



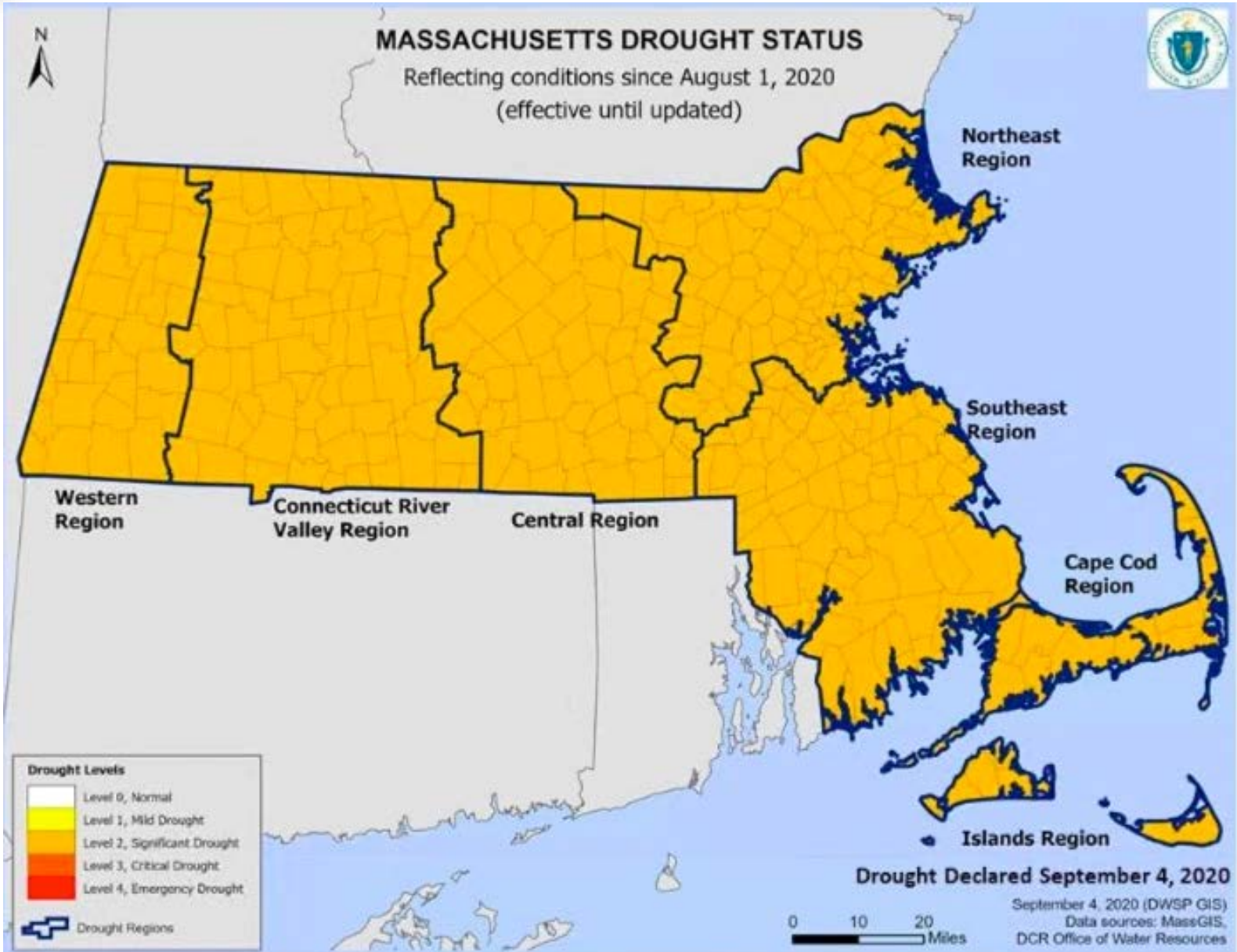
*Quabbin Reservoir Level
and State Drought Status*

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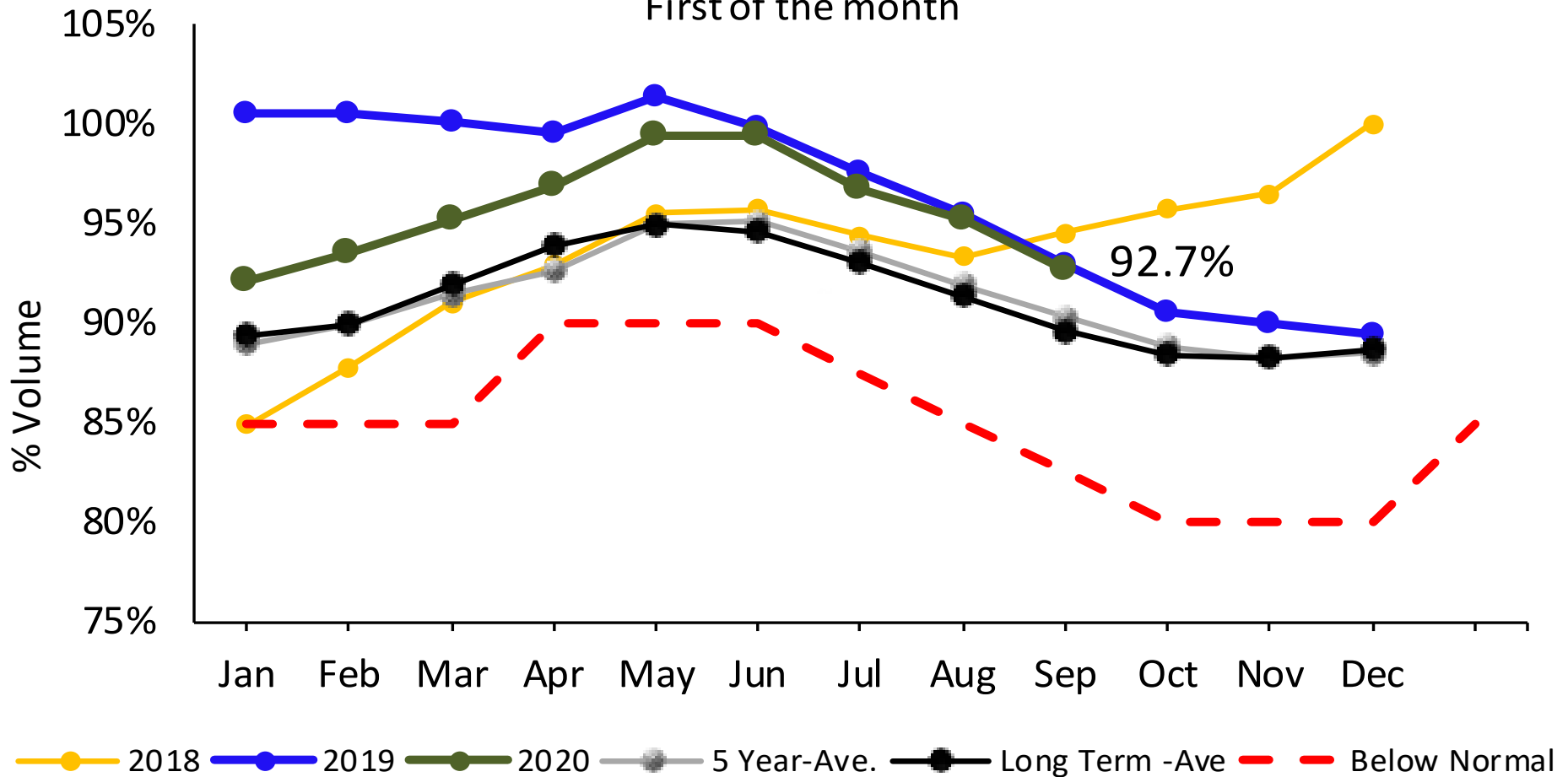
Current MA Drought Status





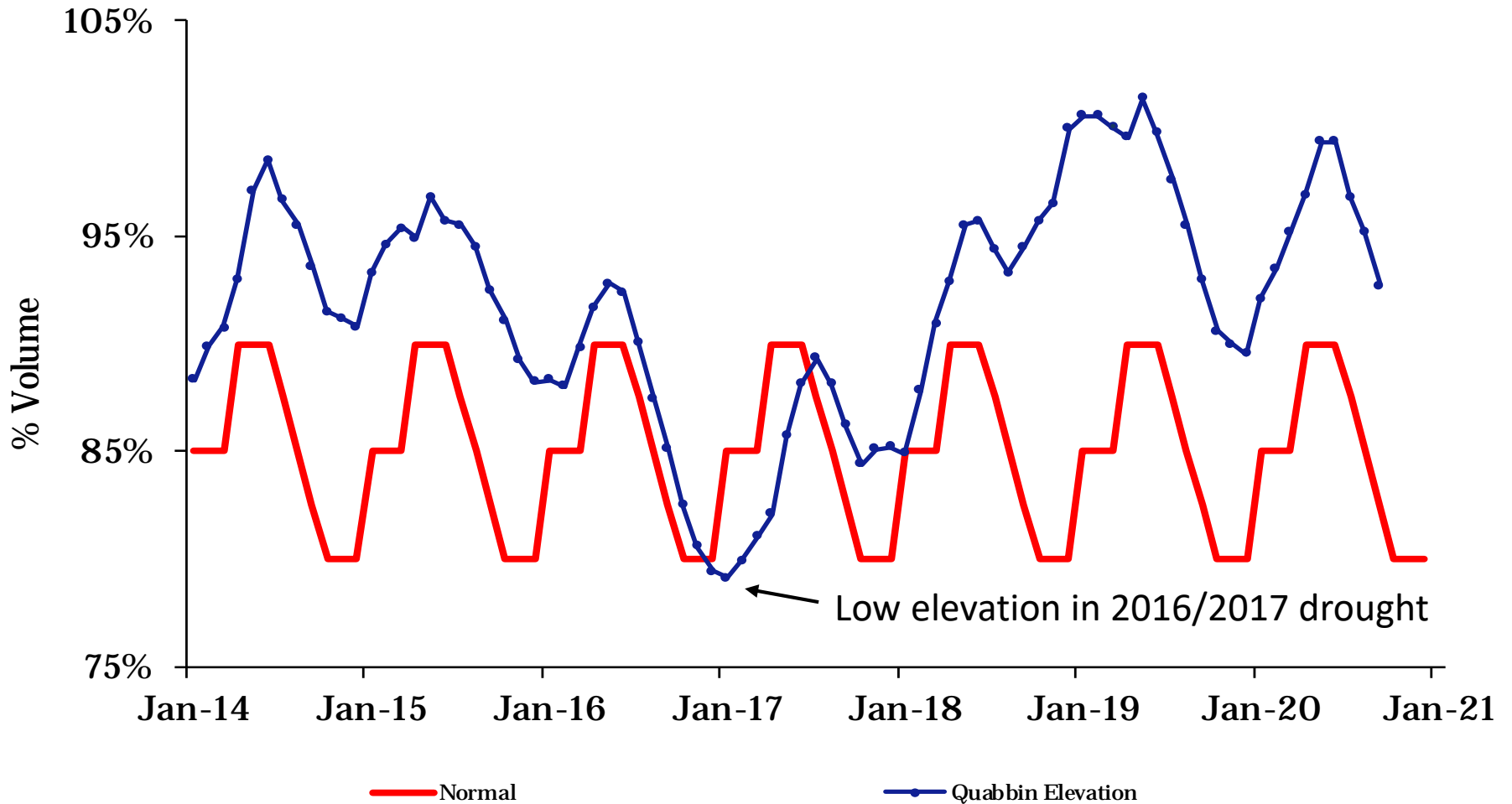
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2016/2017 Drought

- MWRA was able to provide water to outside communities

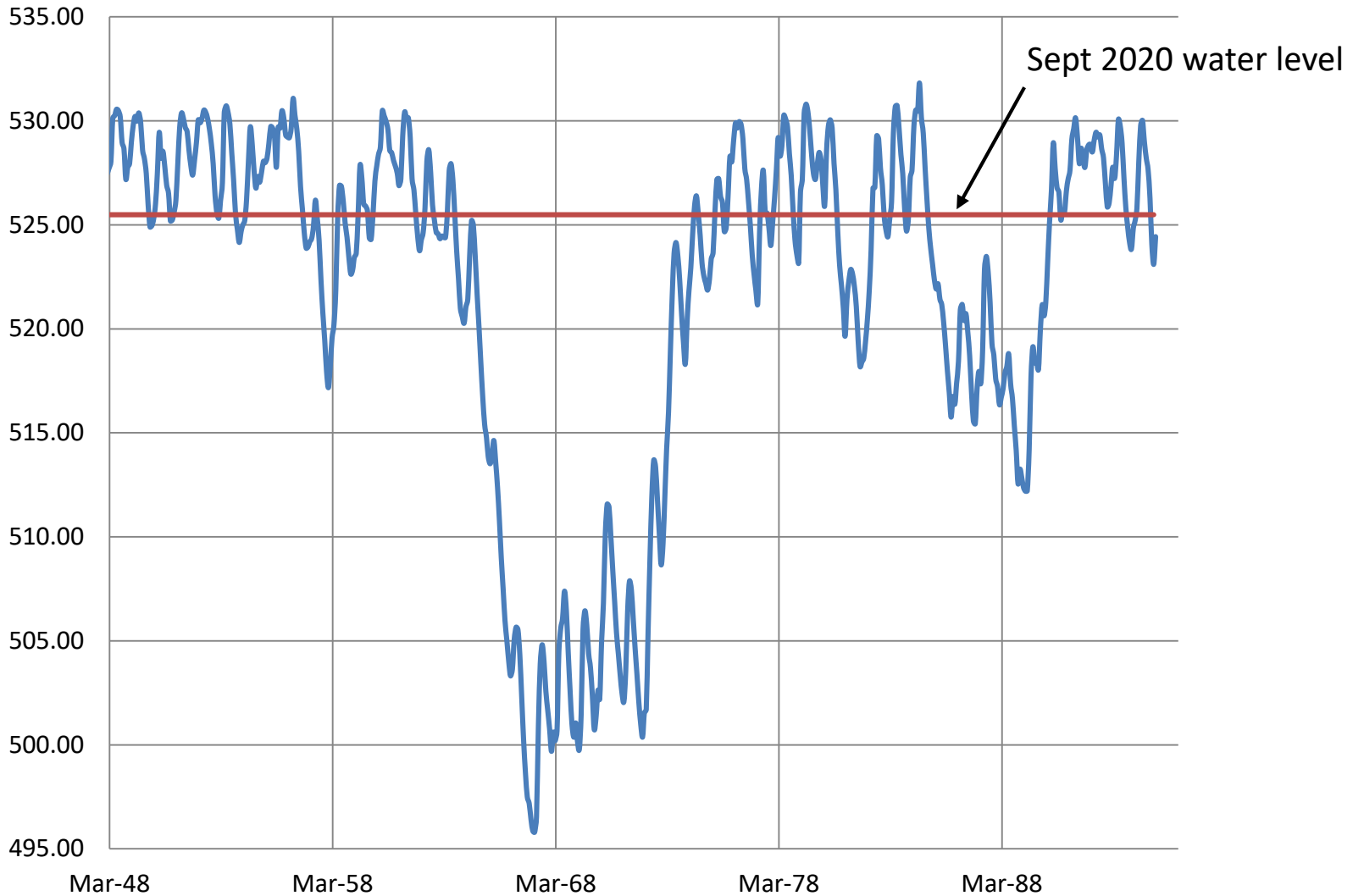
Community	Amount Supplied (Million Gallons)
Worcester	847.3
Cambridge	515.2
Burlington	7.9
Ashland	3.2

- MWRA also supplied an extra 11.25 mgd to its partially supplied communities



Historical Context: The Drought of the 1960s

Quabbin Reservoir Elevation





2020 Supply Scenario

- Emergency agreements for water supply:
 - Ashland
 - Lynnfield Center Water District
- Other water use this year:
 - Cambridge
 - Burlington
- If drought persists:
 - Partially supplied community use likely to increase
 - MWRA may get contacted by neighboring communities to assist
- MWRA in a position to provide water again to outside communities



Conservation Messaging

- MWRA continues to remind consumers that while there are no water use restrictions, they should continue to use water wisely



Status of MWRA Reservoirs



Massachusetts has been experiencing an extended dry period over the last few months and the Commonwealth has declared a Level 2 Significant Drought statewide. Since the early 1980s, MWRA's water communities have successfully reduced water usage by over 30%, which means that the **Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs** are still near full and in the normal operating range for this time of year. Although MWRA will not be issuing mandatory water restrictions on our member communities, it is always important to conserve water wherever you can, so that if the drought continues, we will have the water we need.

[Click here](#) to see tips on saving water at home, both indoors and outdoors.



Conclusion

- The MWRA water system is well situated to withstand drought
- Currently, MWRA's reservoirs are nearly full and well within their Normal Operating Range
- No mandatory water use restrictions are required by MWRA fully-supplied communities. (Partially supplied communities may have DEP Water Management Act restrictions that they need to follow)