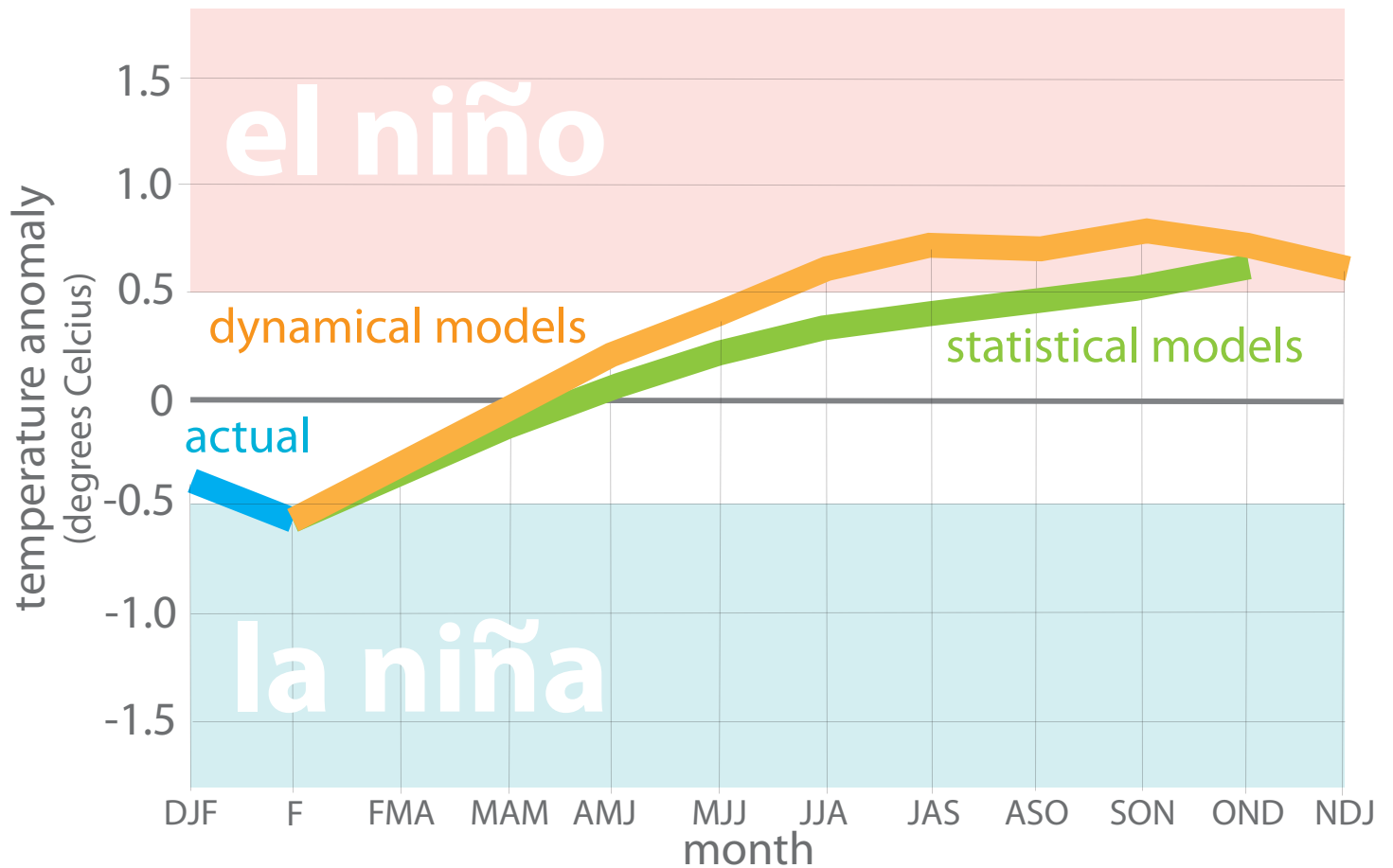


DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Recent rainfalls brought limited relief to parts of Texas with statewide reservoir storage up 140,000 acre-feet, about 0.4 percentage points. Nevertheless, reservoir storage decreased in 11 of 20 municipal systems. A wee bit of good news is that the National Weather Service now predicts a greater than 50 percent chance of an El Niño this fall. El Niño is generally associated with wet winters in Texas. Is relief in sight?

EL NIÑO/ LA NIÑA ANALYSIS

This plot shows modeled projections for sea surface temperature differences in the central Pacific Ocean at the equator. When temperature differences are warmer than 0.5 degrees Celcius, we will be in El Niño conditions.



Plot based on information from the National Weather Service’s April 10, 2014, diagnostic discussion.

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