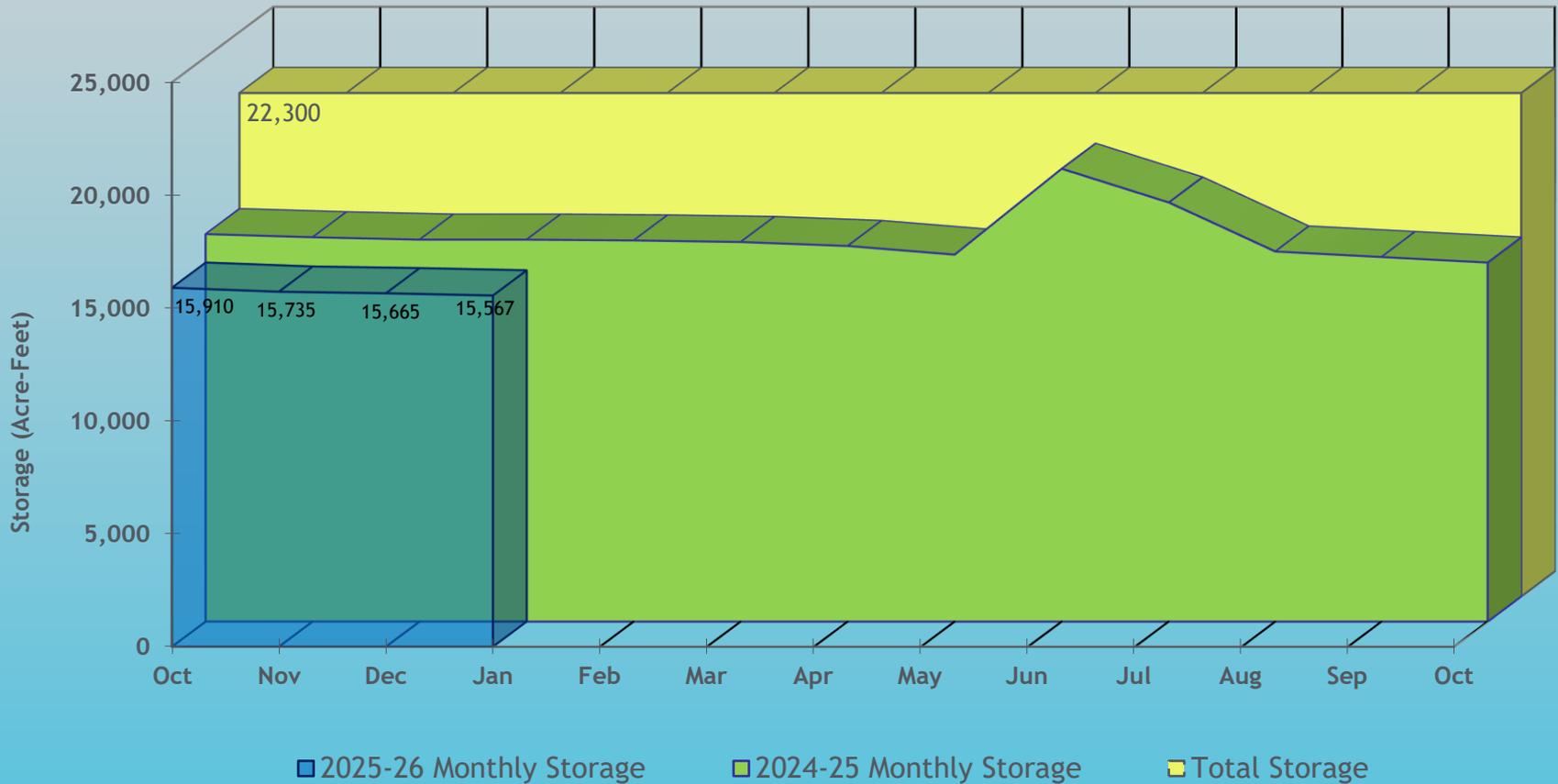
Riverside Reservoir (District 1 - Agricultural)



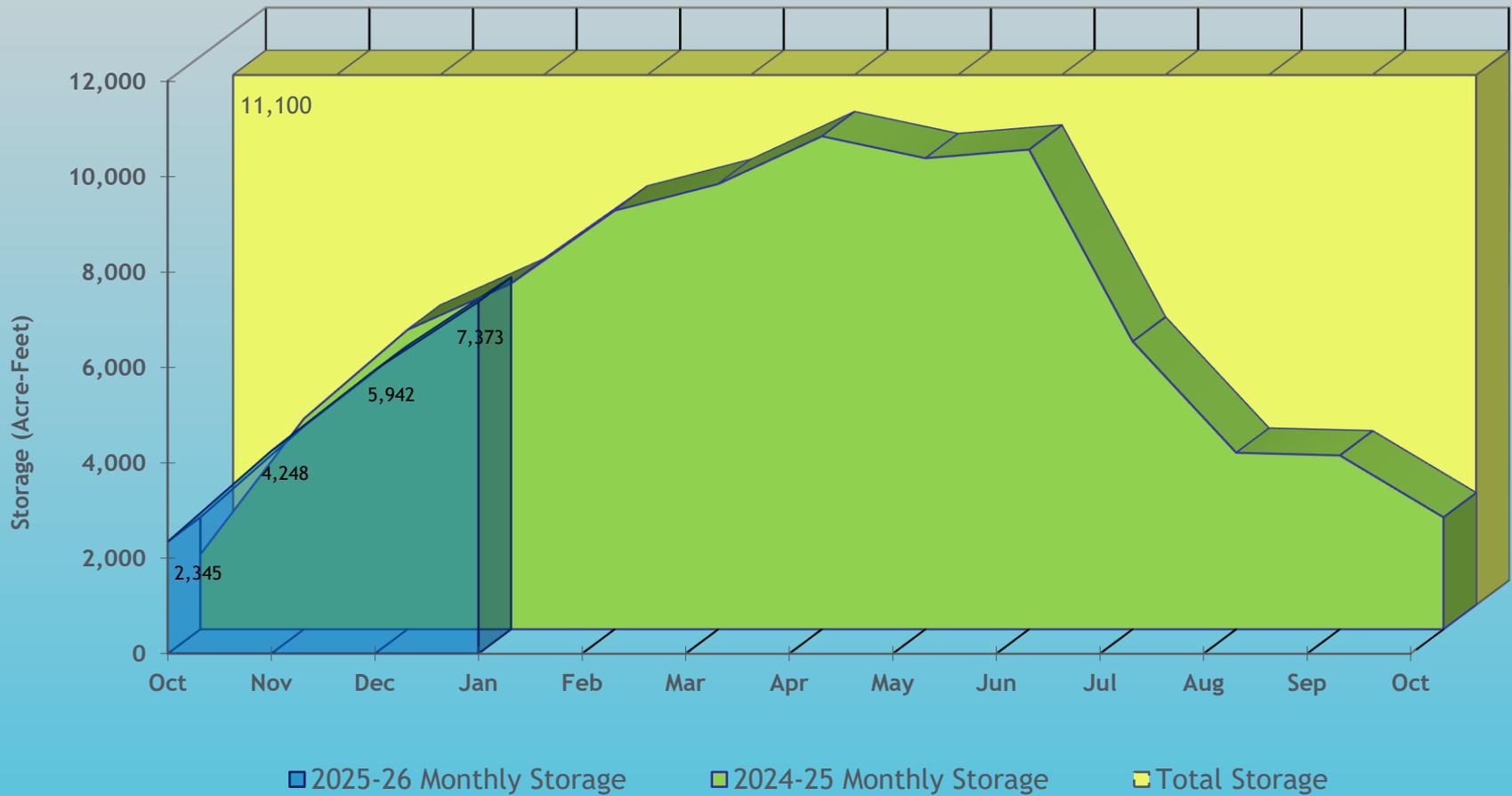
Barr Reservoir (District 2 - Agricultural)



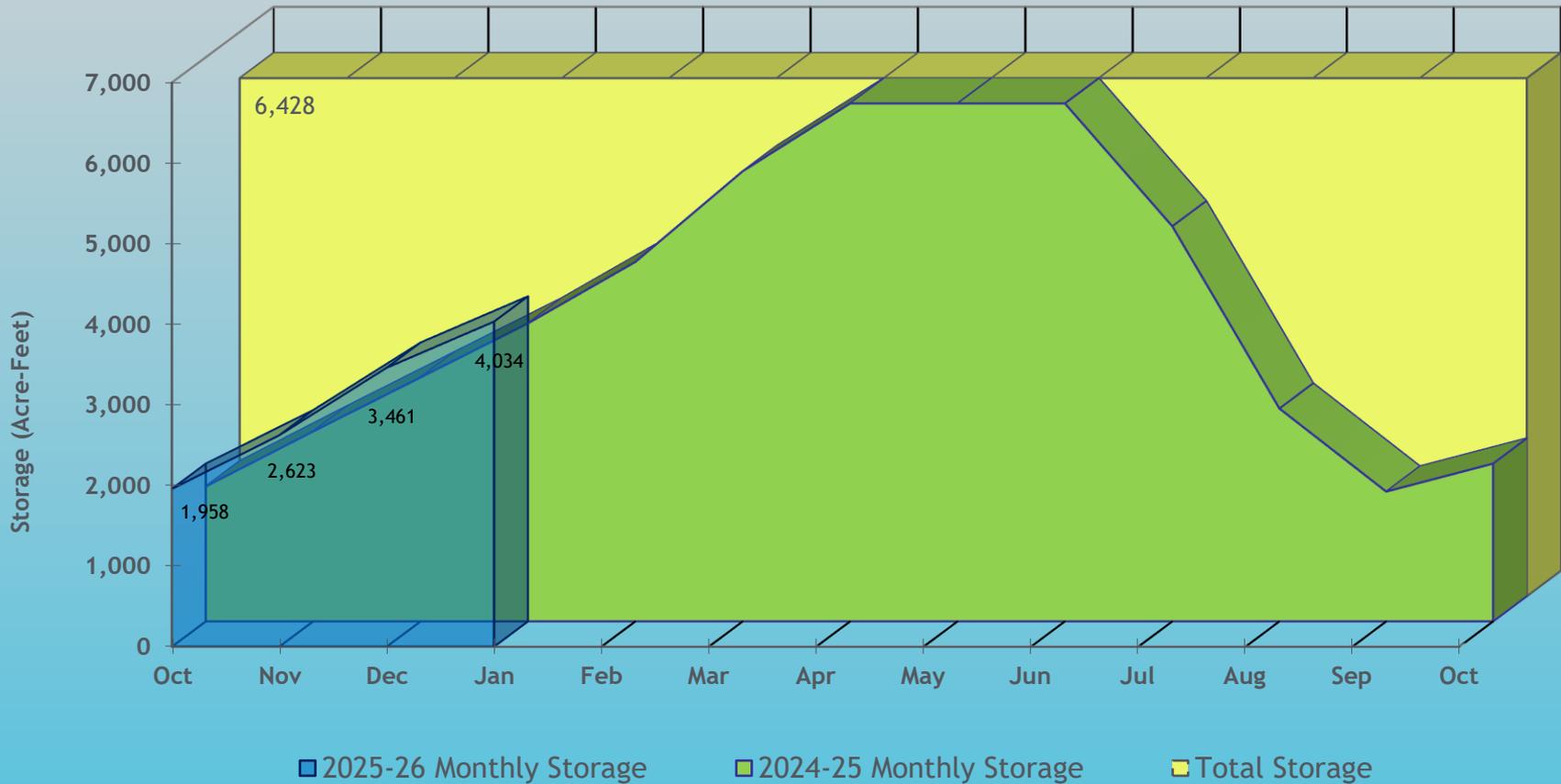
Cobb Reservoir (District 3, Poudre River - Agricultural)



Fossil Creek Reservoir (District 3, Poudre River - Agricultural)



Halligan Reservoir (District 3, Poudre River - Agricultural)

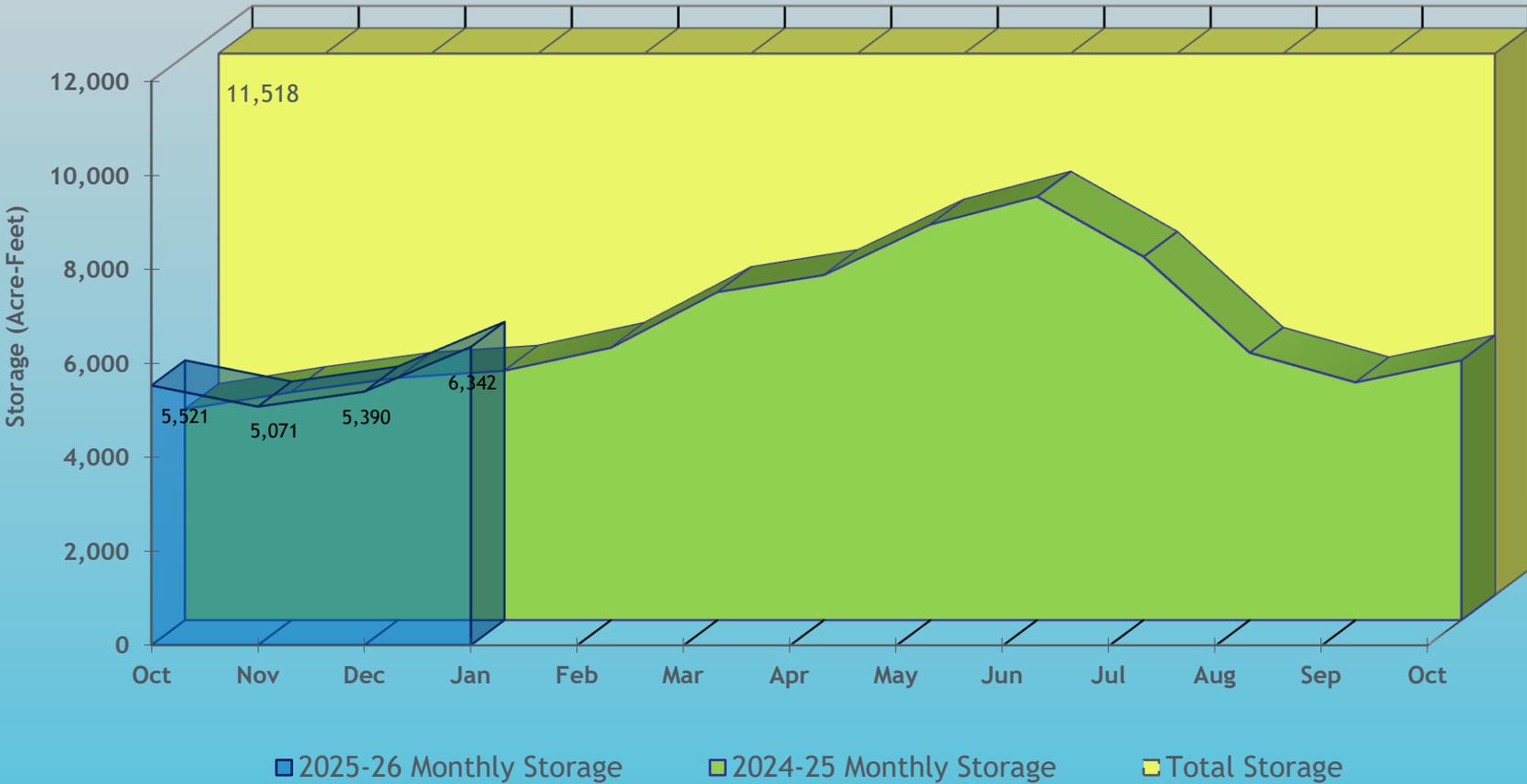


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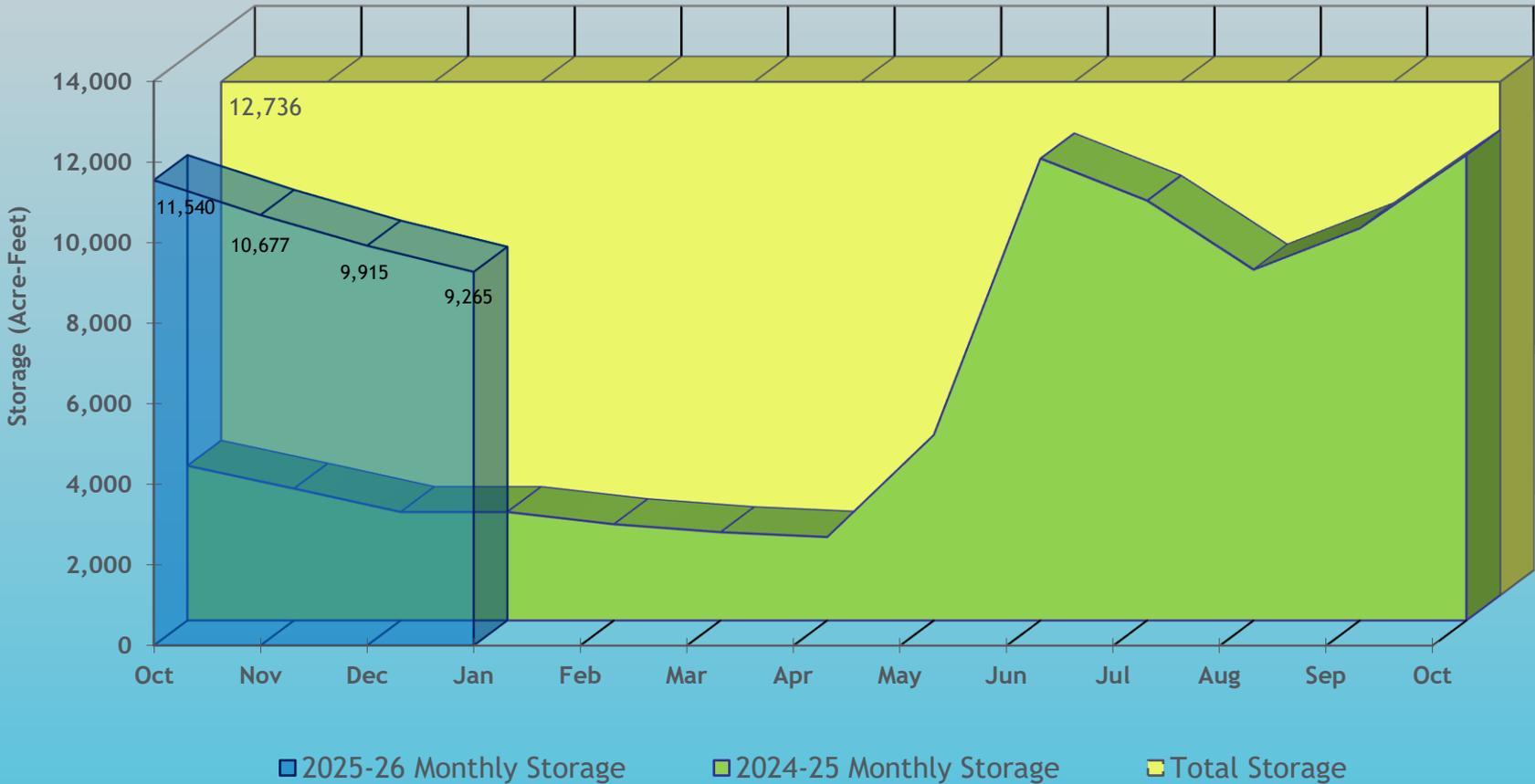
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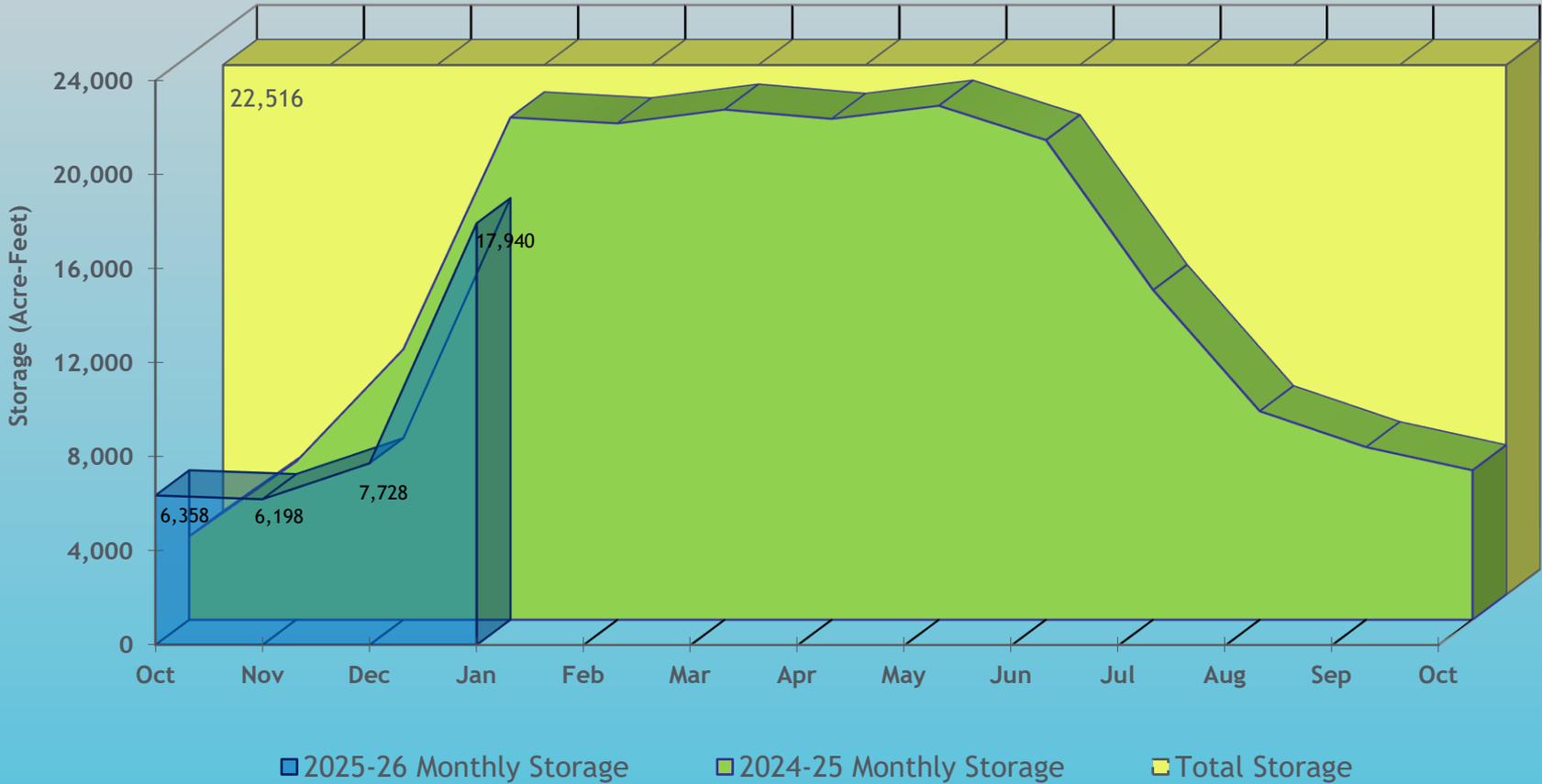
Marshall Lake (District 6, Boulder Creek - Agricultural)



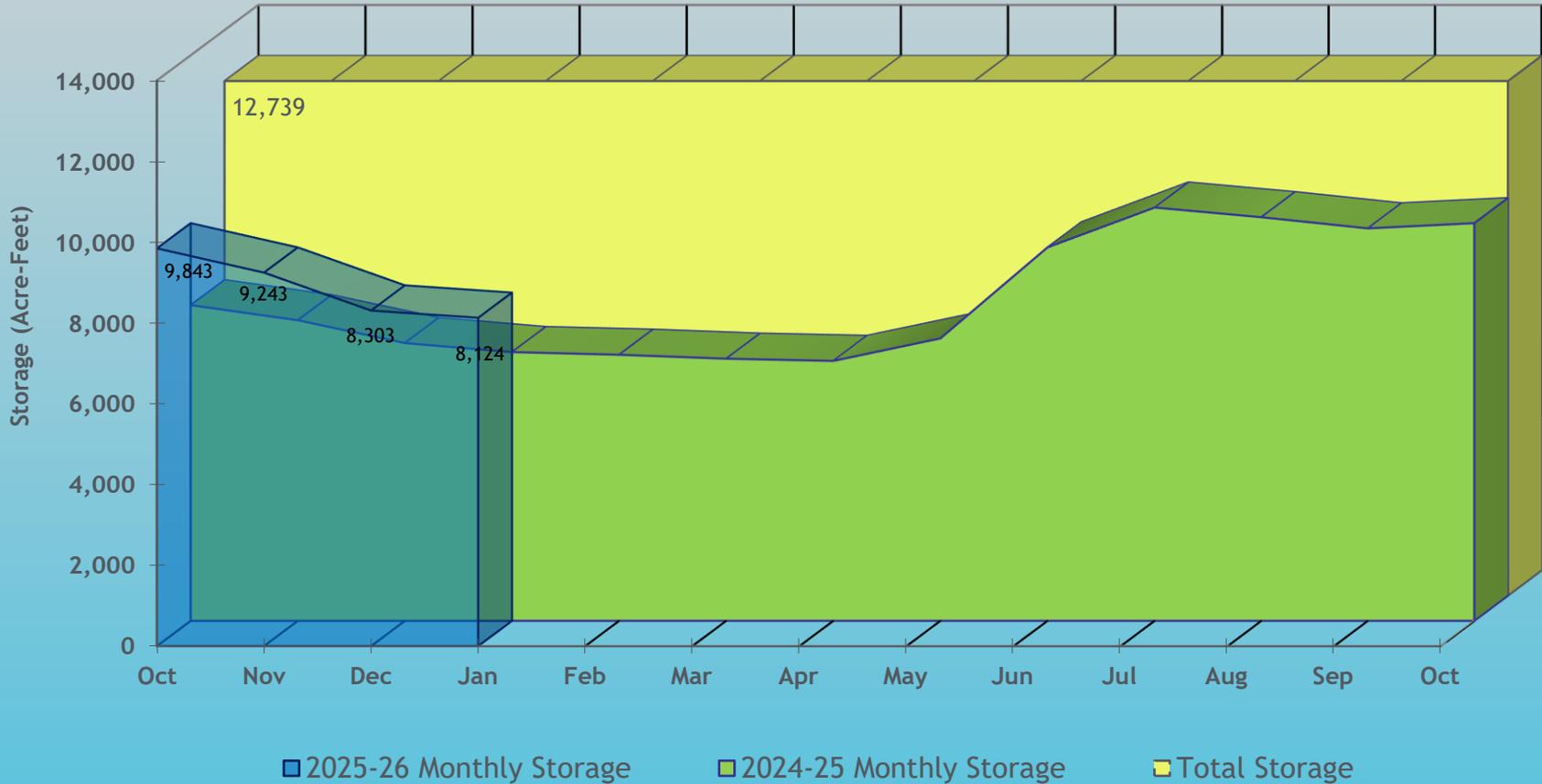
Loveland Greeley Reservoir (District 4, Big Thompson River - Agricultural)



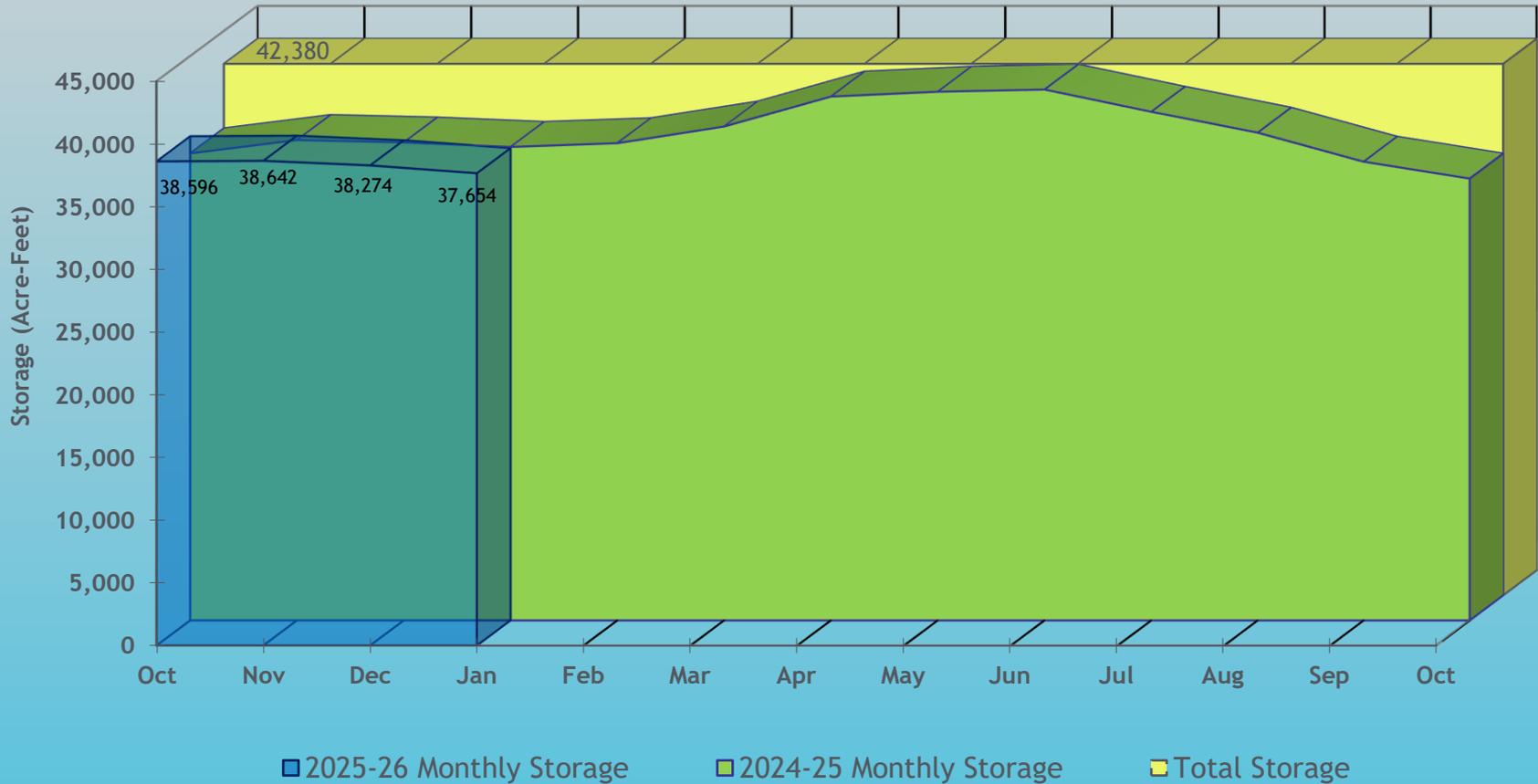
Milton Reservoir (District 2 - Agricultural)



Union Reservoir (District 5, St. Vrain Creek - Agricultural)



Standley Lake (Agricultural)

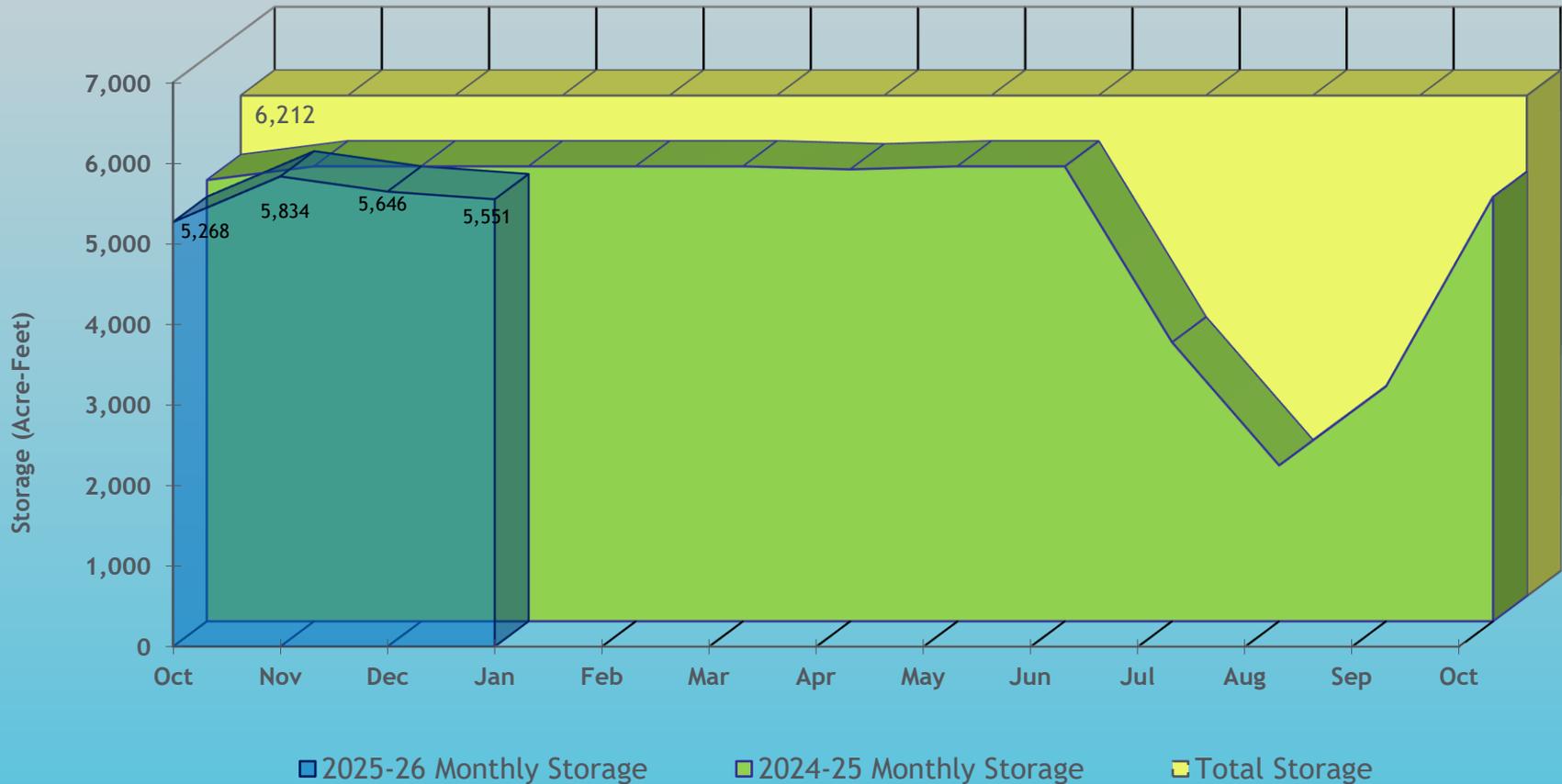


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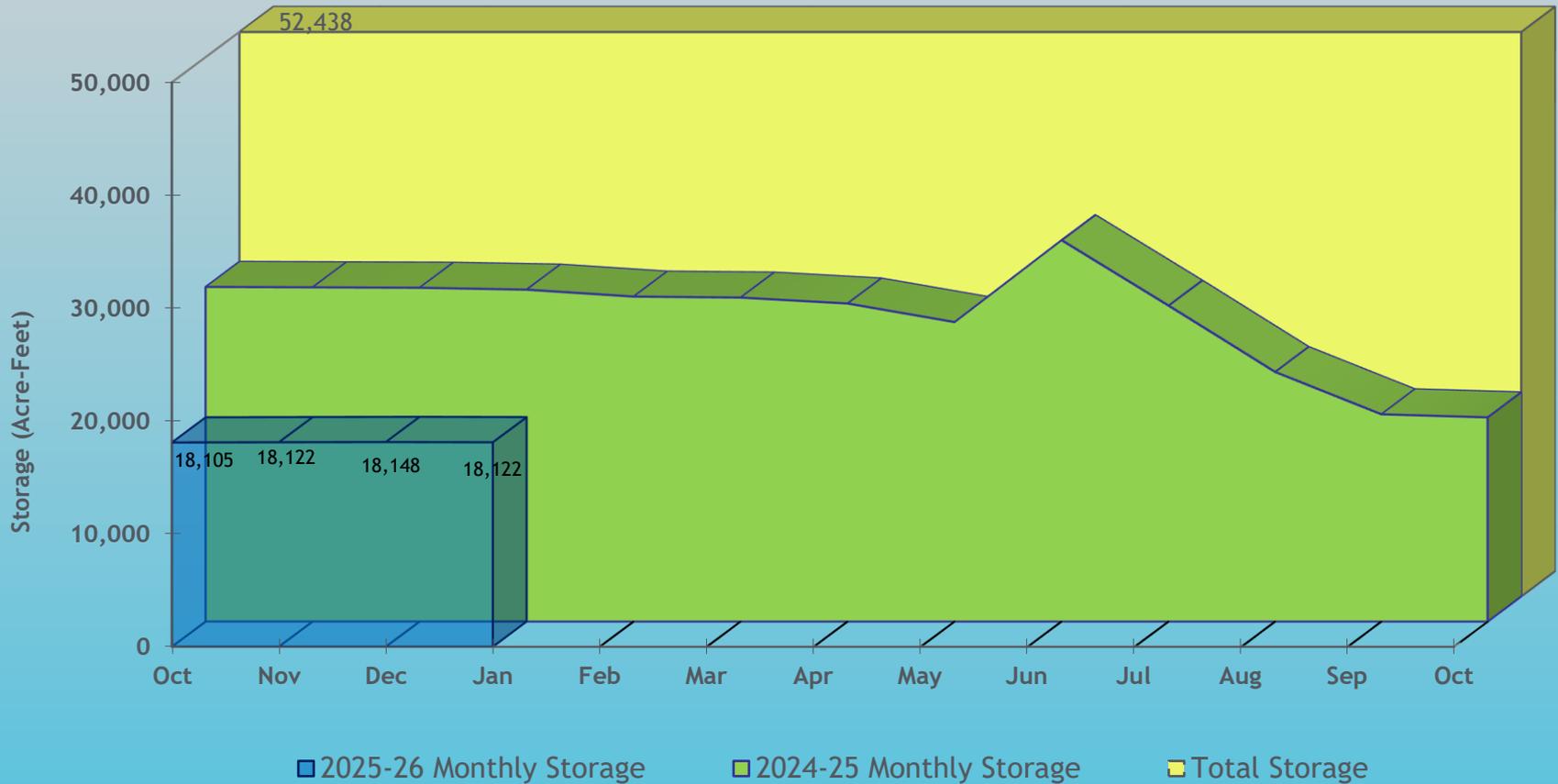
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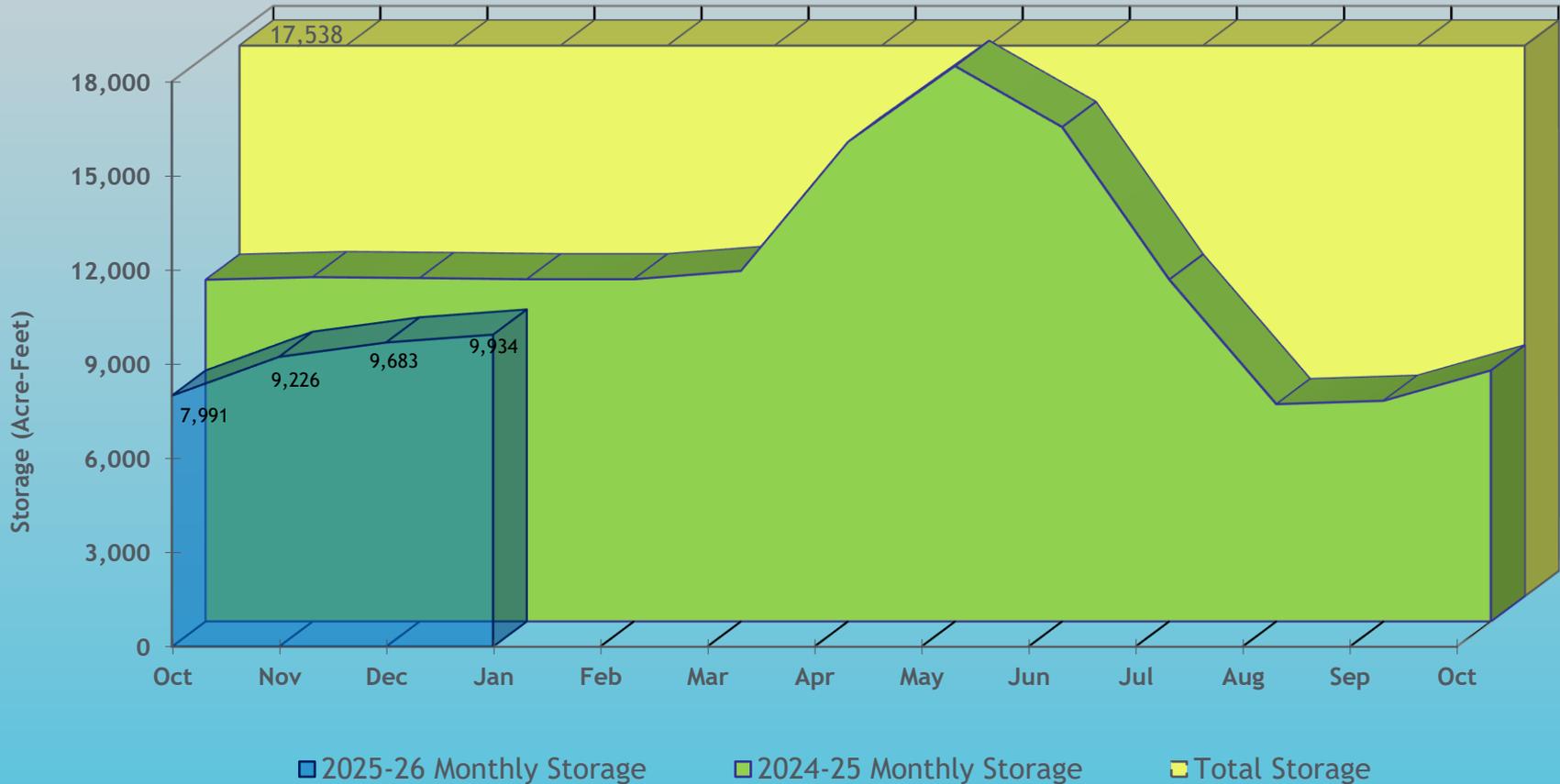
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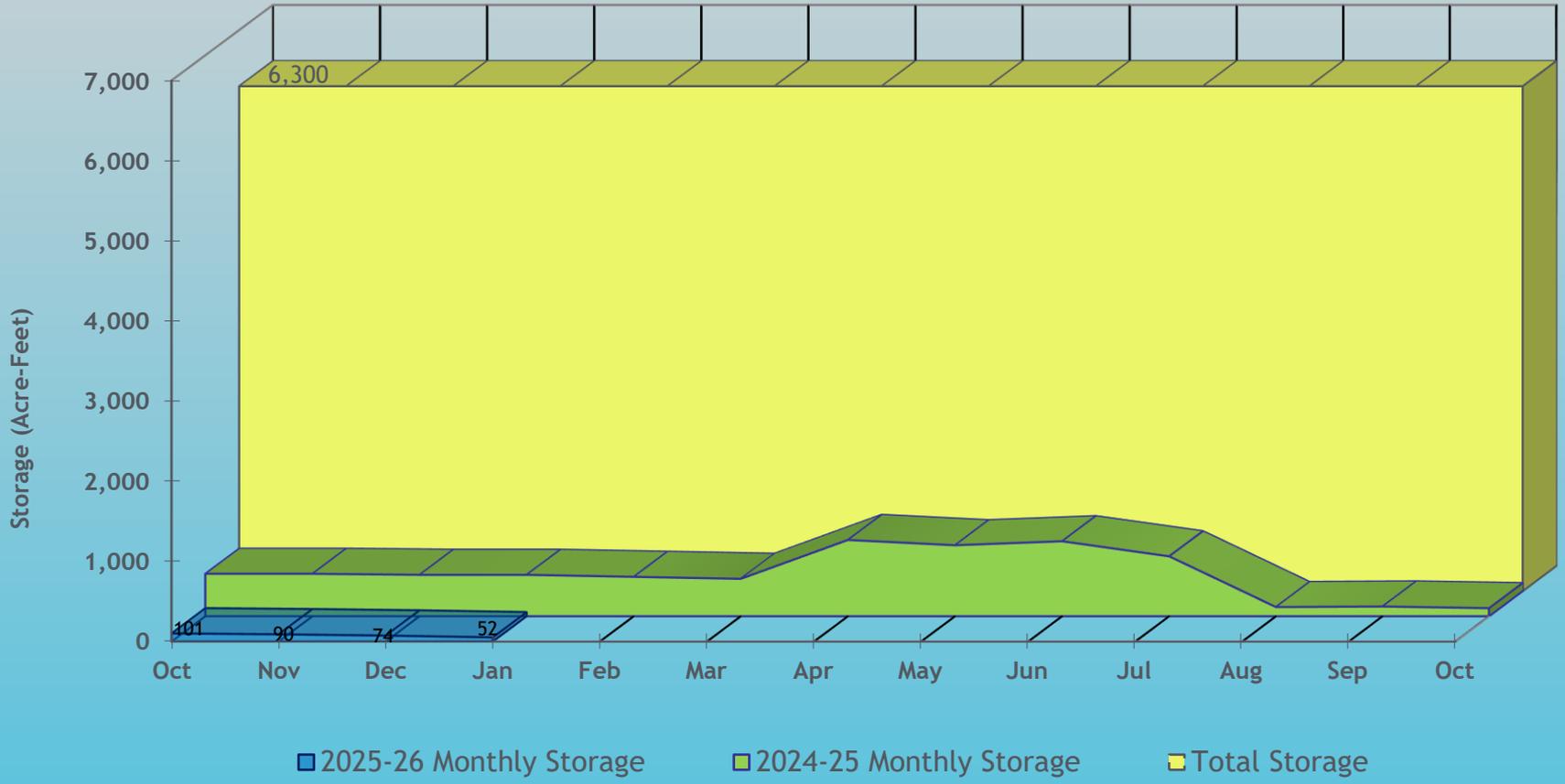
Boyd Lake (District 4, Big Thompson River - Agricultural)



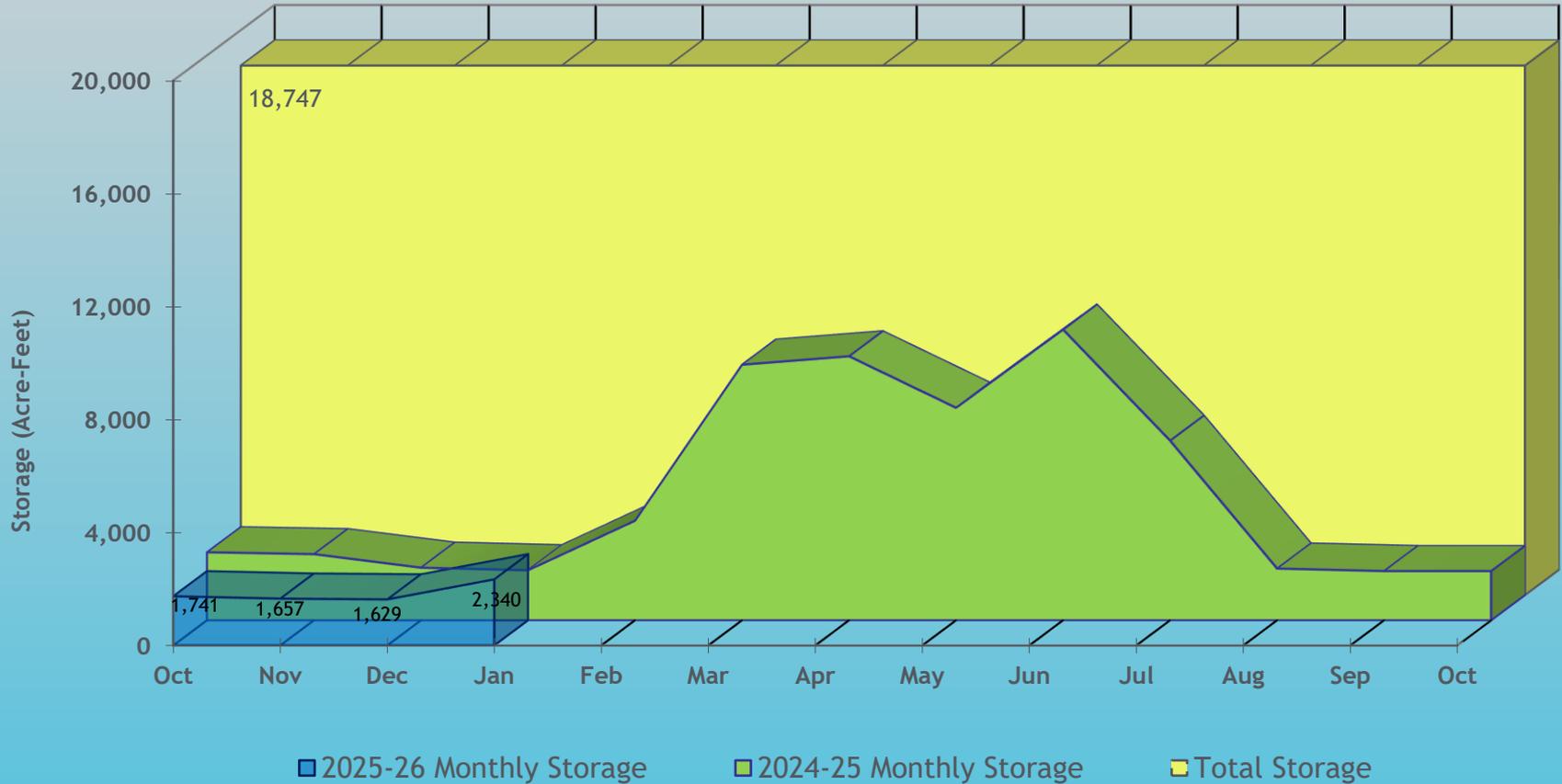
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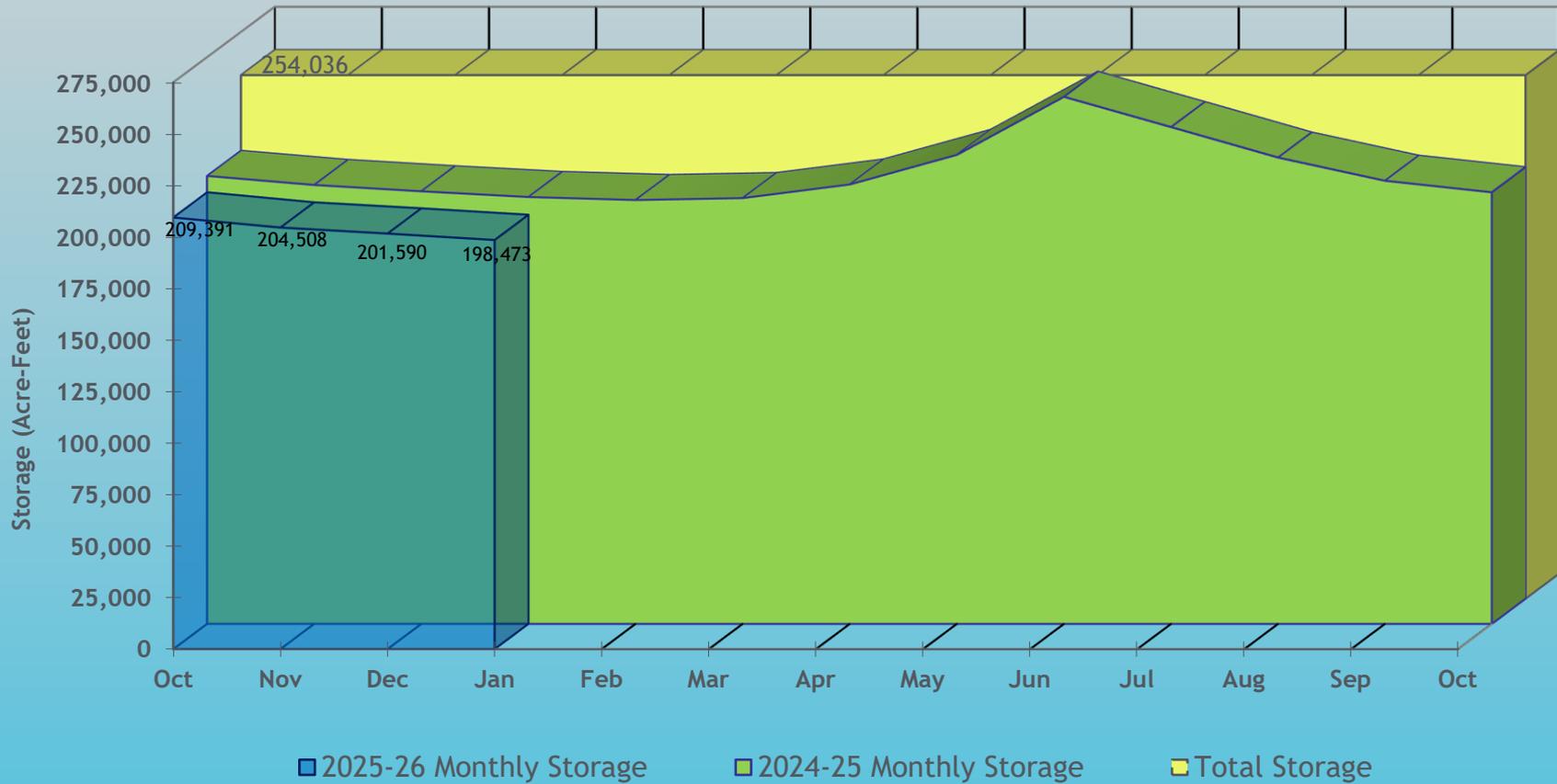
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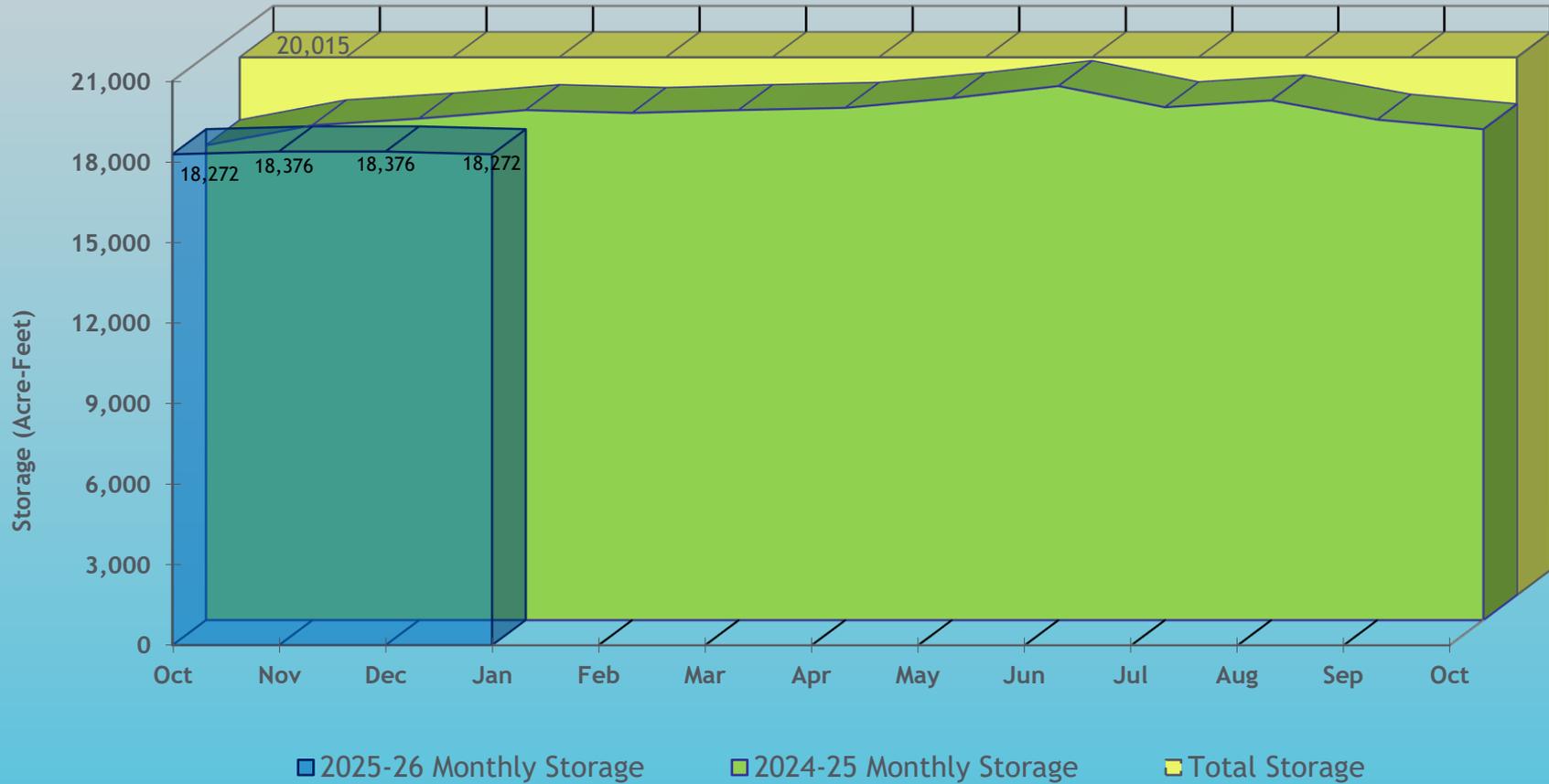
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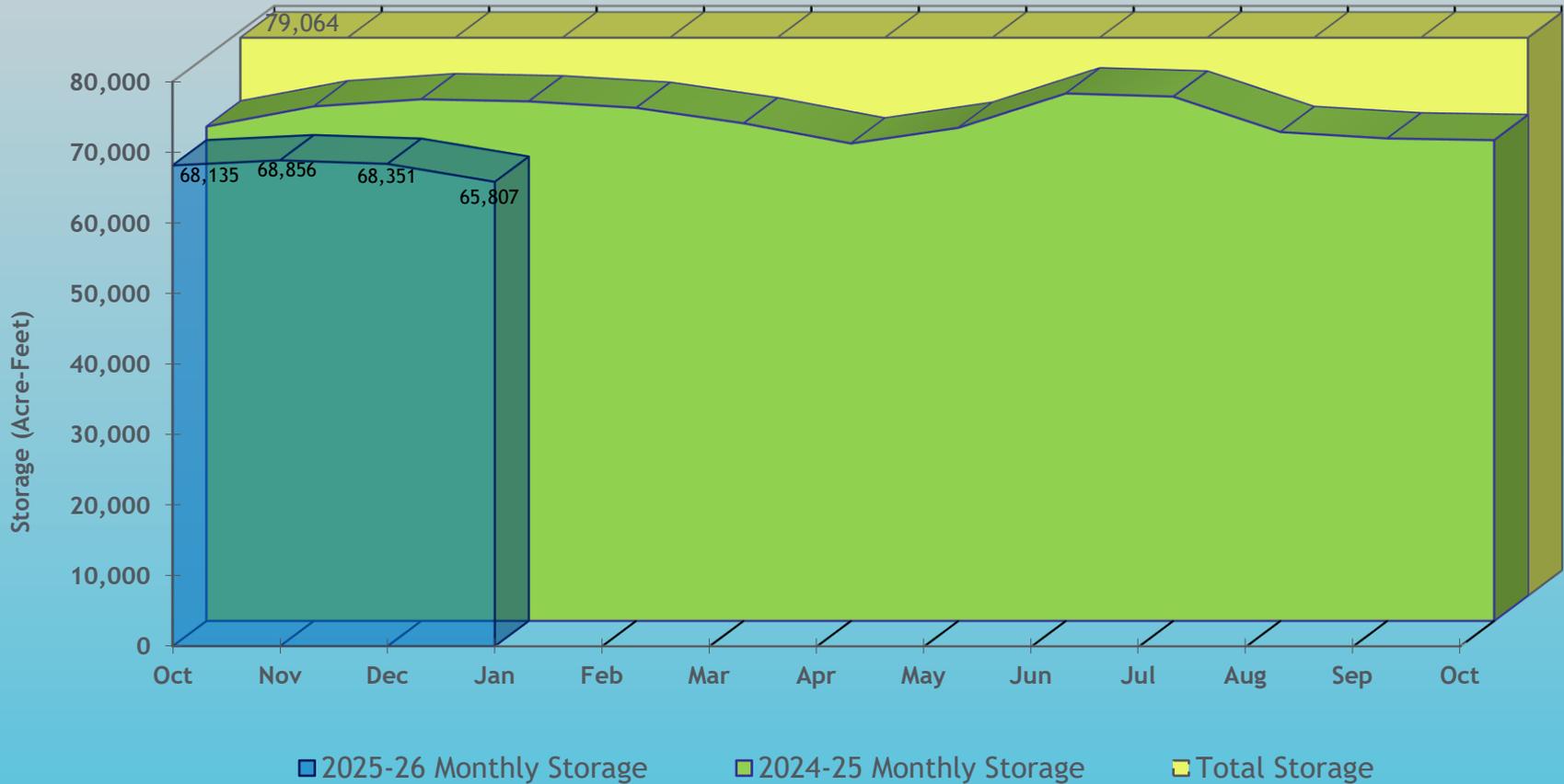
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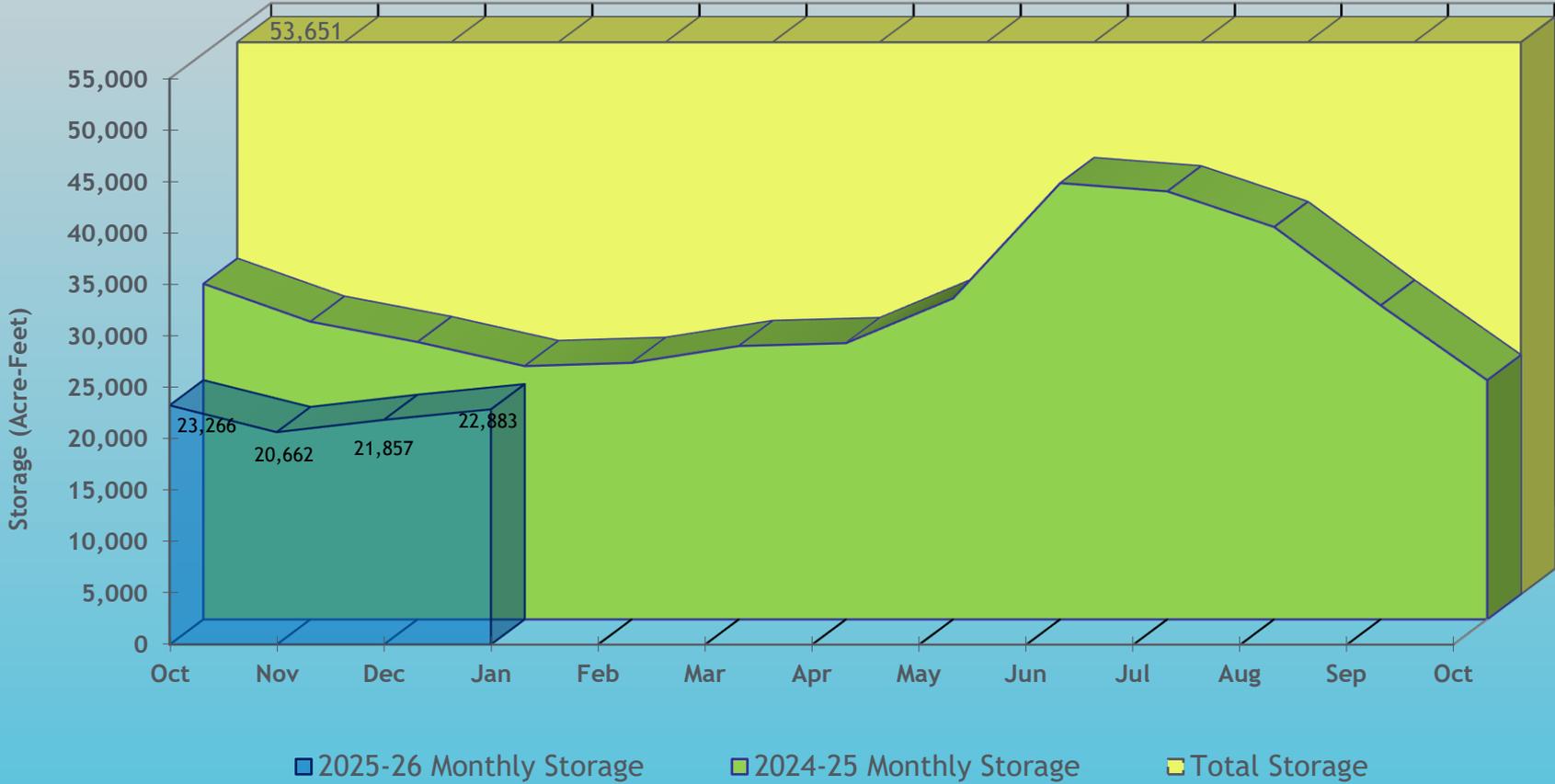
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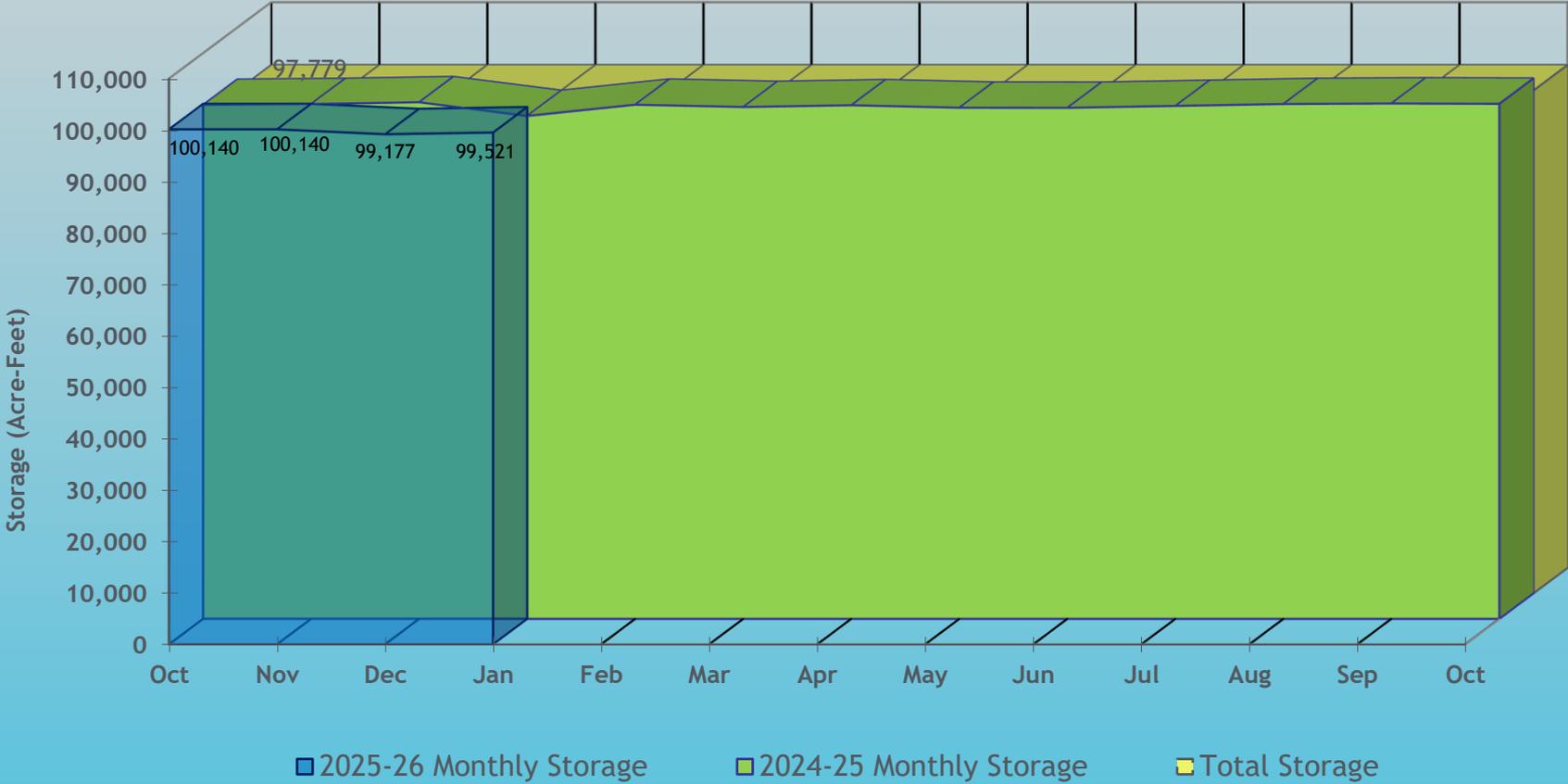
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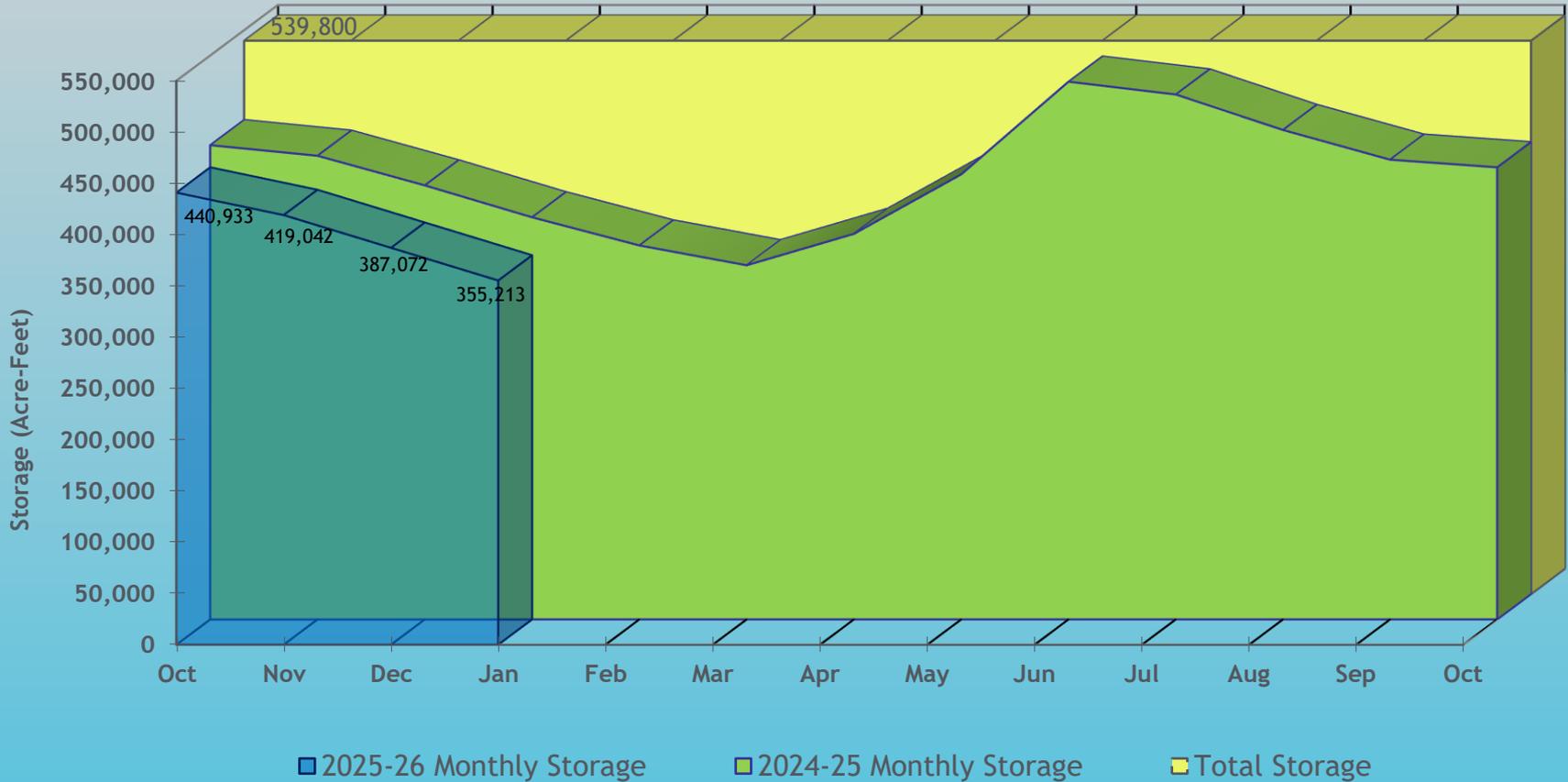
Spinney Mountain Reservoir (District 23 - Municipal)



Eleven Mile Reservoir (District 23 - Municipal)



Lake Granby





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