Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for New Melones area

New Melones

California
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~100%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–54°F**, lows **42–46°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	NNW 1–7 mph
RAIN	~95%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:49 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

53° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 2–6 mph
RAIN	~89%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:49 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

50° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	SE 13–20 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NNW → NW → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:43 AM PST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~63°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

No roster note on file for this water.

ALSO BITING

No roster note on file for this water.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
New Melones Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,004.68 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SPK

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

No bank slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

KAYAK

No kayak slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

BOAT

No boat slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

No mid-depth slot on file for this water.

BOTTOM

No bottom slot on file for this water.