Summer 2020 Outlook
Winter 2020-21 Preview

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SW Antecedent Drought

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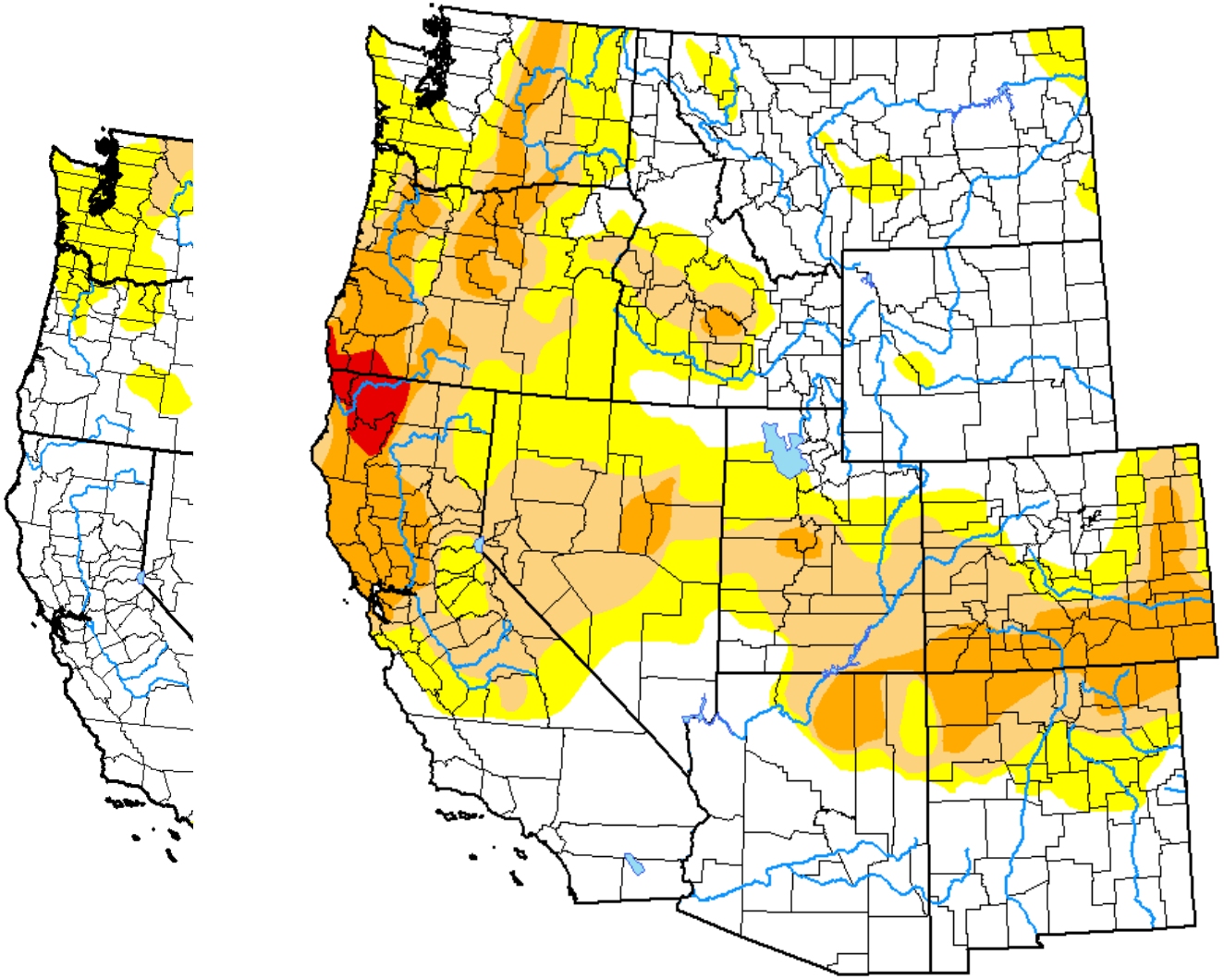
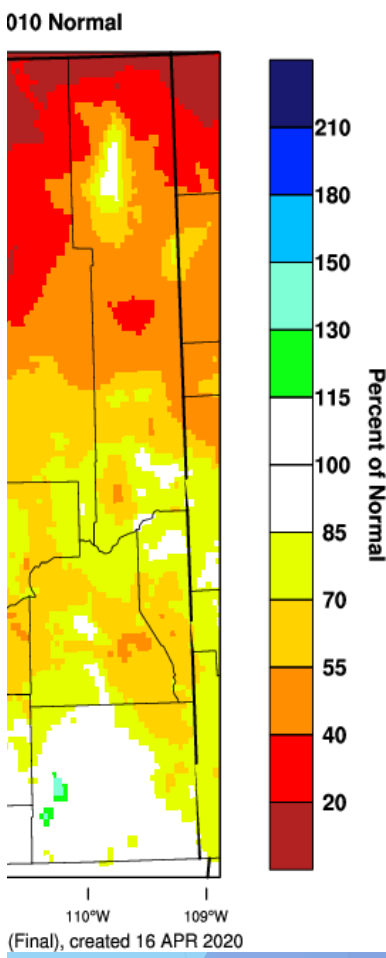
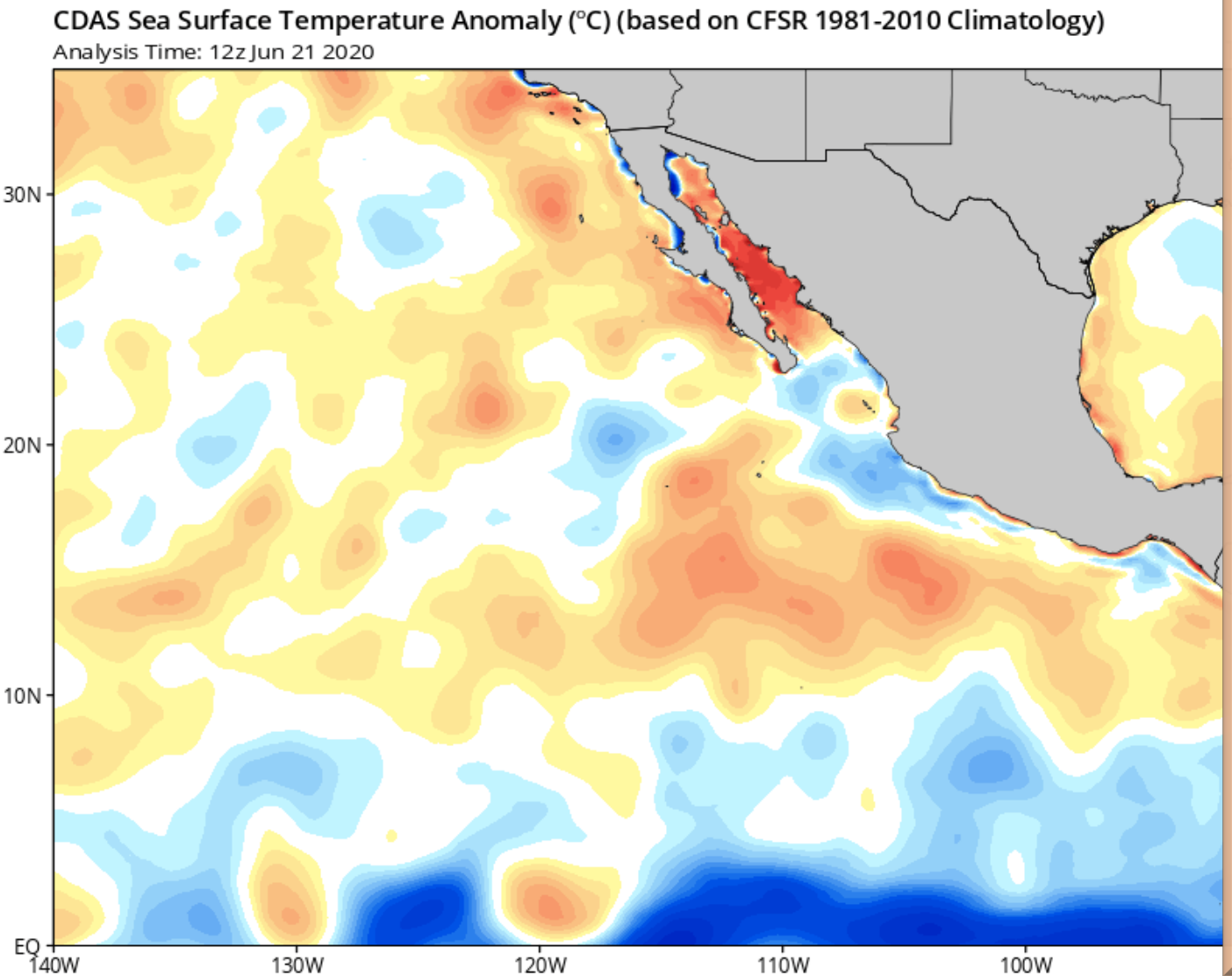




Recent Ocean Temperatures

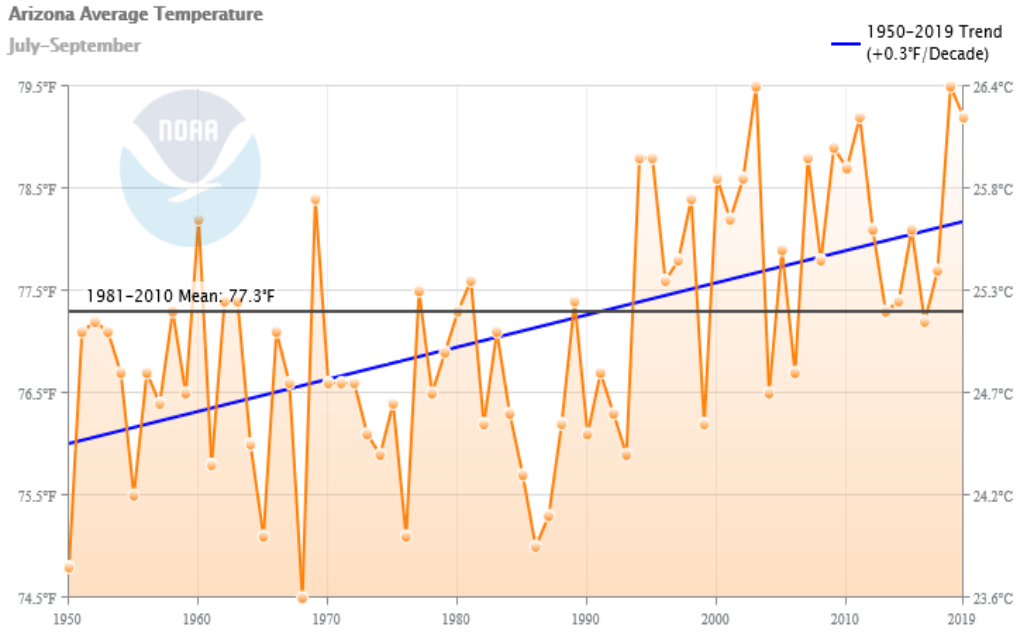


Mix of warmer than average sea surface temperatures (SST) and cooler than average SSTs (1-3°C)

Cooler SST's last year potentially hindered better moisture transport

Conceivably could support more moisture surges into southern Arizona though trend towards cooling SST's may negate this affect

Outlook: Jul/Aug/Sep 2020



Three-month averages

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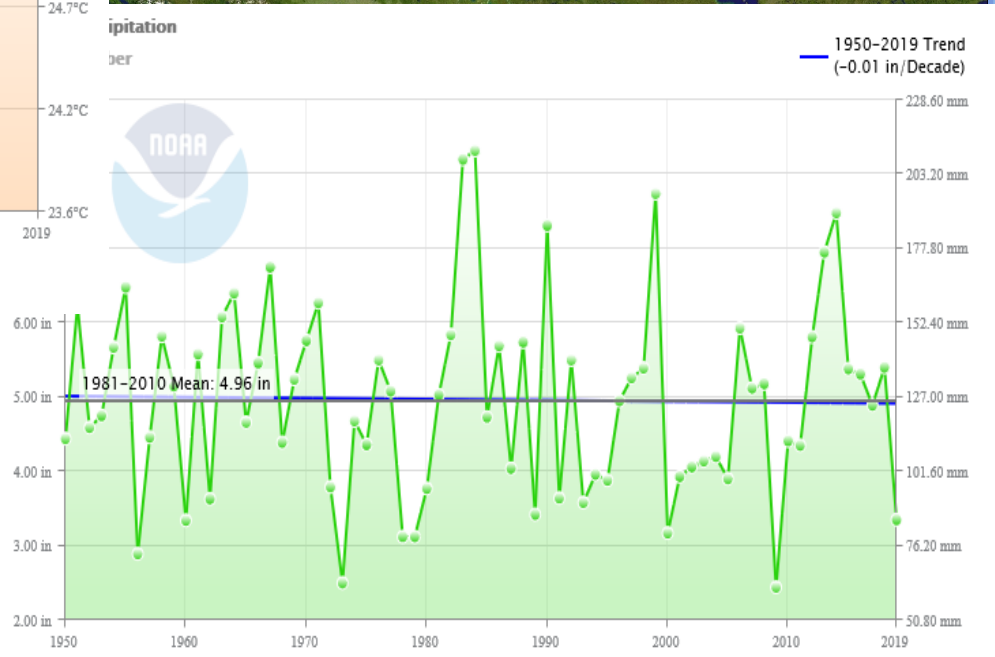
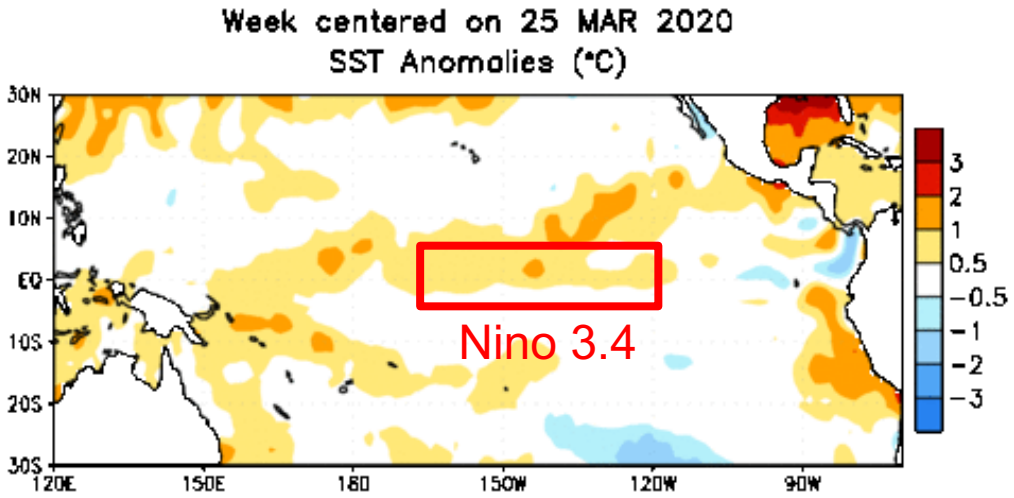
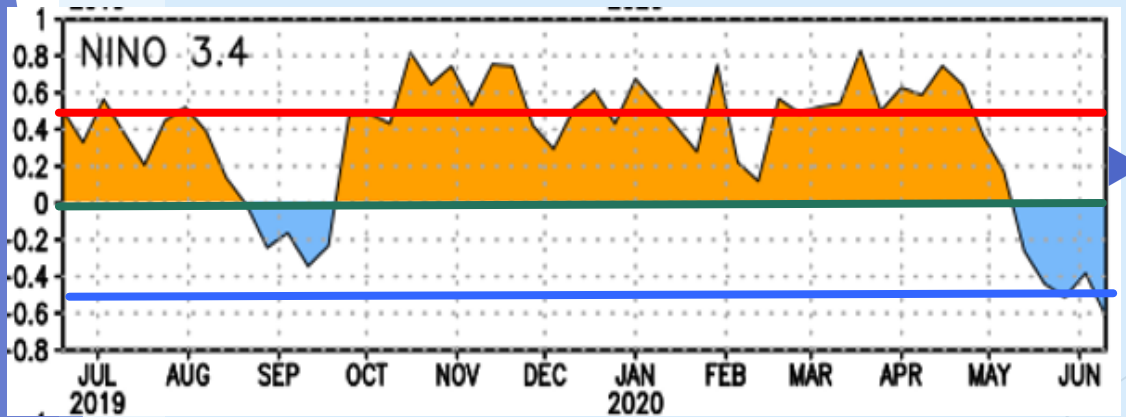


Strongly favoring above normal temperatures

No tilt in odds regarding precipitation outcome

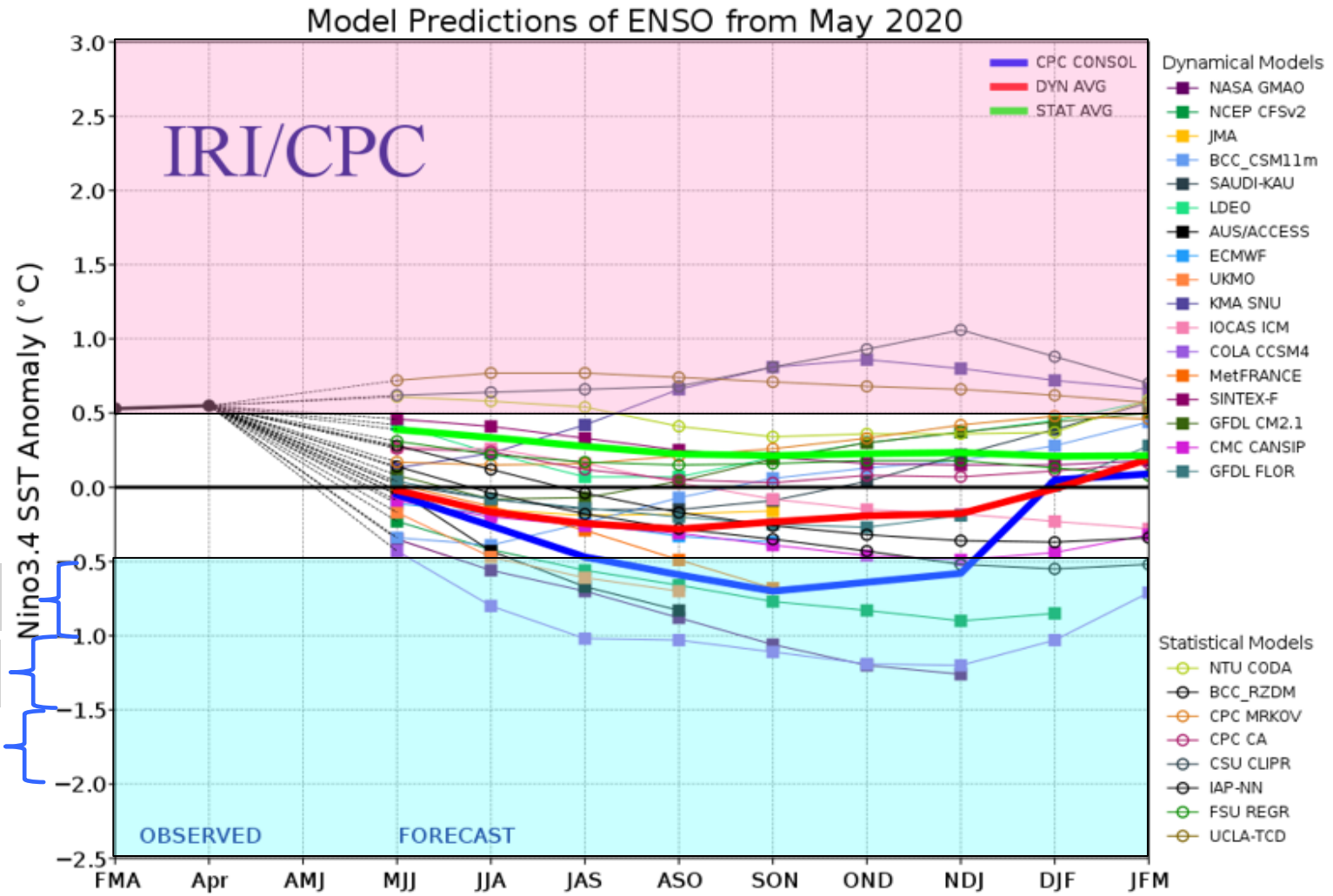
Conditions in Tropical Pacific





- Equatorial Pacific waters have mostly been warmer than normal for a couple years now
- Water temperatures flirted with El Nino thresholds last winter, but the atmospheric circulation patterns did not hold an El Nino pattern
- Waters have been cooling abruptly in the tropical Pacific recently
- This may be the onset of a La Nina phase maturing later in the year

El Nino/La Nina Outlook

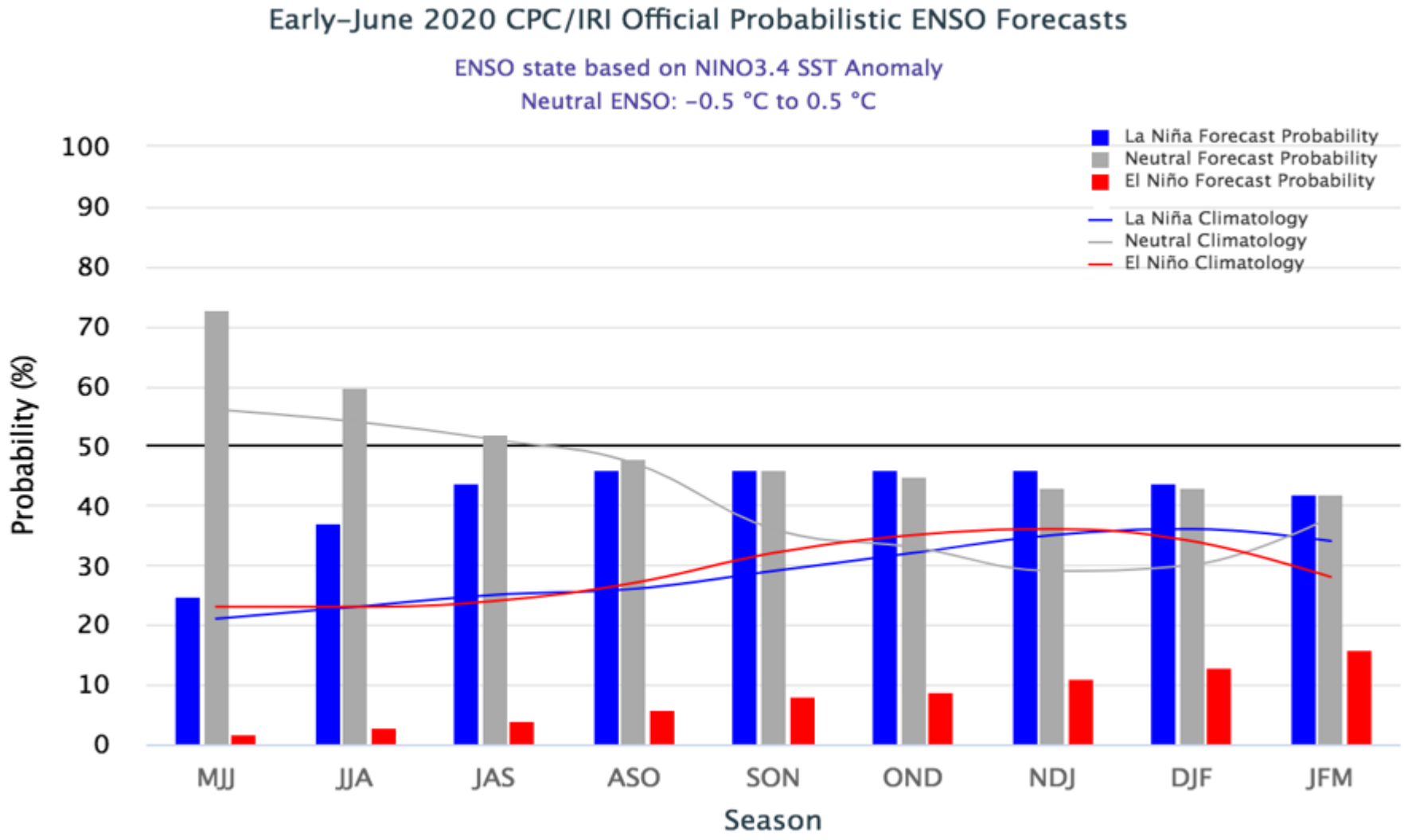


Weak

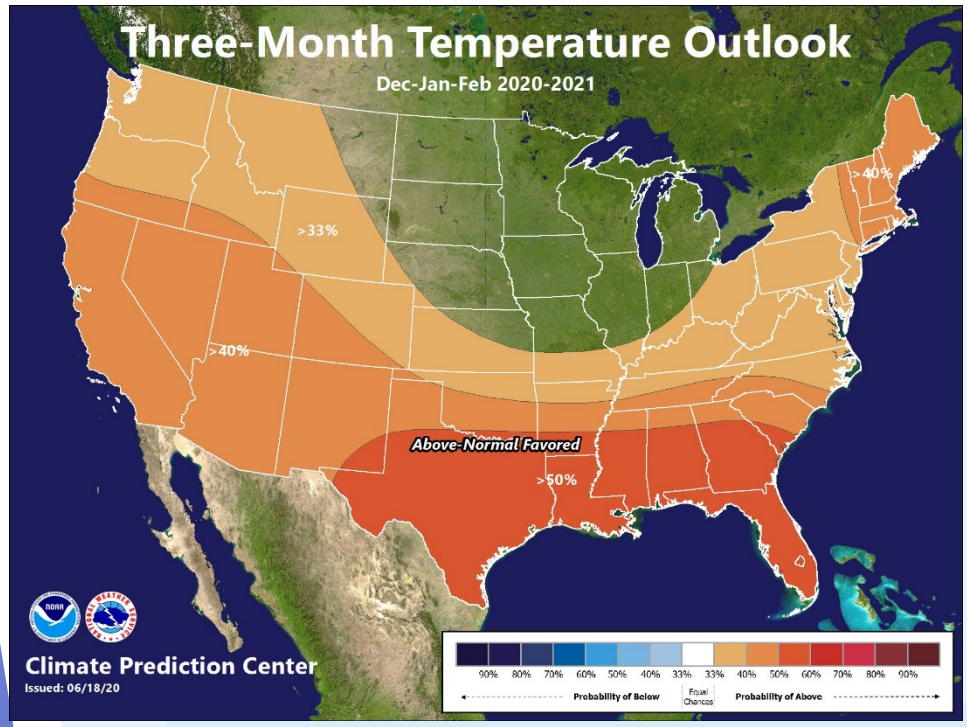
Moderate

Strong

El Nino/La Nina Outlook – June 2020



Outlook: Dec/Jan/Feb 2020-21



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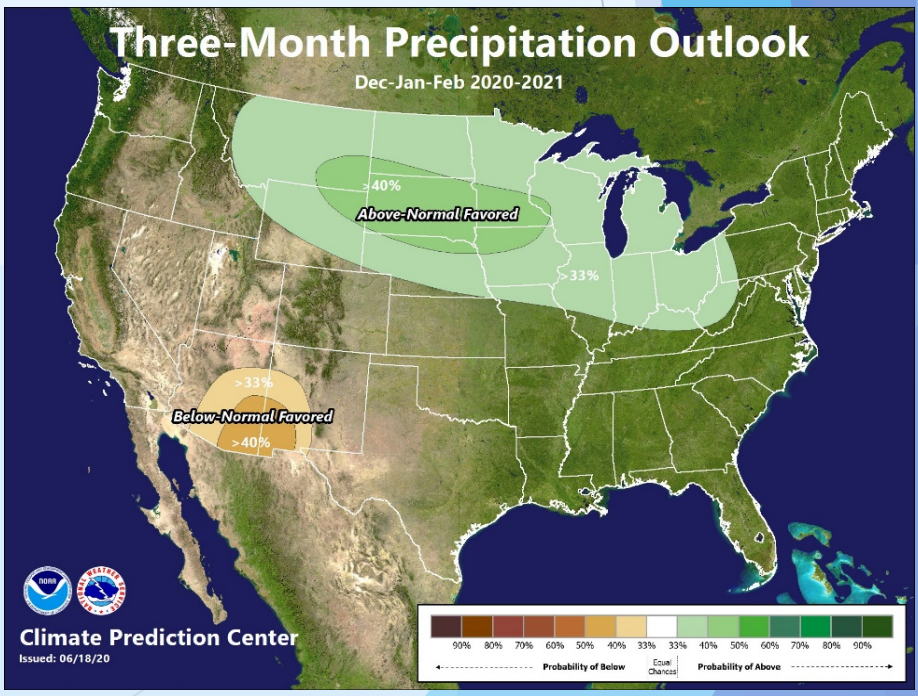

Better odds for above normal temperatures

Slight tilt towards drier precipitation outcome

Summary

- Odds point strongly to a warmer than average summer
- Very little tilt in summer rainfall odds exist given varying signals and randomness of monsoon storms
- Possibility of La Nina developing by late summer and lingering throughout the winter
- Should La Nina become the predominant seasonal oscillation, drier weather would become more favored in the fall and winter

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