

## Reservoir Storage & Release Update

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

**RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE:** As of December 3, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 742.4 feet (NGVD 29), with 169,230 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 744.3 feet, with 132,515 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 51% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 35% of capacity.

**RAINFALL:** Recent rounds of rainfall have measurably increased flow in the upper Arroyo Seco and created small peaks in flow at the Salinas River near Bradley gage. The largest event, from November 15 through November 18, created a peak flow of approximately 900 cfs at the USGS Nacimiento River below Sapaque Creek gage and resulted in approximately 1400 acre-feet of inflow to Nacimiento reservoir. No inflow has been observed at San Antonio Reservoir.

**SALINAS RIVER LAGOON:** The lagoon has been closed to the ocean since May 16, 2025.

**RESERVOIR RELEASES:** Minimum releases are being made from both reservoirs for maintenance of habitat below the dams. Conservation season releases concluded on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from San Antonio Reservoir, and Friday, September 26, 2025 from Nacimiento Reservoir.

Releases as of December 3, 2025:

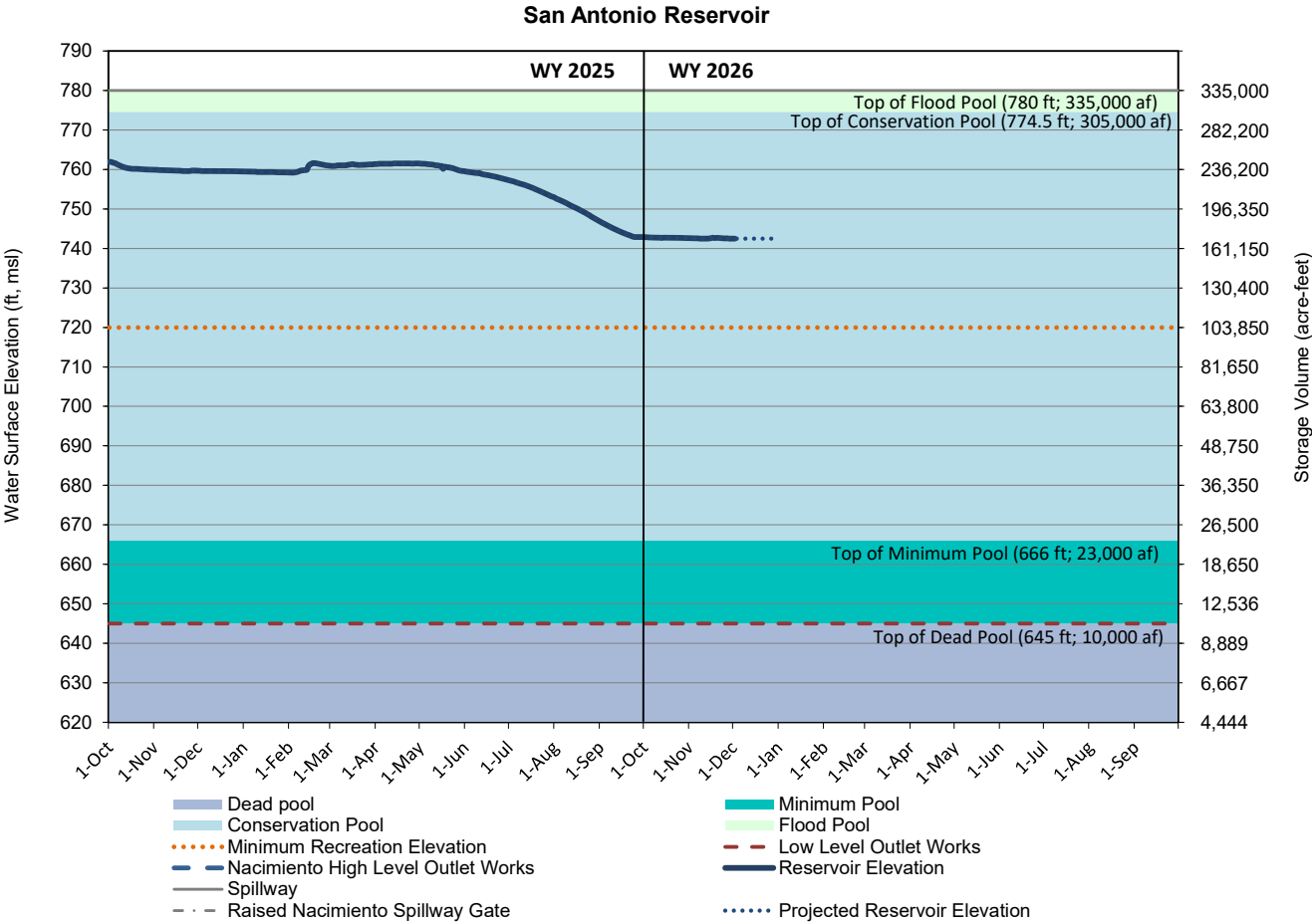
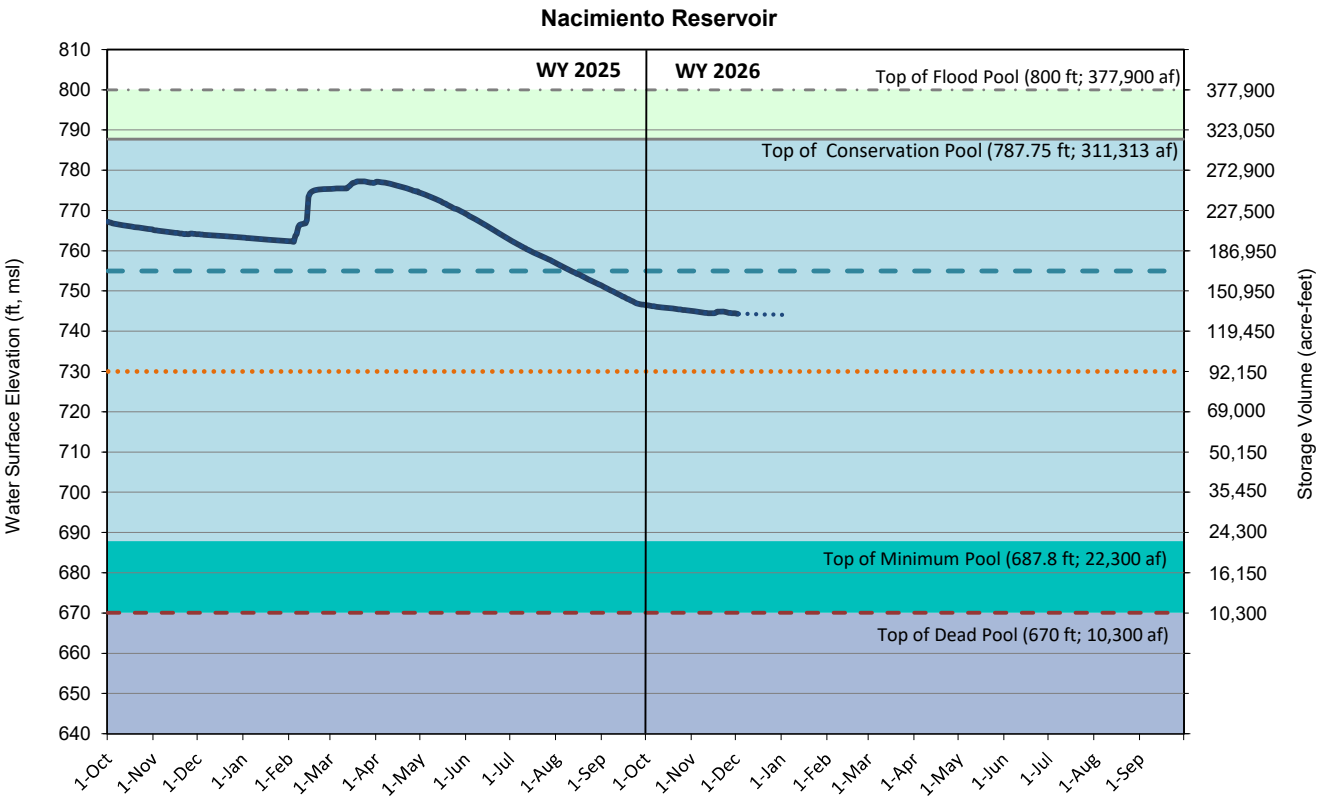
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 60 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 70 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam 61 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 63 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 0 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 0 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 0 cfs

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## RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2025

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Month	Combined Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	NACIMIENTO								SAN ANTONIO					
			Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	NWP Orders (ac-ft)	NWP Diversions (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage		Elev. (ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage		Elev. (ft)
Jan	73	4,487	554	63	3,872	600	126	199,548	53%	763.2	640	10	615	233,863	70%	759.5
Feb	172	9,894	568	60	3,466	553	97	196,183	52%	762.4	606	112	6,428	232,588	69%	759.2
Mar	203	12,498	821	144	8,884	696	121	251,160	66%	775.4	948	59	3,614	239,640	72%	760.8
Apr	288	17,108	1,502	278	16,513	677	117	259,265	69%	777.1	2,060	10	595	241,820	72%	761.3
May	469	28,862	2,661	352	21,666	1,616	123	245,725	65%	774.2	3,178	117	7,196	242,260	72%	761.4
Jun	513	30,552	3,356	398	23,663	2,129	139	222,563	59%	768.9	3,598	116	6,889	233,438	70%	759.4
Jul	558	34,322	2,117	299	18,373	2,188	490	195,985	52%	762.3	2,413	259	15,949	224,060	67%	757.1
Aug	623	38,331	1,812	280	17,205	2,188	513	174,477	46%	756.7	2,306	344	21,126	206,180	62%	752.6
Sep	464	27,610	1,335	234	13,944	2,144	553	154,573	41%	751.1	1,705	230	13,666	183,753	55%	746.6
Oct	70	4,304	1,265	60	3,689	1,369	473	139,010	37%	746.4	1,294	10	615	170,610	51%	742.8
Nov	70	4,165	653	60	3,570	996	352	134,498	36%	745.0	682	10	595	169,748	51%	742.6
Dec	70	4,304	406	60	3,689	594		132,515	35%	744.3	441	10	615	169,230	51%	742.4
Jan 2026								127,978	34%	742.8				168,211	50%	742.1
Totals		216,438	17,050		138,534	15,750	3,105				19,870		77,903			

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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. Reservoir Operations 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.



# Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes

## Since March 28, 2025

	San Antonio Reservoir		Naciminto Reservoir		
Date	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Total Releases
March 28, 2025	10	10	220	260	270
April 22, 2025	10	10	260	300	310
May 2, 2025	10	50	300	300	350
May 6, 2025	50	90	300	300	390
May 9, 2025	90	90	300	360	450
May 15, 2025	90	130	360	360	490
May 16, 2025	130	130	360	400	530
May 23, 2025	130	260	400	270	530
May 27, 2025	260	100	270	400	500
June 3, 2025	100	75	400	400	475
June 12, 2025	75	115	400	400	515
June 20, 2025	115	155	400	400	555
June 30, 2025	155	155	400	375	530
July 1, 2025	155	200	375	330	530
July 11, 2025	200	240	330	330	570
July 14, 2025	240	280	330	280	560
July 18, 2025	280	305	280	280	585
August 1, 2025	305	305	280	310	615
August 7, 2025	305	335	310	280	615
August 20, 2025	335	375	280	280	655
September 2, 2025	375	350	280	280	630
September 5, 2025	350	325	280	280	605
September 10, 2025	325	285	280	280	565
September 16, 2025	285	245	280	260	505
September 24, 2025	245	10	270	270	280
September 25, 2025	10	10	270	130	140
September 26, 2025	10	10	130	60	70