

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of August 20, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 749.35 feet (NGVD 29), with 193,945 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 753.35 feet, with 162,564 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 58% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 43% of capacity.

RAINFALL: There has been no recent precipitation and there is currently no inflow to the reservoirs.

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

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases are being made from both reservoirs for beneficial uses including groundwater recharge, operation of the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and to provide for required bypass flow to the Salinas Lagoon. Target releases as of August 20, 2025:

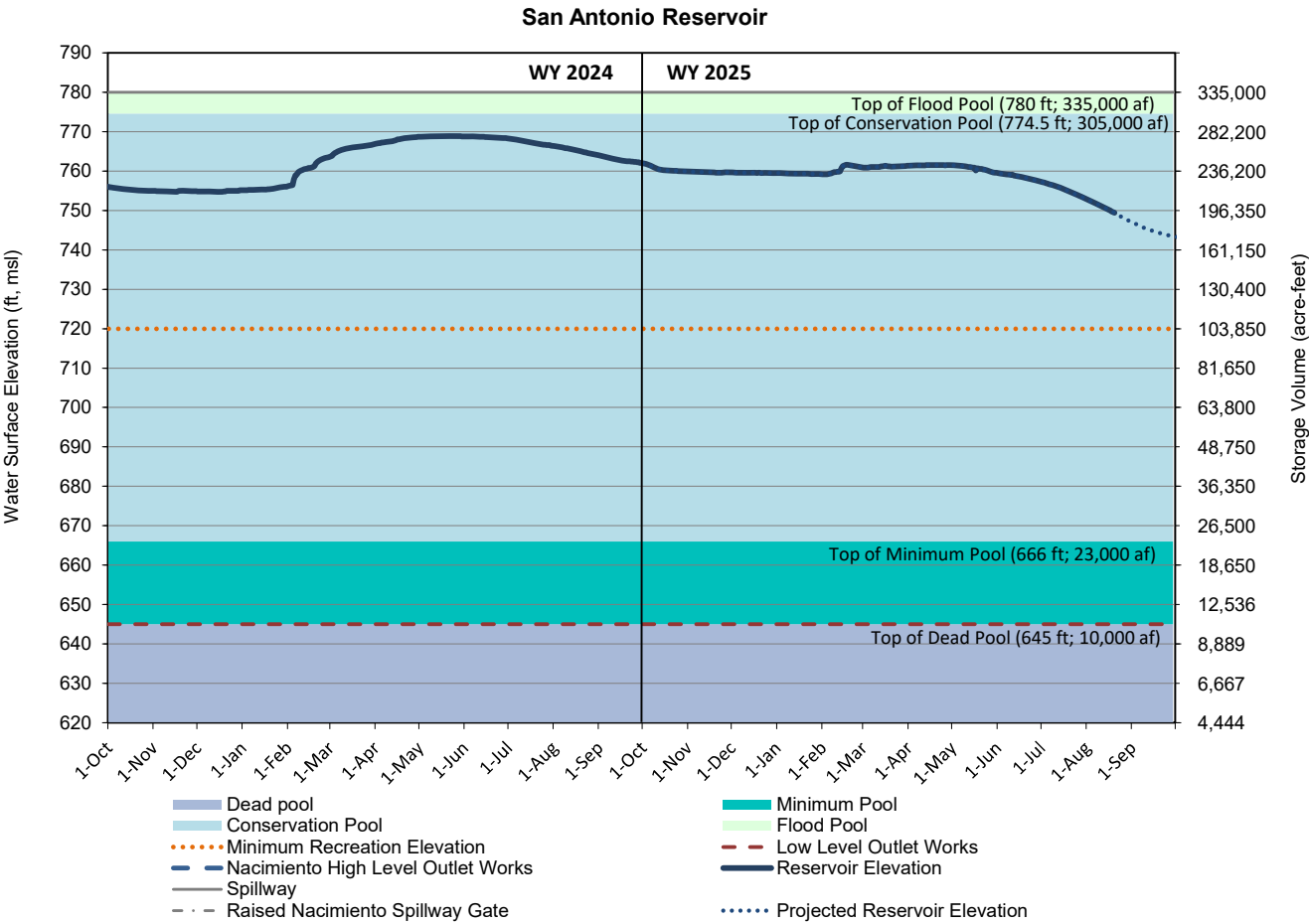
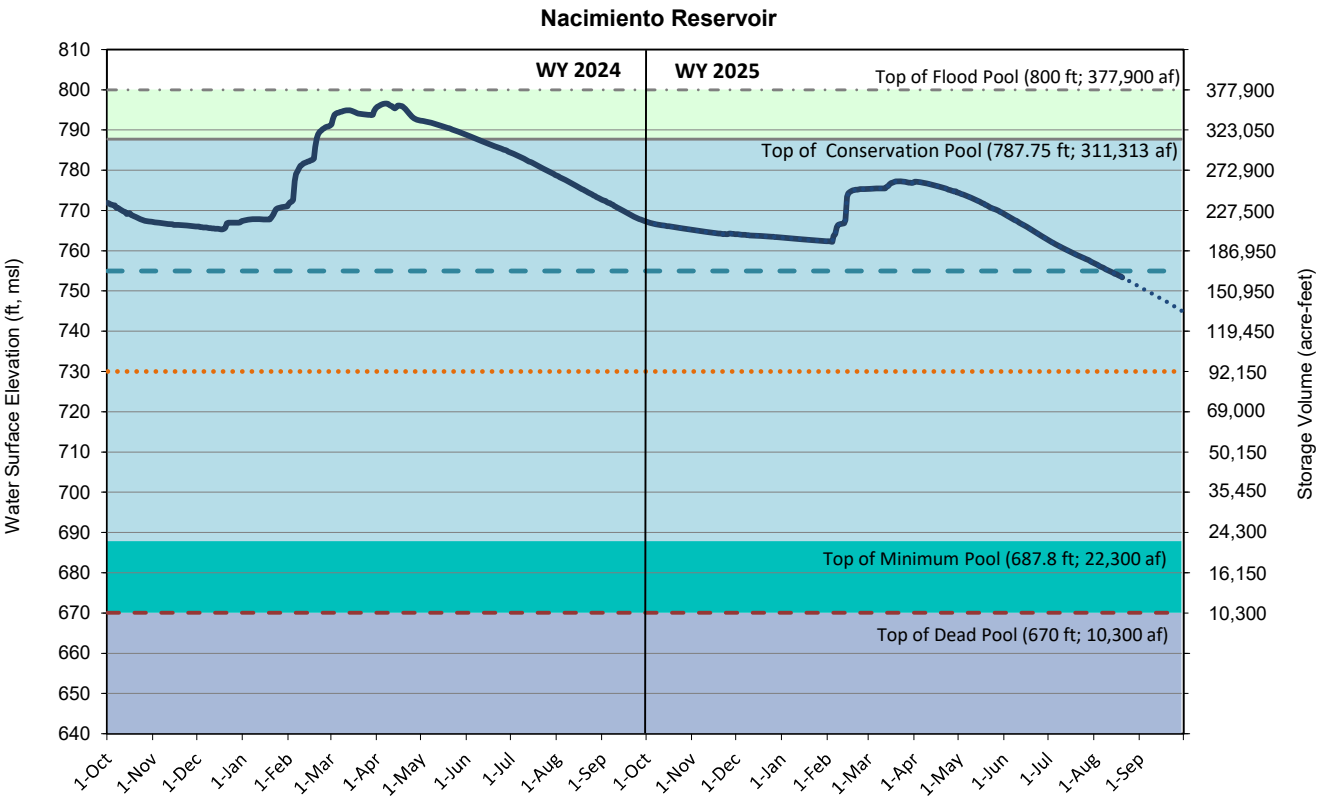
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 280 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 375 cfs

Total target releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 655 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam 273 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 585 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 268 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 89 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 43 cfs

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Reservoir Elevation and Storage



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) ¹	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	NACIMIENTO								SAN ANTONIO					
			Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) ¹	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) ¹	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	2,600	299	18,373	2,188	490	195,985	52%	762.3	2,779	259	15,949	224,060	67%	757.1
Aug	607	37,331	2,336	280	17,221	2,188		174,477	46%	756.7	2,389	327	20,111	206,180	62%	752.6
Sep	470	27,967	1,804	279	16,622	2,144		153,697	41%	750.8	1,856	191	11,346	184,588	55%	746.8
Oct	220	13,527	1,208	158	9,719	1,369		133,136	35%	744.5	1,288	62	3,808	171,749	51%	743.1
Nov	70	4,165	611	60	3,570	996		121,310	32%	740.6	673	10	595	166,892	50%	741.7
Dec	70	4,304	376	60	3,689	594		116,162	31%	738.9	435	10	615	165,636	49%	741.3
Jan 2026								111,654	30%	737.3				164,624	49%	741.0
Totals		225,018	18,398		147,258	15,750	1,214				20,450		77,761			

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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 October 10, 2024

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimientto Reservoir		
Date	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Total Releases
October 10, 2024	340	300	110	110	410
October 11, 2024	300	220	110	60	280
October 14, 2024	220	10	60	60	70
February 17, 2025	10	300	60	60	360
February 21, 2025	300	270	60	60	330
February 24, 2025	270	240	60	60	300
February 26, 2025	240	200	60	60	260
February 28, 2025	200	130	60	60	190
March 1, 2025	130	90	60	60	150
March 2, 2025	90	50	60	60	110
March 3, 2025	50	10	60	60	70
March 16, 2025	10	300	60	60	360
March 18, 2025	300	260	60	255	515
March 19, 2025	260	215	255	255	470
March 20, 2025	215	115	255	255	370
March 21, 2025	115	50	255	255	305
March 24, 2025	50	10	255	255	265
March 27, 2025	10	10	255	220	230
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