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Meeting Agenda - Final

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Thursday, April 30, 2026
1:30 PM

SLO County Chair location: Old Courthouse Room 207
976 Osos St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Water Resources Advisory Committee

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comments

Committee Member Comments

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting held on February 26, 2026.

   Attachments: draft WRAC Minutes Feb 26th 2026

Staff Reports

2. Water Year 2026 Quarter 2 Salinas Valley Quarterly Water Conditions Report. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno.)

   Attachments: Final Quarterly Report – Q2 WY2026

3. Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows. (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein & Casey DeLay.)

   Attachments: Current Reservoir Conditions & Releases Report

4. April 1 Water Year Type Forecast.(Staff Presenting: Joey Klein.)

   Attachments: Year Type Memo 2026

5. Boat Dock Program Update. (Staff Presenting: Mallory Roberts & Yolanda Maciel.)

Status Reports

6. · Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities
   · County of San Luis Obispo Activities
   · Mussel Program Pre-Season Update

Calendar

7. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

Adjournment

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Board Report

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Item No.1

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie,Jason Smith, Ken Ekelund, Doug Scatinni, David Bunn, Steve McIntyre, Grant Cremers, Dennis Lebow, Robin Lee, Patrick Breen, Anna McKenna

Absent: Jon Conatser, Nathan Merkle

Public Comments

Bill Lipe.

Committee Member Comments

None.

Presentations

1. New Committee Orientation and Introductions. (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers.)

Committee Member Comments: Robin Lee, David Bunn, Grant Cremers, Dennis Lebow, Patrick Breen, Ken Ekelund
Staff Comments: Jason Demers
Public Comments: Bill Lipe

Staff Reports

2. Overview of 2025 Reservoir Release Schedule. (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein.)

Attachments: 2025 Release Schedule Final
2025 Release Schedule Adopted

Committee Member Comments: Robin Lee, David Bunn, Grant Cremers, Dennis Lebow, Patrick Breen, Ken Ekelund
Staff Comments: Jason Demers
Public Comments: Bill Lipe

3. Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows. (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein, Casey DeLay.)

Attachments: Reservoir Storage Release Report

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, John Baillie, Grant Cremers, Dennis Lebow, Patrick Breen, Robin Lee
Staff Comments: None.
Public Comments: Bill Lipe, John Worth

4. Reservoir Data and Resources. (Staff Presenting: Casey DeLay.)

Attachments: WRAC Reservoir Data & Resources Feb 2026

Committee Member Comments: None.
Staff Comments: None.
Public Comments: Bill Lipe

Status Reports

5.
- Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities
- County of San Luis Obispo Activities

Committee Comments: John Baillie
Staff Comments: None.
Public Comments: Bill Lipe

Information Items

6. Water Year 2026 Quarter One Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report

Attachments: Salinas Valley Water Conditions WY2026 Q1

Calendar

7. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

Committee Comments: Dennis Lebow, Doug Scattini, Patrick Breen
Staff Comments: None.
Public Comments: Bill Lipe, Nancy Isakson

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm.

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Board Report

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Item No.2

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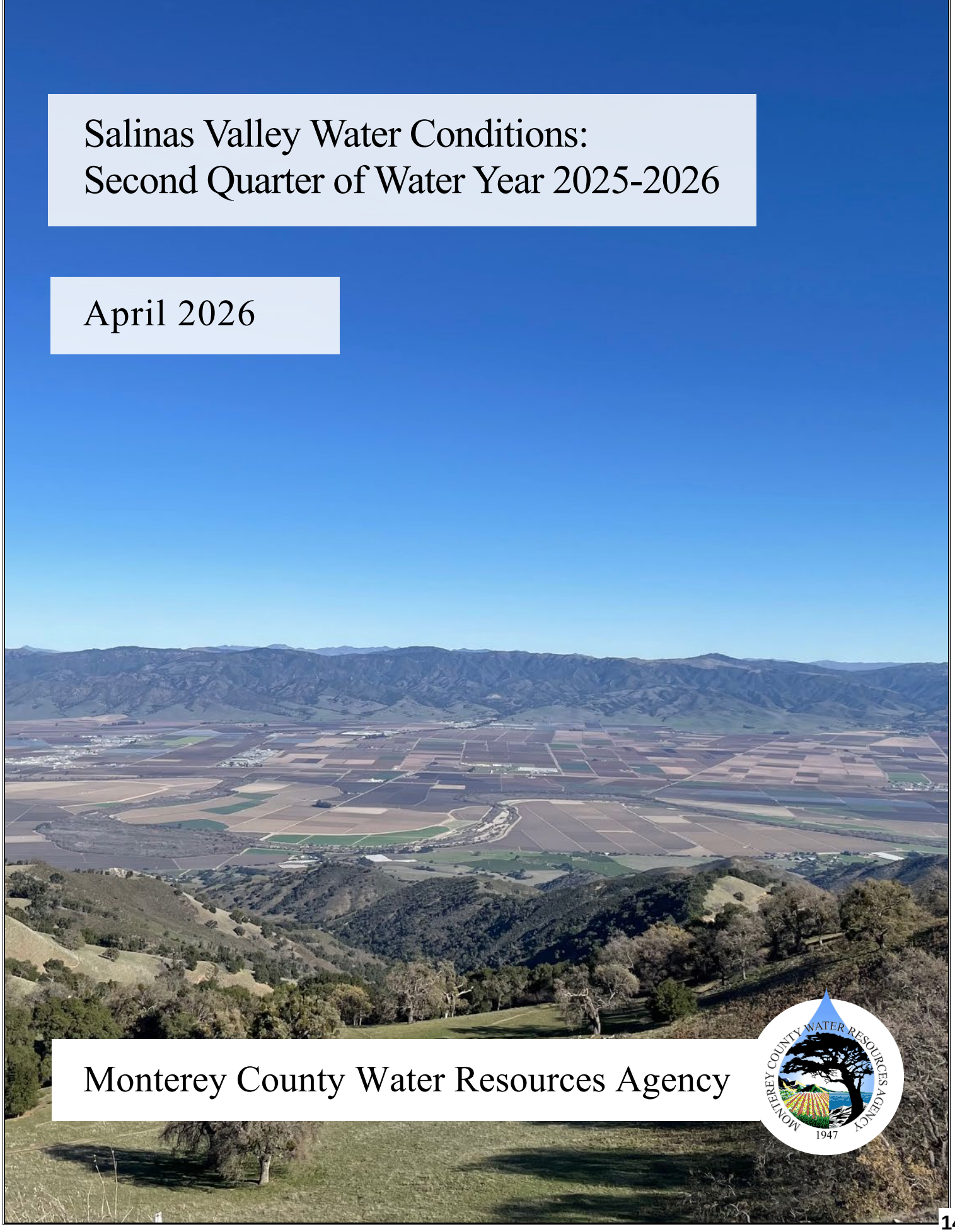
Water Year 2026 Quarter 2 Salinas Valley Quarterly Water Conditions Report. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno.)

Salinas Valley Water Conditions: Second Quarter of Water Year 2025-2026

April 2026



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Salinas Valley Water Conditions
Second Quarter of Water Year 2025-2026
April 2026

Prepared by Mac Pennington, Guillermo Diaz Moreno and Amy Woodrow

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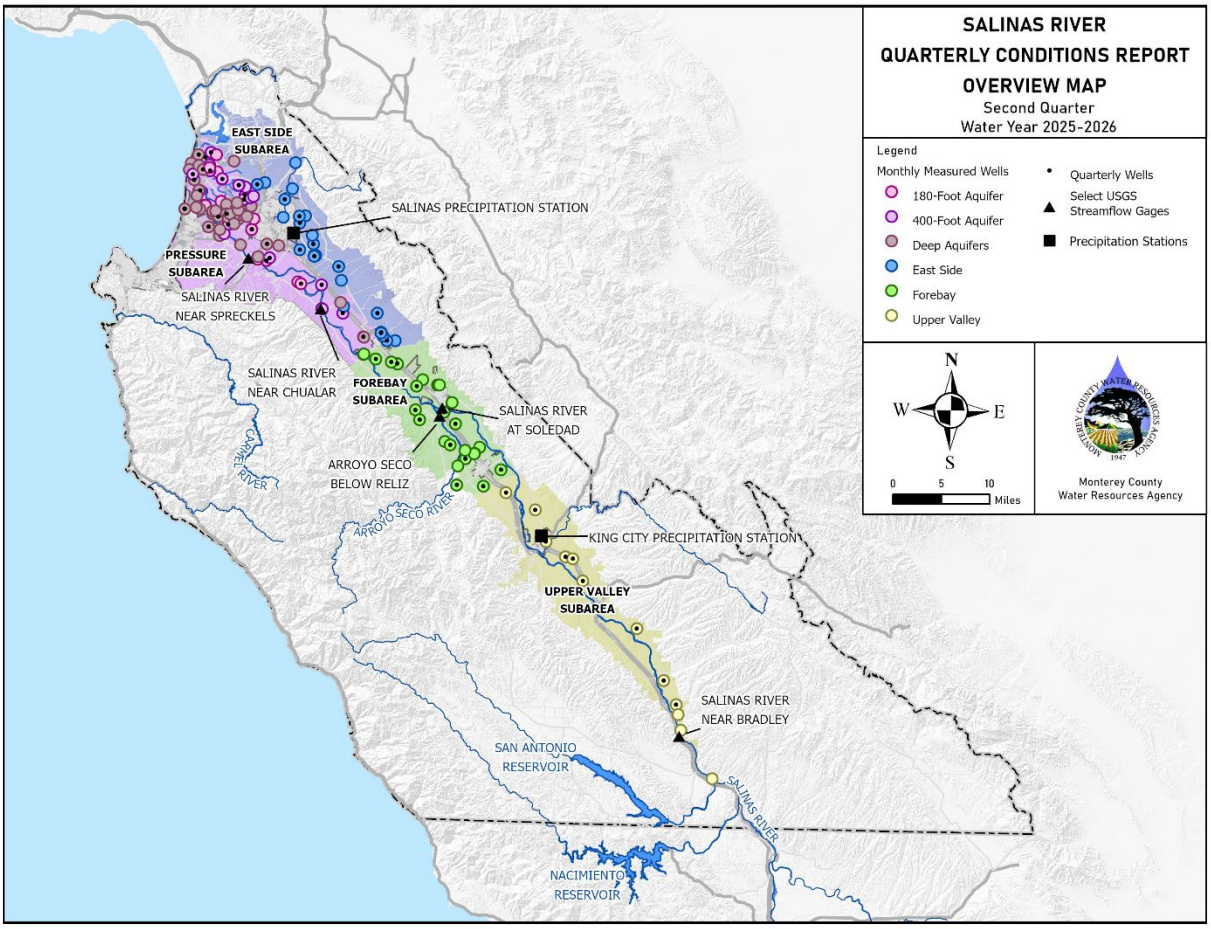
Introduction

This report covers the second quarter of Water Year 2025-2026 (WY26), consisting of January through March 2026. It provides a brief overview and discussion of hydrologic conditions in the Salinas Valley including precipitation, reservoir storage, streamflow, and groundwater level trends (Figure 1).

Data for the second quarter of WY26 indicates slightly below normal rainfall for Salinas to slightly above normal rainfall for King City based on precipitation totals for the quarter. Storage is lower in both Nacimiento Reservoir and San Antonio Reservoir compared to March 2025. Over the second quarter of WY26, groundwater elevations generally increased across all subareas and aquifers, which aligns with typical seasonal trends.



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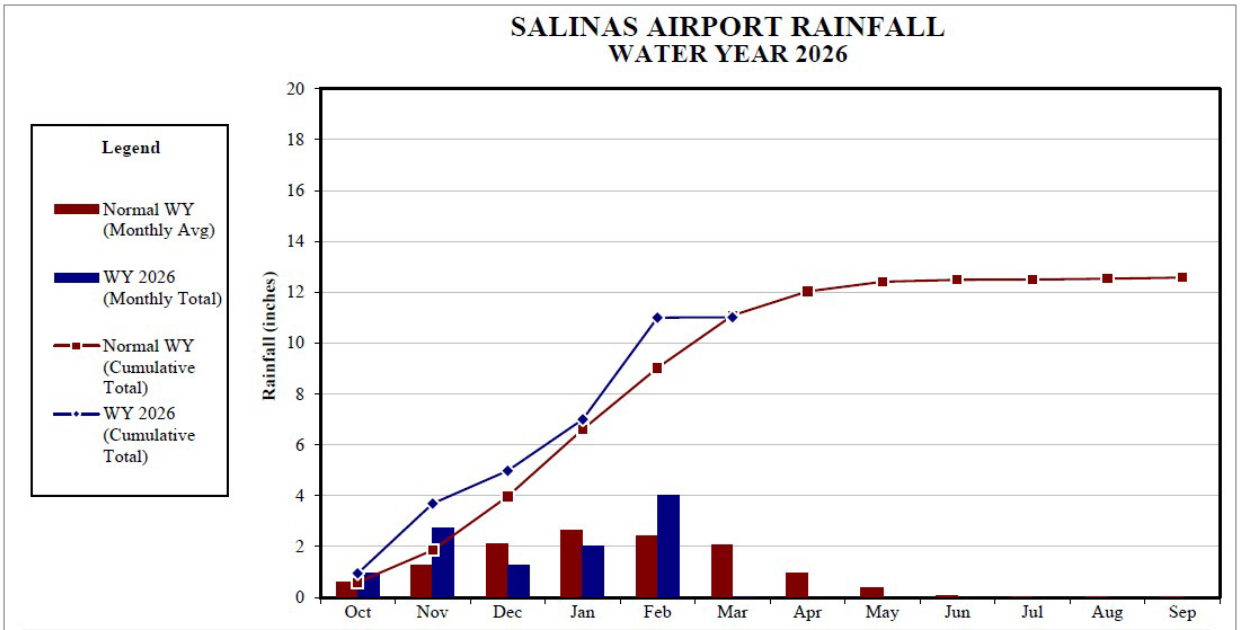
Precipitation

Preliminary National Weather Service rainfall data indicates that the second quarter of WY26 brought above normal rainfall to King City and above to slightly below average for Salinas. Totals for the quarter were 11.02 inches at the Salinas Airport (99% of normal rainfall of 11.09 inches for the quarter) and 12.63 inches in King City (120% of normal rainfall of 10.53 inches for the quarter).

Figure 2 and Figure 3 show monthly and cumulative precipitation data for the current water year and for a "normal" water year, based on long-term monthly precipitation averages, for the Salinas Airport and King City sites, respectively. Included below each graph is a table showing the numeric values for precipitation as well as percent of "normal" precipitation. For the purposes of these graphs, a "normal" water year is the average precipitation over the most recent 30-year period ending in a decade. Currently, the period from 1991 to 2020 is used for this calculation.



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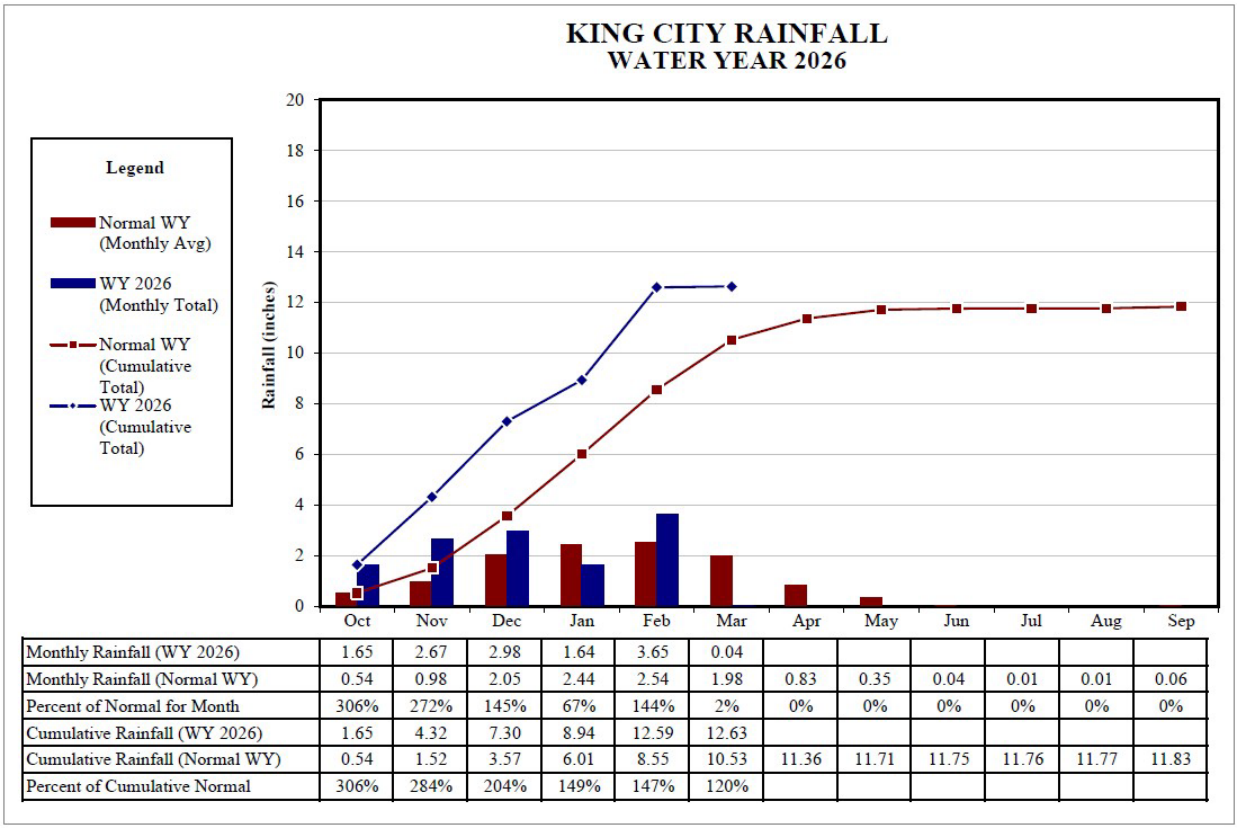
Monthly Rainfall (WY 2026)	0.95	2.75	1.29	2.01	4.01	0.01						
Monthly Rainfall (Normal WY)	0.60	1.26	2.12	2.63	2.42	2.06	0.95	0.38	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.05
Percent of Normal for Month	158%	218%	61%	76%	166%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cumulative Rainfall (WY 2026)	0.95	3.70	4.99	7.00	11.01	11.02						
Cumulative Rainfall (Normal WY)	0.60	1.86	3.98	6.61	9.03	11.09	12.04	12.42	12.49	12.50	12.53	12.58
Percent of Cumulative Normal	158%	199%	125%	106%	122%	99%						

Figure 2: Salinas Airport Rainfall for Water Year 2026



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Monthly Rainfall (WY 2026)	1.65	2.67	2.98	1.64	3.65	0.04						
Monthly Rainfall (Normal WY)	0.54	0.98	2.05	2.44	2.54	1.98	0.83	0.35	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.06
Percent of Normal for Month	306%	272%	145%	67%	144%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cumulative Rainfall (WY 2026)	1.65	4.32	7.30	8.94	12.59	12.63						
Cumulative Rainfall (Normal WY)	0.54	1.52	3.57	6.01	8.55	10.53	11.36	11.71	11.75	11.76	11.77	11.83
Percent of Cumulative Normal	306%	284%	204%	149%	147%	120%						

Figure 3: King City Rainfall for Water Year 2026

Reservoir Storage

At the end of the second quarter of WY26, storage at Nacimiento Reservoir on March 31, 2026, was 249,780 acre-feet, which is 8,323 acre-feet lower than on the same day in March 2025. Storage in San Antonio Reservoir on March 31, 2026 was 212,588 acre-feet, which is 29,232 acre-feet lower than on the same day in March 2025.

Reservoir	**March 31, 2026 (WY26) Storage in acre-feet**	**March 31, 2025 (WY25) Storage in acre-feet**	**Difference in acre-feet**
Nacimiento	249,780	258,103	-8,323
San Antonio	212,588	241,820	-29,232

Graphs showing daily reservoir storage for the last five water years, along with 30-year average daily storage for comparison, are included as Figure 4 and Figure 5.

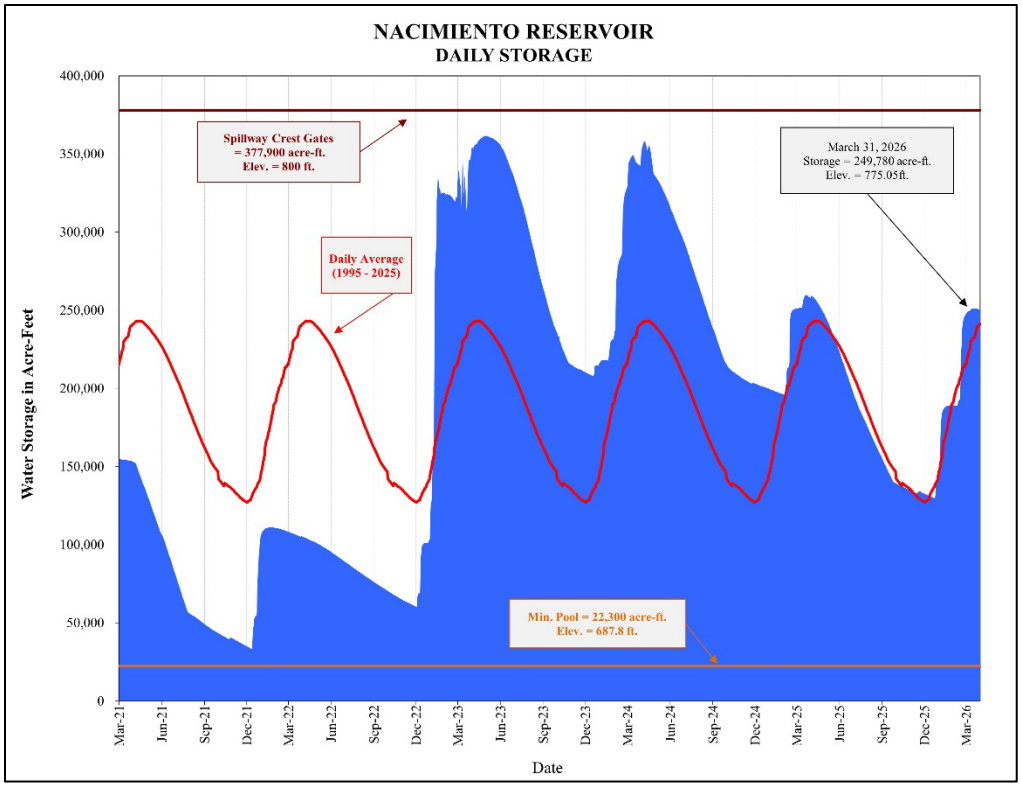

Figure 4: Nacimiento Reservoir Storage for Last Five Years

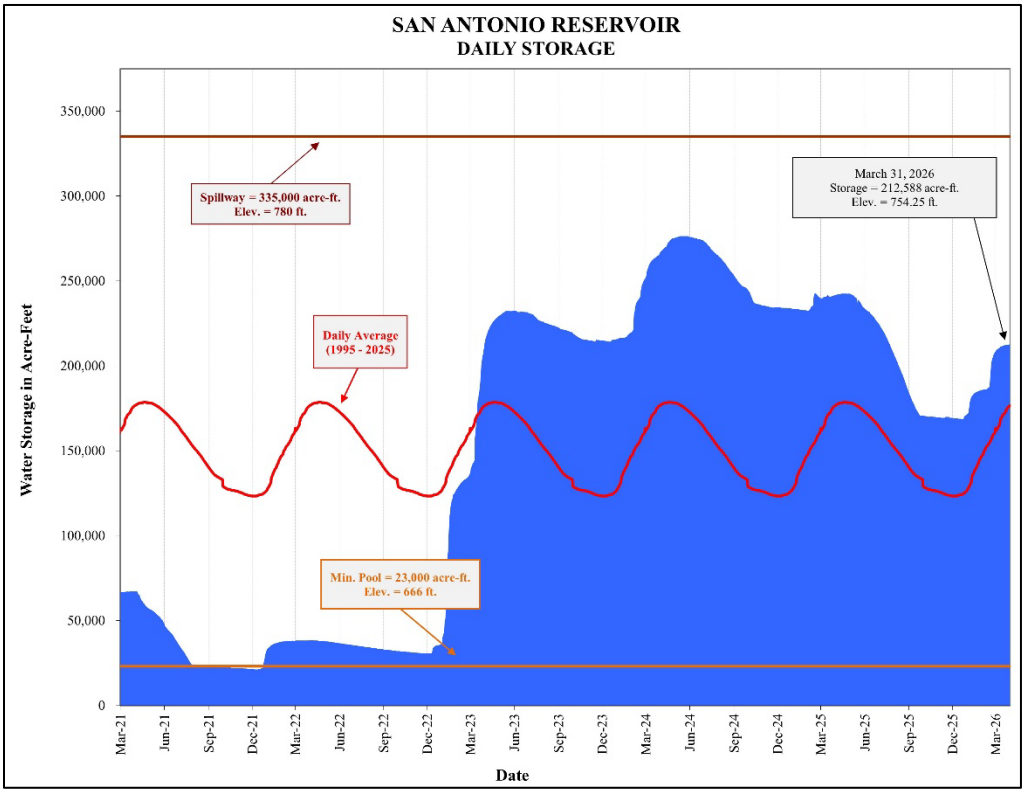

Figure 5: San Antonio Reservoir Storage for Last Five Years

Streamflow

The Salinas River is predominately a losing stream, meaning streamflow moves from the streambed into the underlying aquifers. The U.S. Geological Survey maintains several streamflow gages throughout the Salinas River watershed that continuously measure discharge or flow in the river (Figure 1). Figure 6 shows mean daily flow, in cubic feet per second, from select gages on the Salinas River and Arroyo Seco for the last five years (WY 2021-2026) and the current water year (WY26).

Streamflow recorded during the second quarter of WY26 can be attributed to a combination of managed reservoir releases and a rain event. Hydrographs from January to March showcase 3 peaks, which coincided with rainfall events. Between those rainfall events, releases were made from the Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs to support habitat downstream of the dams.

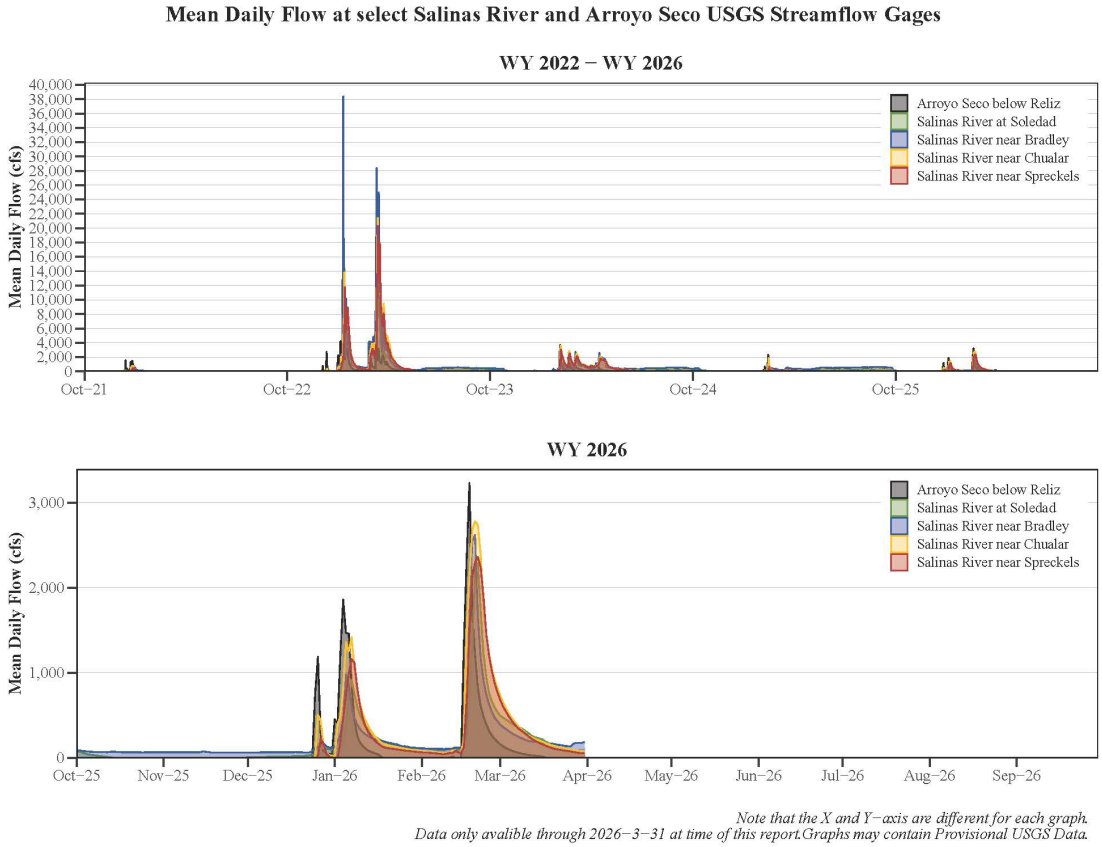

Figure 6: Mean Daily Flow at Selected Stream Gages

Groundwater Elevations

Groundwater elevation data provides insight into how an aquifer or subarea responds to hydrologic conditions over time, such as changes in precipitation and reservoir releases. A one-year comparison can show the short-term effects of a single wet or dry year while a long-term comparison will help provide information on general trends in groundwater storage and demonstrate effects that occur on a longer time scale as surface hydrology interacts with the underlying geology. Subareas or aquifers will respond differently to these hydrologic conditions. For example, groundwater elevations in shallower aquifers may respond more quickly to a wet season while aquifers that are confined, deeper, or more depleted may take longer to show a response to hydrologic conditions. Changes in groundwater elevations within a confined aquifer will also occur in response to groundwater pumping demands.

More than 130 wells are measured monthly by hand throughout the Salinas Valley to monitor seasonal groundwater elevation fluctuations. Additionally, continuous groundwater data are collected from pressure transducers installed in approximately 50 monitoring wells on a quarterly basis. Data from 65 of these wells are used in the preparation of this report (Figure 1). The measurements are grouped by hydrologic subarea, averaged, and a single groundwater elevation value for the wells within each subarea is graphed to compare current groundwater elevations (WY26) with past conditions. Graphs for individual subareas, showing the current year's groundwater elevation conditions, last year's conditions (WY25), and the range between wet conditions (WY99) and dry conditions (WY15) are found in the following sections. No groundwater elevation data are available for July 2025 due to funding constraints during that period that precluded data collection from occurring.

For comparison to long term conditions, a curve showing monthly groundwater elevations averaged over the most recent 30 years (WY95-WY25) is included on each graph. The Deep Aquifers graph (Figure 9) does not include a 30-year average because there is not yet a 30-year period of record to make that comparison. Table 1 provides a summary of the groundwater elevation trends for March 2026 in units of feet relative to mean sea level (ft-msl), with additional detail provided on Figures 7-12.

Table 1: Groundwater Elevation Trends Summary for March 2026

Subarea/Aquifer	March 2026 Groundwater Elevation (ft-msl)	Change during Second Quarter	One Year Change	Difference from 30-Year Average Elevation
180-Foot Aquifer	14 ft-msl	Up 1 foot	Down 3 feet	Up <1 foot
400-Foot Aquifer	6 ft-msl	Up <1 foot	Down 3 feet	Up 2 feet
Deep Aquifers	-19 ft-msl	Up 3 feet	Down 3 feet	Not applicable
East Side	1 ft-msl	Down 2 feet	Down 8 feet	Down 4 feet
Forebay	167 ft-msl	Up 4 feet	Down <1 foot	Up 4 feet
Upper Valley	319 ft-msl	No Change	Up <1 foot	Up 3 feet

180-Foot Aquifer

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevations increased one foot in the 180-Foot Aquifer (Figure 7). Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are down three feet compared to March 2025 and are up less than one foot from the 30-year average.

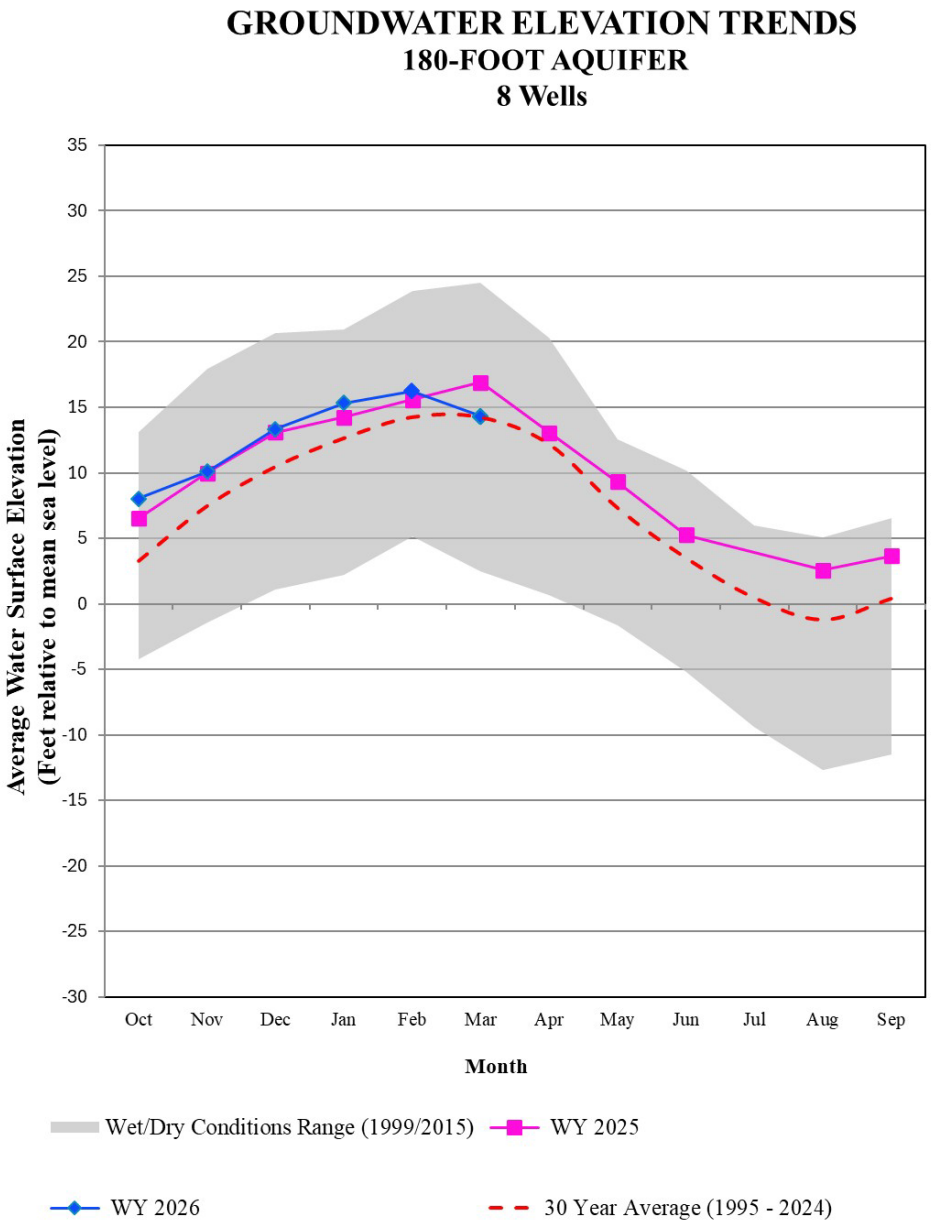

Figure 7: Groundwater Elevation Trends for the 180-Foot Aquifer

400-Foot Aquifer

Groundwater elevations in the 400-Foot Aquifer increased less than one foot over the past quarter (Figure 8). Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are down three feet compared to March 2025 and up two feet from the 30-year average.

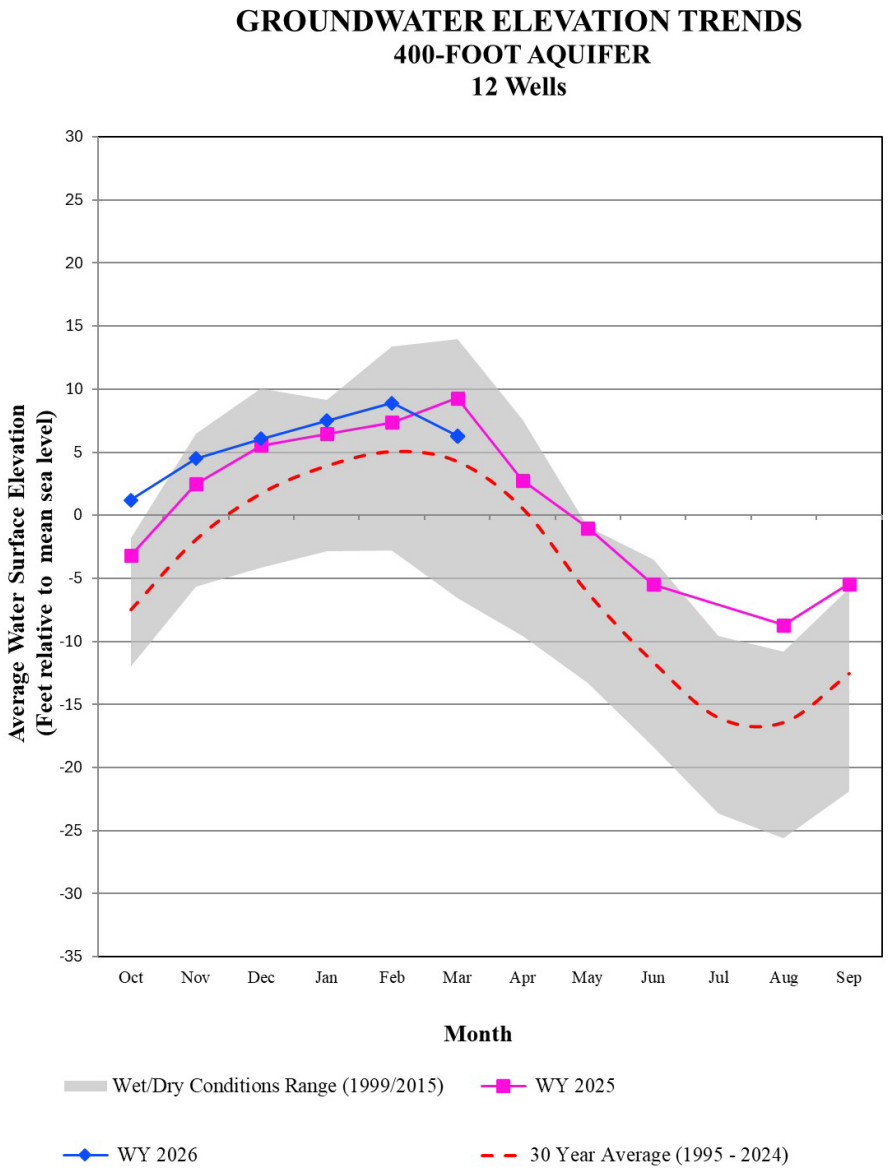

Figure 8: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the 400-Foot Aquifer

Deep Aquifers

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevations increased three feet in the Deep Aquifers. Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are down three feet compared to March 2025. Given the shorter period of record available for some of the wells monitored in the Deep Aquifers, a 30-year average cannot yet be calculated. In lieu of a long-term average, Figure 9 includes a 30-year time series graph with groundwater elevation data from the eleven Deep Aquifers wells that are utilized for this report to show the seasonal and long-term trends in these wells.

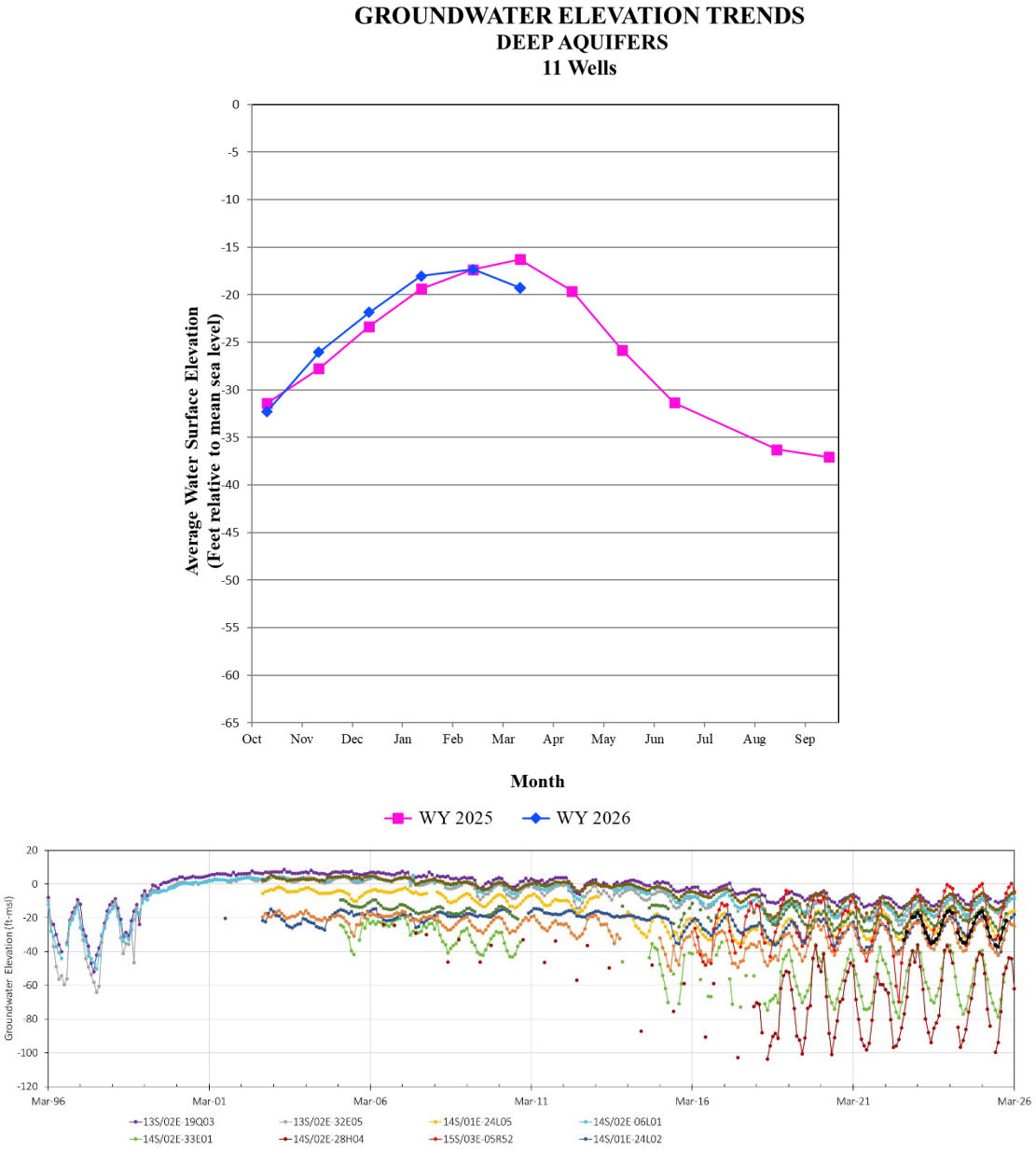

Figure 9: Groundwater Elevation Data from the Deep Aquifers Quarterly Report Wells

East Side Subarea

East Side groundwater elevations decreased by two feet over the last quarter (Figure 10). Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are down eight feet from March 2025 and down four feet from the 30-year average.

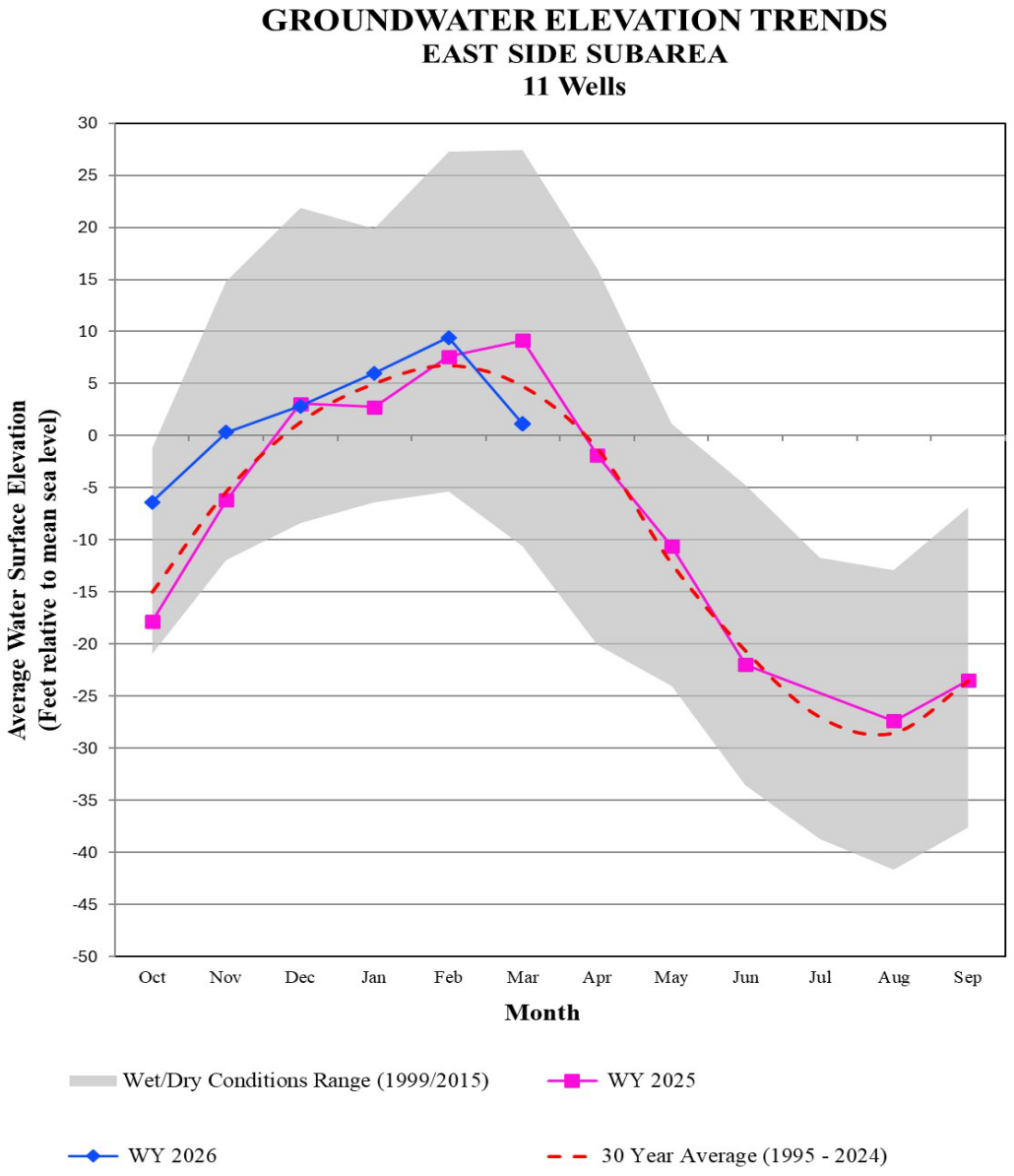

Figure 10: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the East Side Subarea

Forebay Subarea

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevations have increased four feet in the Forebay (Figure 11). Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are down less than one foot from March 2025 elevations and are up four feet from the 30-year average.

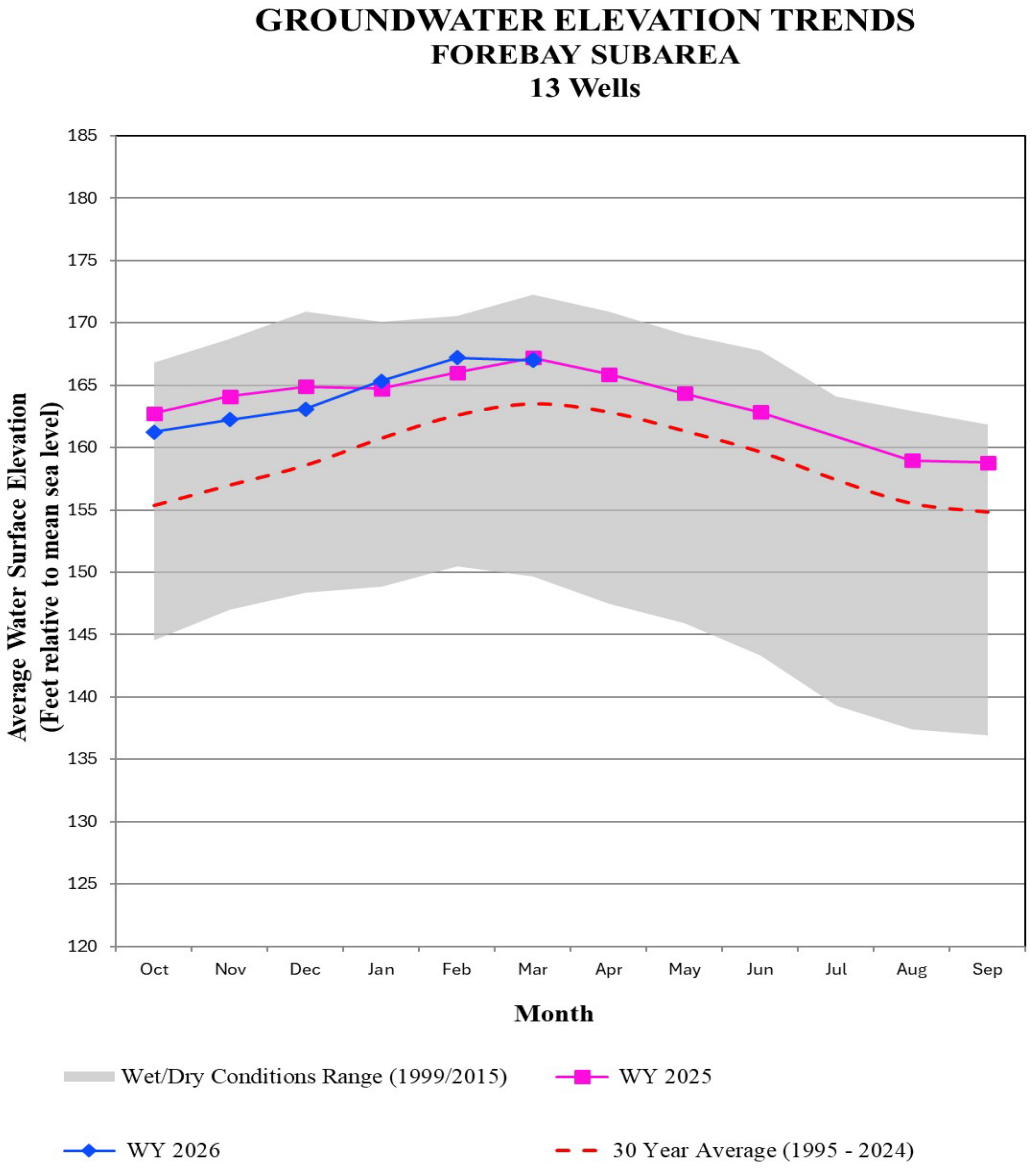

Figure 11: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the Forebay Subarea

Upper Valley Subarea

Upper Valley groundwater elevations did not change over the last quarter (Figure 12). Groundwater elevations for March 2026 are up less than one foot from March 2025 elevations and up three feet from the 30-year average.

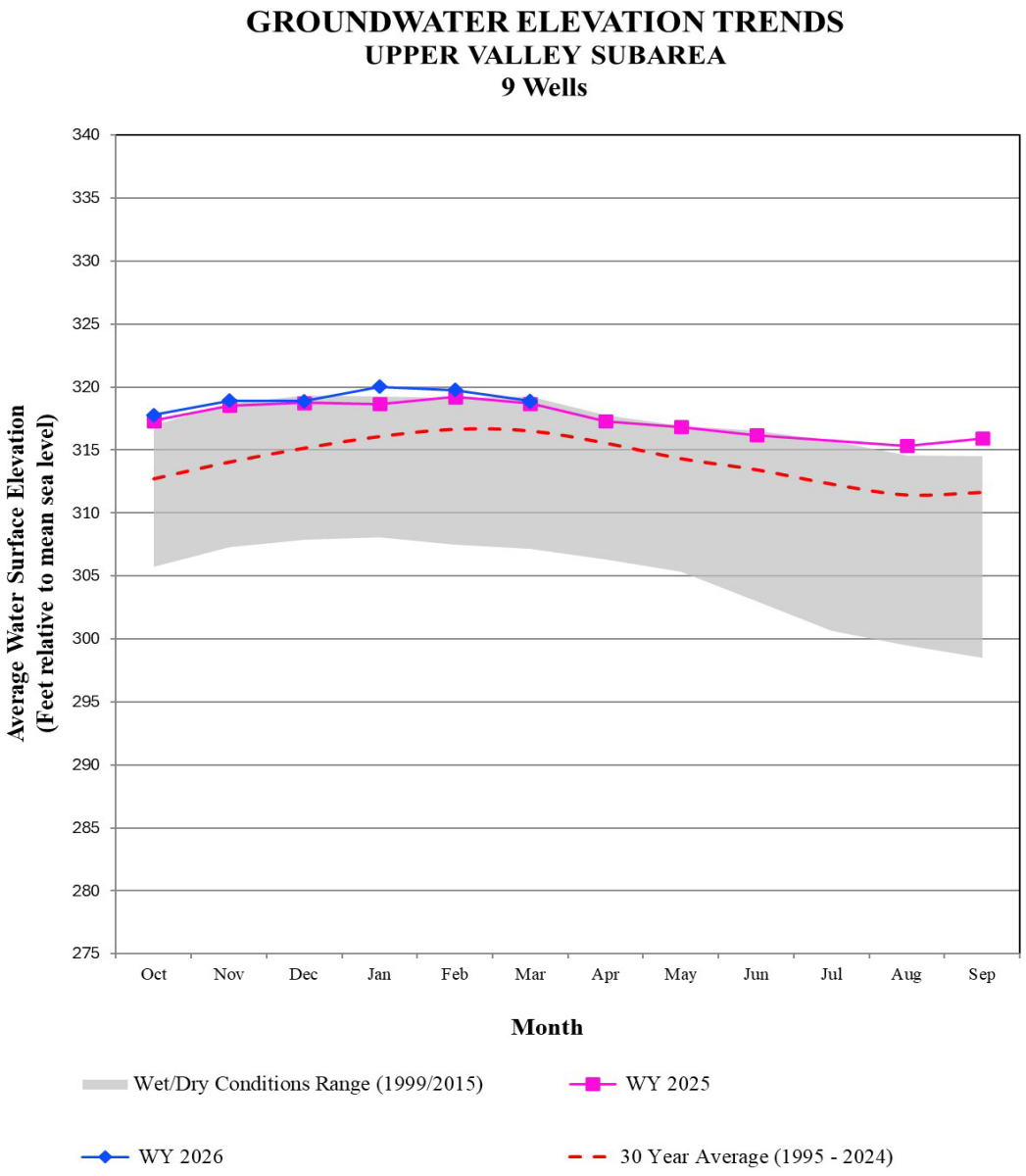

Figure 12: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the Upper Valley Subarea

Figure 13 shows the spatial distribution of changes in groundwater elevations from March 2025 to March 2026. Over the last water year, most of the monitored wells in all hydrologic subareas experienced no significant change in groundwater elevation, meaning that fluctuations were

within five feet of the prior year's value. However, some variation in groundwater elevation trends was observed, with three wells in the East Side subarea experiencing a decrease in elevation greater than 15 feet and three more wells experiencing the an elevation decrease between 5 and 15 feet. The Deep Aquifers had one well decrease between 5 and 15 feet in elevation and one well decrease greater than 15 feet. The 180- and 400-foot subarea each had two wells that decreased between 5 and 15 feet in elevation.

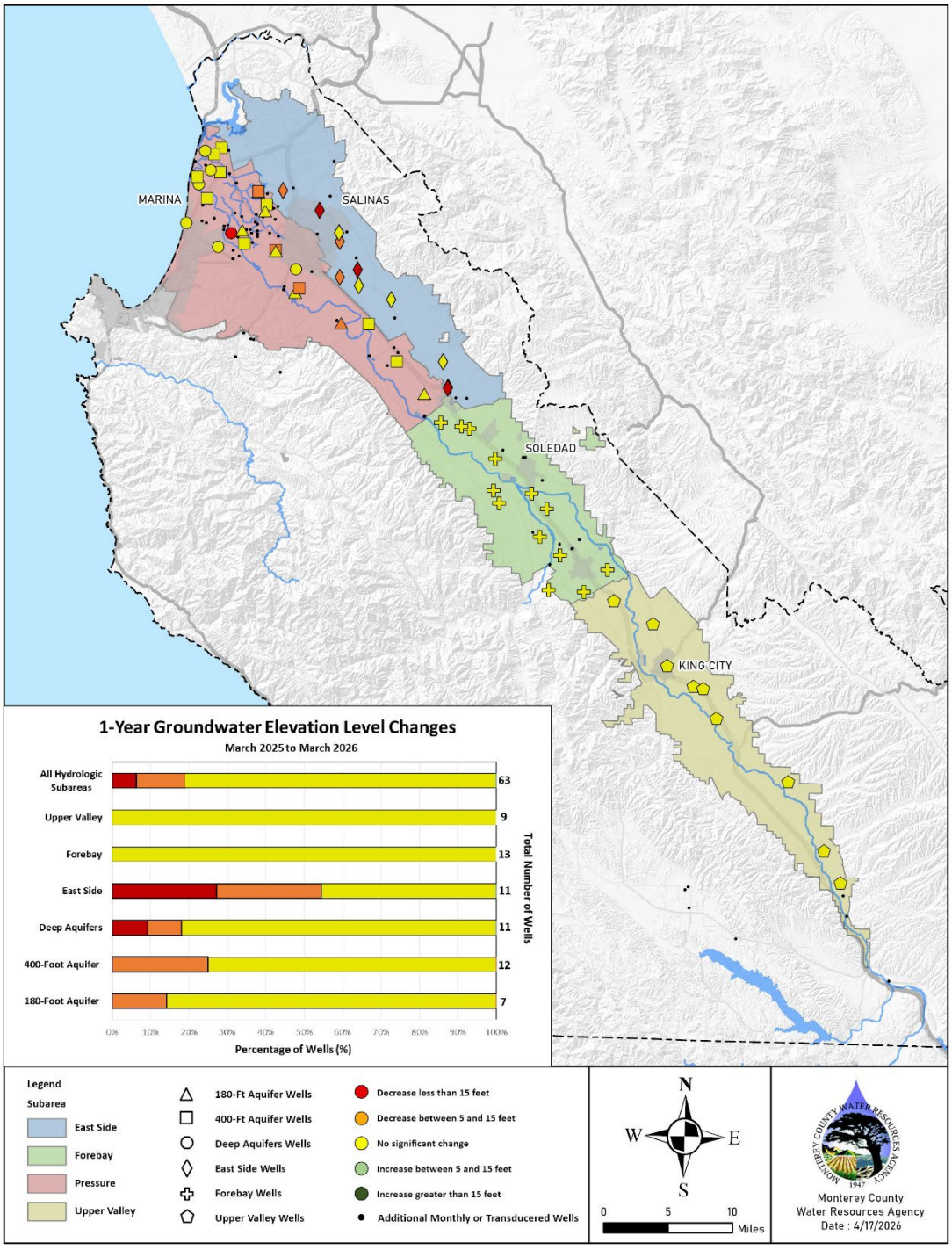

Figure 13: One-Year Groundwater Elevation Changes

Depth to Groundwater vs Groundwater Elevation

Most of the figures in this report use groundwater elevation as a means of describing where groundwater was observed in a well. Using groundwater elevation to describe and analyze the regional groundwater surface allows for comparison of data to determine things such as direction of groundwater flow and groundwater gradient while removing well-to-well variability introduced by topography and well construction design. By measuring the depth to groundwater from a known and consistently used elevation at each well, often referred to as a reference point, it is possible to compare data between wells or to other relevant metrics, such as sea level. Groundwater elevation is calculated from the measured depth to groundwater using the reference point elevation and ground surface elevation. Figure 14 shows the relationship between the reference point and measured depth to water, along with how groundwater elevation is calculated.

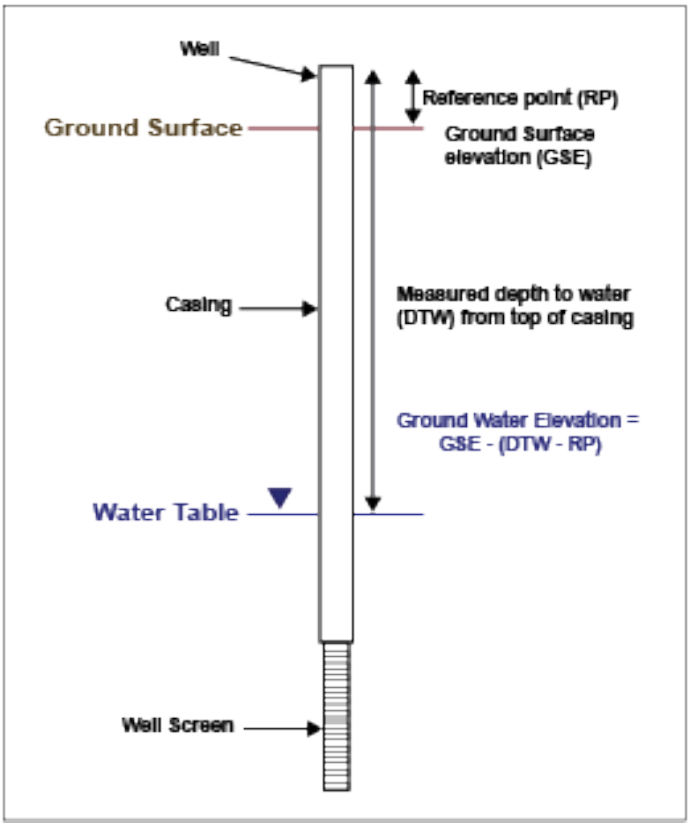

Figure 14: Relationship between Depth to Groundwater and Groundwater Elevation.

Figure 15 shows the depth to groundwater that was measured in each of the wells, within a given subarea, that is used for developing this quarterly water conditions report. As shown on Figure 15, there is a range of depth to water values within each subarea with some, like the East Side Subarea, having a wider range of measured values than others, like the 180-Foot Aquifer. The black line on each of the subarea graphs in Figure 15 is the average depth to groundwater for each set of wells. This value is converted from "depth to groundwater" to "groundwater elevation" by

accounting for the reference point and elevation of the ground surface and graphed as the blue "WY 2026" line on each of the preceding subarea-specific graphs (Figures 7-12). The range in depth to water values is the result of many factors (e.g., variations in topography, thickness of the aquifer, and the length of screen in the well) and illustrates the reason why groundwater elevation is the standard method for evaluating the groundwater system on a regional scale. However, the depth-to-water data have been included with this report as a means of demonstrating the methodology behind the groundwater elevation data that are used throughout the rest of the document.

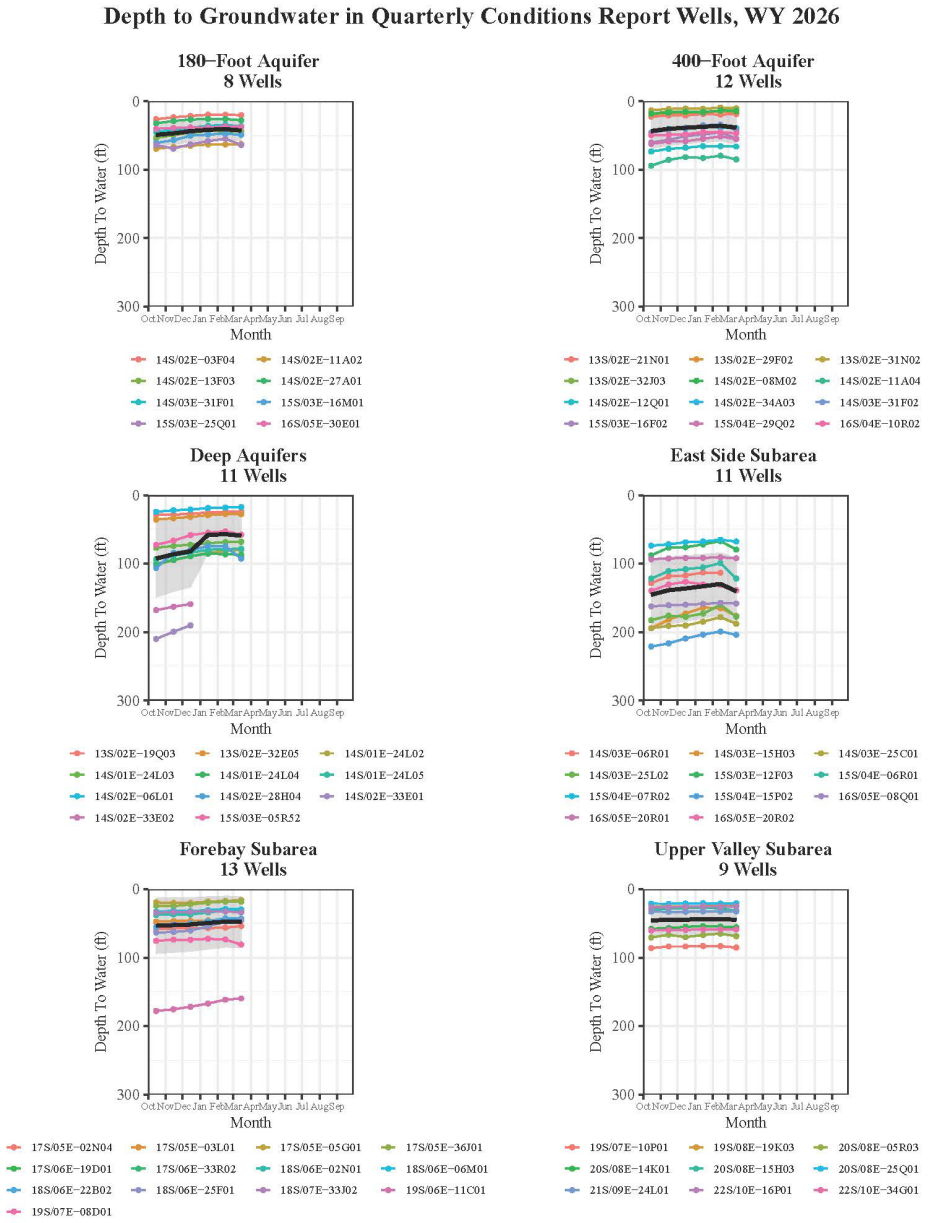

Figure 15: Depth to Groundwater in Wells Used for Quarterly Conditions Report, WY 2026

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Board Report

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April 30, 2026

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Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows. (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein & Casey DeLay.)

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:
The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

RAINFALL: After a dry March, April has had series of storms which brought inflow to the reservoirs. On April 12, 2026, inflow to Nacimiento Reservoir peaked at 185 cfs at the Nacimiento River below Sapaque gage. San Antonio Reservoir inflow peaked at 70 cfs at the San Antonio River near Lockwood gage on April 13. On April 21, another system brought beneficial rain.

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of April 22, 2026, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 754.35 feet (NGVD 29), with 212,983 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 773.15 feet, with 241,268 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 64% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 64% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases are being made from Nacimiento Reservoir for beneficial uses including groundwater recharge, operation of the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and support downstream fish habitat. Minimum fisheries releases are currently being made from San Antonio Reservoir.

Releases as of April 22, 2026:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 220 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 230 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam: 214 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 268 cfs
- Salinas River near King City: 185 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 128 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 92 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 58 cfs

SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION FACILITY: Diversions started April 6 after a period of equipment start up and testing and filling of the impoundment. As of April 22, SRDF has diverted 353 AF.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: Following storms in late December and early January, the Agency facilitated a breach of the lagoon to alleviate localized flooding in accordance with the Agency's Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan on January 4, 2026. Water surface elevation in the lagoon reached a peak of 6.82 ft on January 4, 2026 and began fluctuating with tides on January 5, 2026. The Salinas Lagoon closed to the ocean on April 10.

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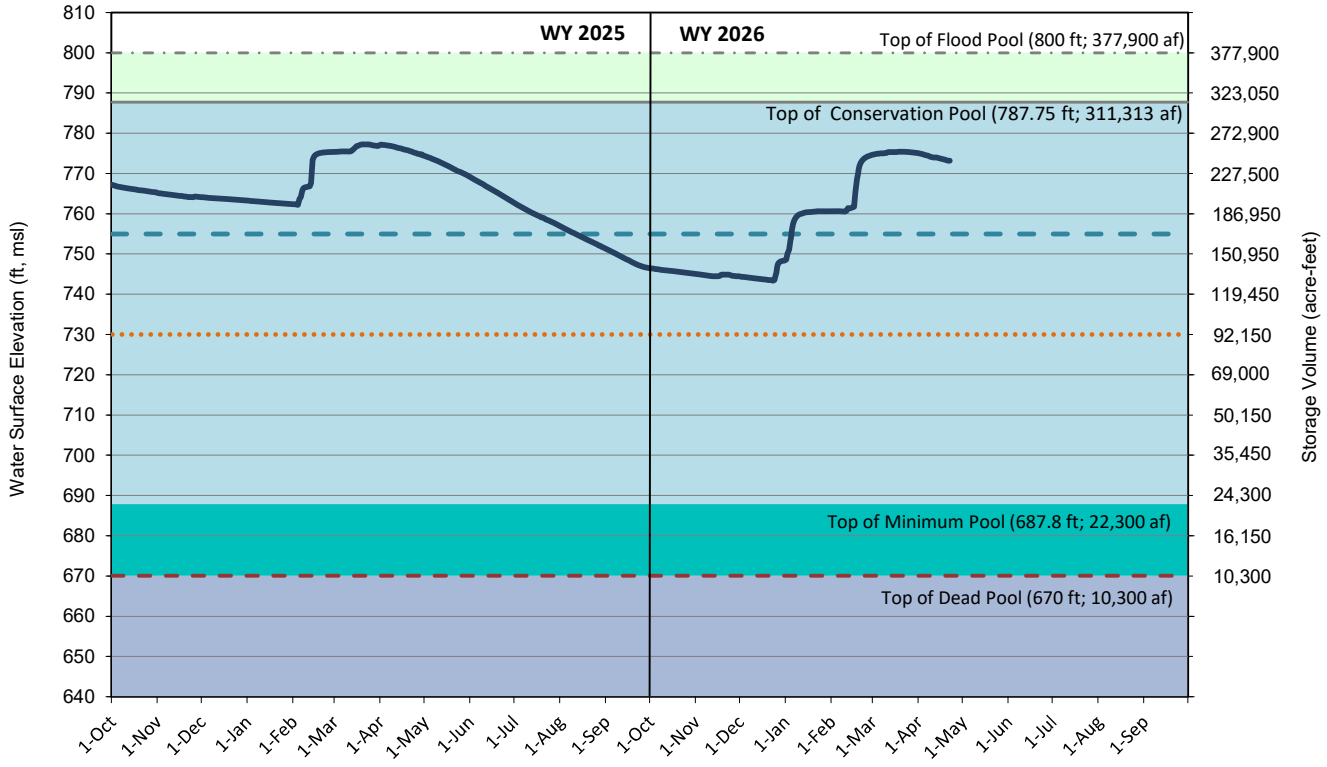
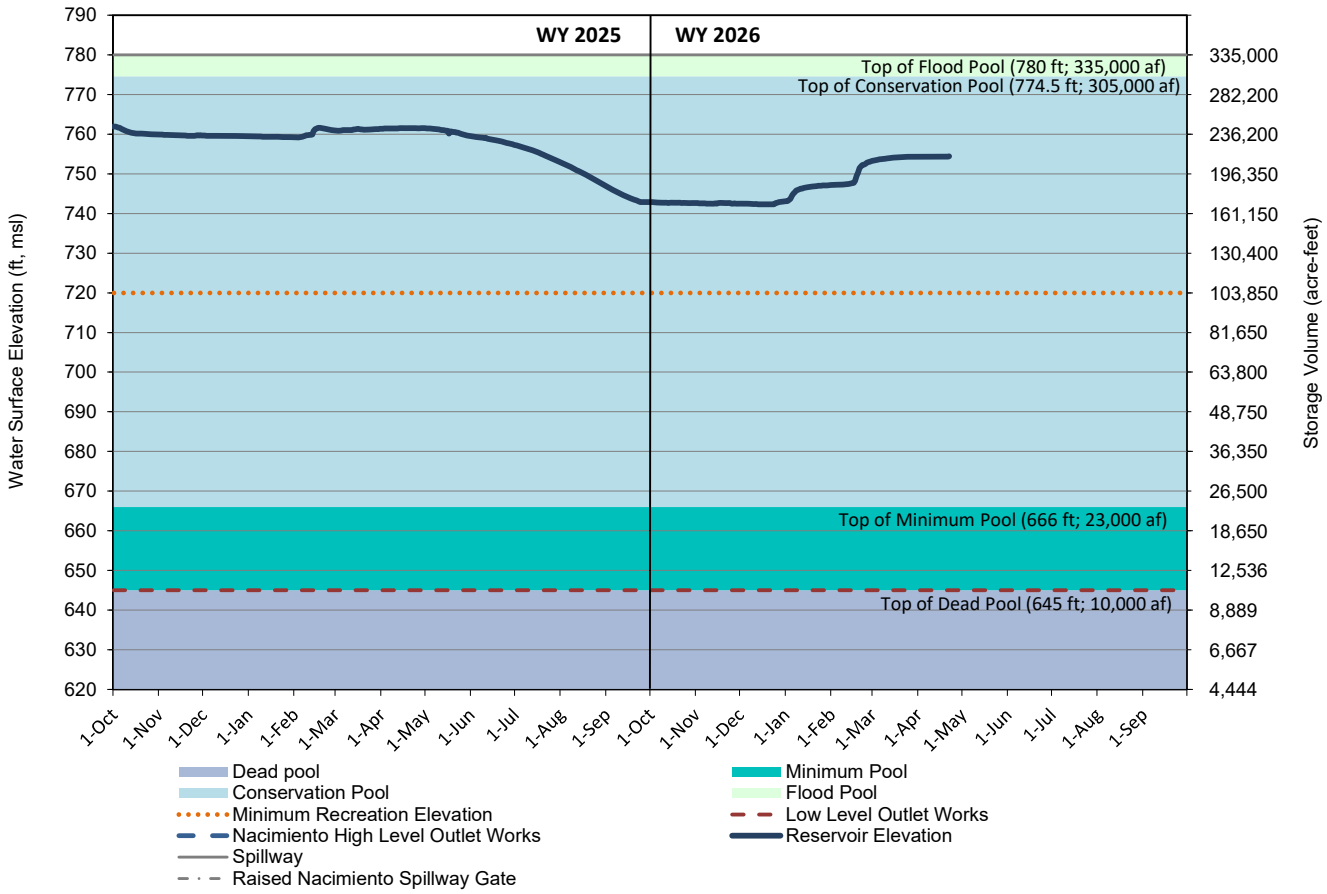
Reservoir Elevation and Storage

Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2026

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			NACIMIENTO								SAN ANTONIO					
Month	Combined Releases (cfs)[1]	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs)[1]	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	NWP Orders (ac-ft)	NWP Diversions (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage (ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs)[1]	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage (ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)
Jan	70	4,328	350	60	3,713	600	54	**146,210**	39%	**748.6**	520	10	615	**171,473**	51%	**743.1**
Feb	72	4,129	464	62	3,554	553	72	**189,290**	50%	**760.6**	441	10	575	**185,898**	55%	**747.2**
Mar	89	5,496	977	79	4,881	696	91	**248,200**	66%	**774.7**	853	10	615	**209,065**	62%	**753.4**
Apr	283	16,818	1,458	254	15,092	677		**249,100**	66%	**774.9**	1,840	29	1,726	**212,785**	64%	**754.3**
May	440	27,035	2,580	280	17,217	1,616		**235,123**	62%	**771.8**	2,806	160	9,818	**211,385**	63%	**753.9**
Jun	510	30,348	3,288	280	16,661	2,129		**213,623**	57%	**766.7**	3,109	230	13,686	**198,385**	59%	**750.5**
Jul	564	34,691	2,550	320	19,676	2,188		**191,499**	51%	**761.2**	2,370	244	15,015	**181,657**	54%	**746.0**
Aug	623	38,321	2,252	320	19,676	2,188		**167,091**	44%	**754.6**	2,008	303	18,645	**164,091**	49%	**740.9**
Sep	467	27,769	1,713	320	19,042	2,144		**142,991**	38%	**747.6**	1,536	147	8,727	**143,488**	43%	**734.4**
Oct	212	13,012	1,125	181	11,108	1,369		**120,142**	32%	**740.2**	1,064	31	1,904	**133,549**	40%	**731.1**
Nov	70	4,165	566	60	3,570	996		**107,090**	28%	**735.7**	556	10	595	**130,672**	39%	**730.1**
Dec	70	4,304	349	60	3,689	594		**101,986**	27%	**733.8**	359	10	615	**129,519**	39%	**729.7**
Jan 2026								**97,505**	26%	**732.1**				**128,570**	38%	**729.4**
Totals		**210,417**	**17,671**		**137,881**	**15,750**	**217**				**17,462**		**72,537**			

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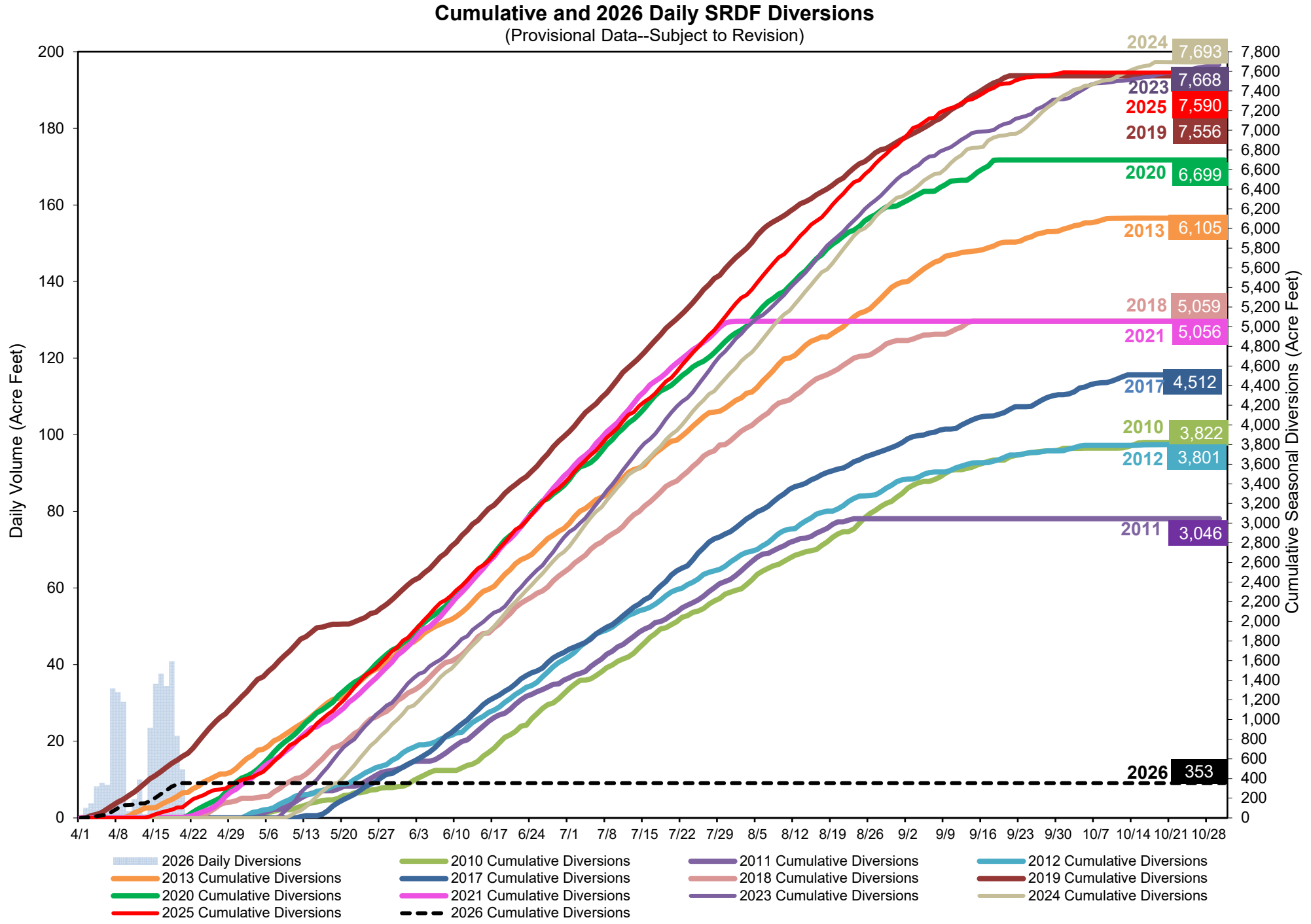
Notes:

1. Mean daily flow for the month in cubic feet per second.
2. Shaded areas denote actual values. Non-shaded areas are projected values.
3. Nacimiento Reservoir storage capacity: 377,900 acre feet; San Antonio Reservoir storage capacity: 335,000 acre feet.
4. Water Resources Advisory Committee may make release considerations for holiday periods to benefit recreation.
5. Schedule assumes no additional storm events that provide inflow to reservoirs. Actual elevations and or releases may be influenced by inflow.
6. "NWP Diversions" are San Luis Obispo County - Nacimiento Water Project conveyance facilities diversions. Max. allowable water year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) diversions: 15,750 ac-ft.
7. Nacimiento "NWP Diversions" do not include lakeside water use which is estimated at approximately 1,750 acre feet per year.
8. Releases from Nacimiento reservoir will be limited to 280 cfs or less due to planed maintenance activities expected to be completed by July 1. Nacimiento releases may exceed 280 cfs once mainteance activities are complete.


Cumulative and 2026 Daily SRDF Diversions
(Provisional Data--Subject to Revision)
Daily Volume (Acre Feet)
Cumulative Seasonal Diversions (Acre Feet)
2024 7,693
2023 7,668
2025 7,590
2019 7,556
2020 6,699
2013 6,105
2018 5,059
2021 5,056
2017 4,512
2010 3,822
2012 3,801
2011 3,046
2026 353
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Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes

Since March 26, 2026

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		
Date	**Starting Flow**	**Ending Flow**	**Starting Flow**	**Ending Flow**	**Total Releases**
March 26, 2026	10	10	60	120	130
March 30, 2026	10	10	120	180	190
April 2, 2026	10	10	180	230	240
April 6, 2026	10	50	230	300	350
April 7, 2026	50	80	300	280	360
April 10, 2026	80	10	280	280	290
April 15, 2026	10	10	280	220	230

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Board Report

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April 1 Water Year Type Forecast.(Staff Presenting: Joey Klein.)

WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

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Monterey County

DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: File

FROM: Joseph Klein

SUBJECT: Water Year 2026 Year Type Determination for SVWP Operation

The 2026 water year type was forecast on March 15, 2026 and April 1, 2026. The March 15th forecast, calculated from published provisional USGS mean daily streamflow at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad gage to March 14th, indicated a wet-normal year type. The April 1st forecast which included streamflow data to March 31st is also for a wet-normal year type.

This memorandum describes the method used to forecast water year type, a factor determining each year's operational requirements of the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP).

The first step in the process is to rank annual flow for the period of record to establish streamflow breaks that can be used to categorize the current water year as dry, normal, or wet.

The second step is the calculation of an extrapolation factor to convert mean annual flow based on a partial water year record (October 1st, ending March 15 or April 1) to a mean annual flow representing the entire water year.

Step three is the calculation of mean annual streamflow based on provisional mean daily streamflow data up to the forecast date. As specified in the SVWP flow prescription, the water year type is forecast on March 15th and April 1st of each year. Provisional mean annual streamflow is calculated using mean daily streamflow data up to but not including the forecast date. The extrapolation factor is then applied to calculate mean annual streamflow that accounts for flow that will occur between the forecast date and the end of the water year.

The first two steps are based on the published period of record of mean daily streamflow at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad USGS gage. These calculations are completed every year prior to the March 15th forecast, utilizing data through the most recently published complete water year. The publication date for the previous water year typically occurs toward the middle of the following calendar year (for instance streamflow data for water year 2025 will likely be published around the middle of calendar year 2026). The third step utilizes provisional data for the current water year, which is normally available within twenty-four hours of realtime data logging.

These three components are calculated and combined as described below to determine the year type of the current water year. This water year type forecast will determine reservoir operations necessary to meet fisheries requirements for operation of the SVWP.

Calculation of Streamflow Breaks

Prior to January 1st, mean annual flows are calculated and used to develop year type criteria (Table 1). Mean annual flows are ranked in descending order and plotting positions are assigned to each year. The streamflow amounts corresponding to the 25th and 75th percentile are selected as the threshold flows for wet, normal, and dry categories. Normal year types are subcategorized into wet-normal, normal, and dry-normal categories, although March 15th and April 1st year type forecasts will be made to dry, normal, and wet categories. In years when stream flow breaks are updated, they must be submitted in writing to the State Water Resources Control Board by January 1st of the year they are to be used (Amended License for Diversion and Use of Water, Application 16124, Permit 10137, License 7543). Streamflow breaks calculated for use in water year 2026 did not change from those submitted in 2025.

Year type criteria used in water year 2026 were calculated using published mean daily flows from the Arroyo Seco near Soledad USGS stream gage from water years 1902-2024 (Chart 1). The following year type categories are in effect for water year 2026:

Dry:	Mean Annual Flow < 65 cfs
Dry-Normal:	65 cfs <= Mean Annual Flow < 100 cfs
Normal:	100 cfs <= Mean Annual Flow < 144 cfs
Wet-Normal:	144 cfs <= Mean Annual Flow < 260 cfs
Wet:	Mean Annual Flow >= 260 cfs

Calculation of the Forecast Factor

Based on the published period of record of mean daily streamflow at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad USGS gage (122 years at the time of this report) forecast factors have been developed to more accurately calculate mean annual flow on March 15th and April 1st. These forecast factors are re-calculated prior to year type forecasting each March. Based on the long-term average, mean annual flow calculated on March 15th represents 70% of actual mean annual flow for the year. This relationship can be used when forecasting year type as: mean annual for March 15th = 70% x (mean annual for the water year) or mean annual for the water year = mean annual on March 15th / 0.70. The following forecast factors have been created for water year 2026 based on published mean daily data through water year 2024 (Table 2).

Mean Annual for the published period of record:	168 cfs or 100% of the Annual Average
Mean Annual on March 15:	118 cfs or 70% of the Annual Average
Mean Annual on April 1:	136 cfs or 81% of the Annual Average

Calculation of Mean Annual Streamflow on March 15th and April 1st

The current water year type is forecast on March 15th and April 1st of each year. A year type is determined from a forecasted mean annual flow for the water year. This forecast is based on mean daily flow at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad USGS stream gage from the start of the water year to the forecast date, as reported on March 15th and April 1st. Mean daily flows are summed from October 1st through the forecast date and divided by the total number of days in the entire water year. This creates a mean annual flow based on provisional flow that has occurred prior to the forecast date. Table 3 contains provisional mean daily streamflow through March 14, 2026. Table 4 contains provisional mean daily streamflow through March 31, 2026.

Determination of water year type using adjusted streamflow and streamflow breaks

Mean streamflows calculated based on data published March 15th and April 1st are adjusted using the previously mentioned forecast factors. The result is a forecast mean annual streamflow that fits into the dry, normal, or wet year type categories that were developed for the water year. **The adjusted mean annual forecast flow for March 15, 2026 is 164 cfs. The March 15th forecast is for a wet-normal year type. The adjusted mean annual forecast flow on April 1, 2025 is 149 cfs with the forecast for a wet-normal year type remaining in effect.**

Table 1

Mean Annual Flow by Water Year
Calculated from the Mean Daily Published Period of Record
at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad USGS Stream Gage

Water Year	Mean Annual Streamlow (cfs)
1902	134.8
1903	144.1
1904	82.3
1905	168.6
1906	282.5
1907	436.5
1908	102.5
1909	329.0
1910	116.5
1911	402.8
1912	50.9
1913	19.6
1914	361.1
1915	288.8
1916	341.0
1917	220.3
1918	100.0
1919	91.7
1920	72.7
1921	115.7
1922	266.2
1923	174.7
1924	22.7
1925	73.8
1926	204.1
1927	236.6
1928	102.4
1929	71.1
1930	64.5
1931	16.7
1932	189.1
1933	26.8
1934	108.8
1935	127.2
1936	166.0
1937	205.0
1938	447.1
1939	33.2
1940	257.0
1941	525.1
1942	233.8
1943	183.2
1944	122.0
1945	144.9
1946	109.4
1947	44.1
1948	30.7
1949	71.9
1950	68.5
1951	123.6
1952	288.3
1953	99.5
1954	60.5
1955	56.4
1956	245.0
1957	65.4
1958	402.3
1959	79.4
1960	50.9
1961	22.2
1962	139.1
1963	272.2
1964	49.4
1965	129.8
1966	73.5
1967	302.0
1968	33.0
1969	416.4
1970	130.1
1971	85.5
1972	36.1
1973	318.0
1974	195.6
1975	229.8
1976	15.2
1977	6.7
1978	432.9
1979	164.9
1980	406.0
1981	113.9
1982	350.9
1983	709.2
1984	124.1
1985	61.8
1986	324.2
1987	43.3
1988	31.8
1989	28.9
1990	19.9
1991	65.9
1992	101.4
1993	296.2
1994	42.7
1995	390.4
1996	173.0
1997	234.3
1998	443.2
1999	96.3
2000	153.2
2001	107.8
2002	74.9
2003	139.5
2004	73.2
2005	310.4
2006	260.2
2007	25.6
2008	116.5
2009	102.5
2010	270.8
2011	271.5
2012	48.2
2013	72.0
2014	16.2
2015	41.2
2016	82.0
2017	401.7
2018	64.8
2019	304.9
2020	82.0
2021	43.5
2022	66.2
2023	472.4
2024	165.4

Chart 1

Arroyo Seco Mean Annual Streamflow (Based on Published Mean Daily Streamflow)
Exceedance Probability for Water Years 1902 through 2024
Defining Year Types: Wet, Wet-Normal, Normal, Dry-Normal, and Dry

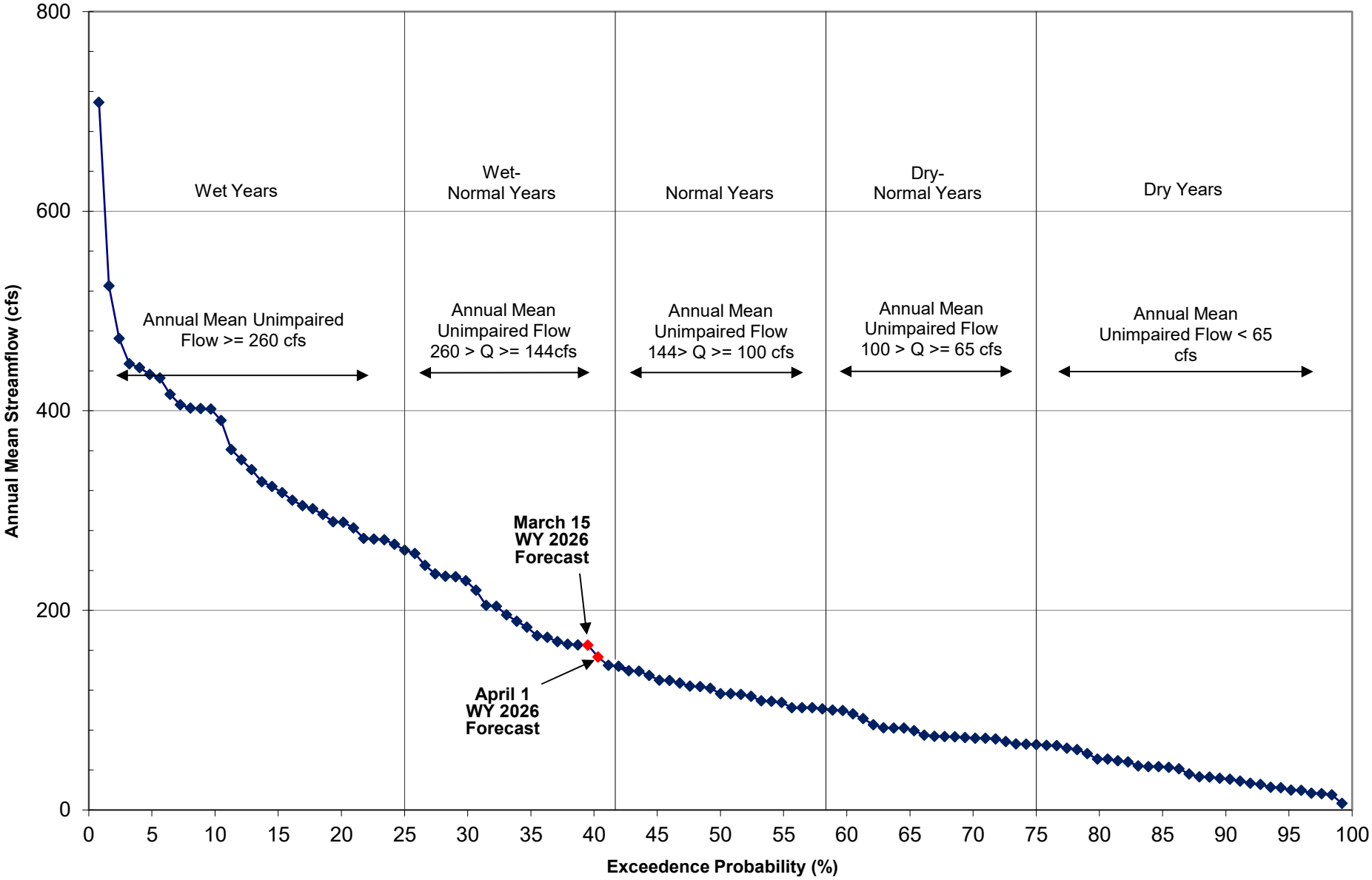

Table 2

Mean Daily Values

Calculated from USGS mean daily streamflow in cfs at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad stream gage

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	6.3	18.2	88.9	321.8	482.7	512.4	384.3	136.4	57.5	22.8	8.0	4.2
2	5.9	17.4	139.0	282.7	561.8	546.7	352.1	133.3	55.9	22.3	7.8	4.2
3	5.7	17.1	126.4	265.7	588.4	531.0	425.9	128.3	54.3	21.7	7.5	4.2
4	5.7	17.8	115.6	309.0	483.5	568.7	359.7	130.3	55.8	20.7	7.3	4.0
5	5.8	18.7	119.2	311.1	443.2	532.8	370.4	124.2	53.8	20.0	7.2	3.8
6	5.7	22.4	197.3	243.6	469.7	542.8	324.7	116.8	51.1	19.4	6.9	4.0
7	5.5	18.5	105.5	274.1	469.2	555.8	325.0	119.7	49.5	18.6	6.6	3.9
8	5.4	40.4	95.5	304.8	492.8	467.1	365.7	112.2	47.8	18.0	6.5	3.8
9	6.8	47.8	86.1	455.2	648.7	423.4	285.3	107.9	46.4	17.3	6.3	3.9
10	7.2	40.5	138.9	424.8	621.3	605.5	271.1	103.0	45.1	17.0	6.1	3.9
11	10.9	38.4	226.6	378.6	653.9	456.5	321.4	99.1	43.6	16.4	6.1	3.8
12	7.8	33.6	122.0	347.2	577.1	511.2	262.4	96.3	42.3	15.8	6.0	4.1
13	36.7	50.3	110.5	412.9	639.1	465.6	244.0	93.4	41.1	15.3	5.8	4.7
14	47.5	68.7	99.5	537.0	636.3	415.4	241.9	93.6	39.8	14.8	5.6	4.6
15	13.7	53.1	93.0	396.5	607.2	427.7	247.8	90.5	38.5	14.2	5.5	4.2
16	11.3	52.1	116.1	397.5	577.2	432.1	225.4	89.2	37.2	13.8	5.4	4.1
17	11.4	58.9	107.9	496.9	531.0	372.2	209.7	82.9	36.1	13.4	5.3	4.1
18	10.0	85.2	100.6	430.7	543.6	350.6	207.4	80.5	35.0	13.1	5.4	4.2
19	10.3	130.0	93.7	394.7	579.7	371.6	187.2	85.4	33.9	12.6	5.3	7.1
20	12.3	74.2	103.2	349.7	604.3	385.3	177.7	78.6	32.8	12.1	5.3	5.1
21	9.7	53.8	120.9	444.6	636.6	397.9	179.5	75.8	31.7	11.9	5.2	4.7
22	9.2	44.7	218.9	392.7	538.2	454.4	169.7	74.3	30.6	11.6	5.2	4.6
23	9.3	52.5	369.8	359.8	492.8	441.1	162.2	71.2	29.8	11.0	5.1	4.6
24	9.6	50.7	361.5	495.6	579.8	422.5	159.2	68.9	28.8	10.7	4.9	5.6
25	12.5	50.0	251.5	644.1	554.7	420.2	153.8	67.5	27.9	10.3	4.7	5.5
26	13.0	45.9	196.6	559.3	456.1	370.3	149.6	69.8	27.0	10.0	4.7	5.6
27	13.8	42.4	254.7	497.5	482.2	342.1	154.0	75.9	26.3	9.5	4.5	5.3
28	12.2	59.8	240.9	425.1	507.3	356.6	162.5	68.7	25.5	9.3	4.3	5.2
29	12.3	66.8	240.9	411.9	511.6	339.5	149.8	65.8	24.7	9.1	4.3	5.3
30	14.6	86.8	245.5	420.8		343.0	144.6	62.1	23.9	8.7	4.2	5.5
31	13.2		328.9	466.5		381.5		60.2		8.4	4.2	

Mean Annual for the published period of record: 168

Mean Annual Calculated From October 1 to March 15: 118 70% of Annual Average

Mean Annual Calculated from October 1 to April 1: 136 81% of Annual Average

Table 3

Water Year 2026 Year Type Determination
As Forecast on March 15, 2026

Calculated from USGS provisional mean daily streamflow in cfs at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad stream gage
USGS provisional mean daily streamflow as captured on 3/15/25, data subject to revision by the USGS

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	0	3.47	21	959	86.4	344						
2	0	3.32	20.5	712	84	312						
3	0	3.56	20.2	1660	82.5	287						
4	0	3.84	19.6	2210	80.4	263						
5	0	4.12	19.4	1650	78.8	244						
6	0	6.1	19.2	1780	76.8	226						
7	0	9.98	19	1160	75.2	211						
8	0	10.1	18.8	762	73.8	199						
9	0	8.29	18.5	545	72.8	188						
10	0	7.85	18.3	417	74.9	180						
11	0	7.35	18.2	337	369	175						
12	0	7.05	18	284	304	175						
13	0.06	11.1	17.6	242	179	169						
14	2.54	121	17.5	212	152	164						
15	18.4	43.3	17.4	187	141							
16	9.55	59.7	17.4	168	1900							
17	6.23	156	17.2	156	2840							
18	4.62	111	16.8	146	2640							
19	3.47	61.9	17.2	138	1950							
20	2.76	48.7	17.2	131	1460							
21	2.57	48.7	17.3	124	1060							
22	2.73	39.8	17.2	121	834							
23	2.65	34.7	19	116	683							
24	2.86	31.5	142	112	586							
25	3.42	29.2	1510	107	518							
26	3.59	27	1530	103	467							
27	3.11	25.1	544	99.4	419							
28	3.19	23.6	289	96.6	380							
29	3.31	22.5	195	93.5	344							
30	3.13	21.5	155	91.2								
31	3.53		135	88.7								

Mean Annual to Date Calculated on March 15, 2026: 115 cfs
WY 2026 Forecast Mean Annual Calculated on March 15, 2026: 164 cfs

Table 4

Water Year 2026 Year Type Determination
As Forecast on April 1, 2026

Calculated from USGS provisional mean daily streamflow in cfs at the Arroyo Seco near Soledad stream gage
USGS provisional mean daily streamflow as captured on 4/1/26, data subject to revision by the USGS

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	0	3.47	21	959	86.4	344						
2	0	3.32	20.5	712	84	312						
3	0	3.56	20.2	1660	82.5	287						
4	0	3.84	19.6	2210	80.4	263						
5	0	4.12	19.4	1650	78.8	244						
6	0	6.1	19.2	1780	76.8	226						
7	0	9.98	19	1160	75.2	211						
8	0	10.1	18.8	762	73.8	199						
9	0	8.29	18.5	545	72.8	188						
10	0	7.85	18.3	417	74.9	180						
11	0	7.35	18.2	337	369	175						
12	0	7.05	18	284	304	175						
13	0.06	11.1	17.6	242	179	169						
14	2.54	121	17.5	212	152	164						
15	18.4	43.3	17.4	187	141	159						
16	9.55	59.7	17.4	168	1900	153						
17	6.23	156	17.2	156	2840	148						
18	4.62	111	16.8	146	2640	146						
19	3.47	61.9	17.2	138	1950	141						
20	2.76	48.7	17.2	131	1460	137						
21	2.57	48.7	17.3	124	1060	132						
22	2.73	39.8	17.2	121	834	131						
23	2.65	34.7	19	116	683	135						
24	2.86	31.5	142	112	586	137						
25	3.42	29.2	1510	107	518	132						
26	3.59	27	1530	103	467	128						
27	3.11	25.1	544	99.4	419	124						
28	3.19	23.6	289	96.6	380	119						
29	3.31	22.5	195	93.5		116						
30	3.13	21.5	155	91.2		114						
31	3.53		135	88.7		114						

Mean Annual to Date Calculated on April 1, 2026: 121 cfs
WY 2026 Forecast Mean Annual Calculated on April 1, 2026: 149 cfs

County of Monterey

Board Report

Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-132

Item No.5

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

April 30, 2026

Introduced: 4/17/2026
Version: 1

Current Status: Agenda Ready
Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Boat Dock Program Update. (Staff Presenting: Mallory Roberts & Yolanda Maciel.)

Introduced: 4/17/2026
Version: 1

Current Status: Agenda Ready
Matter Type: WR General Agenda

- Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities
- County of San Luis Obispo Activities
- Mussel Program Pre-Season Update

County of Monterey

Item No.7

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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Board Report

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March 26, 2026

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Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.