

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

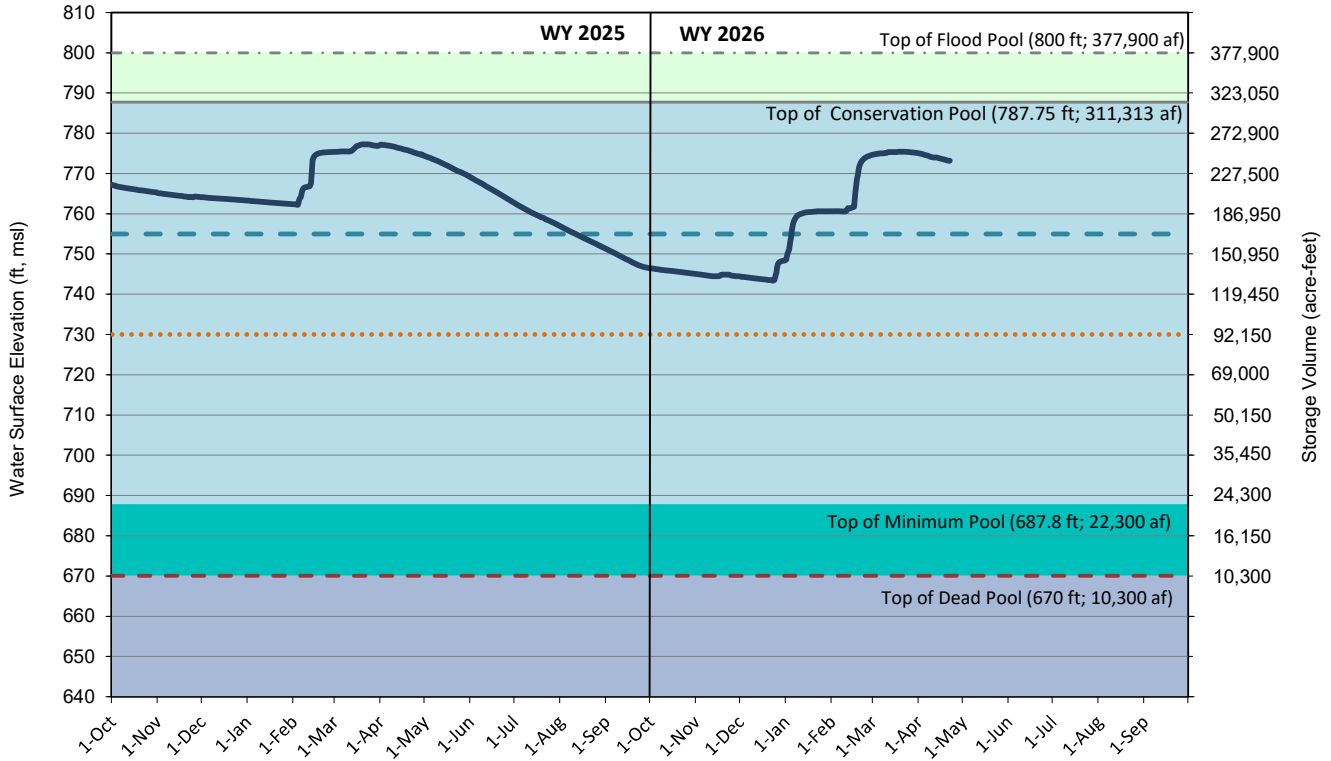
SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION FACILITY: Diversions started April 6 after a period of equipment start up and testing and filling of the impoundment. As of April 22, SRDF has diverted 353 AF.

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.

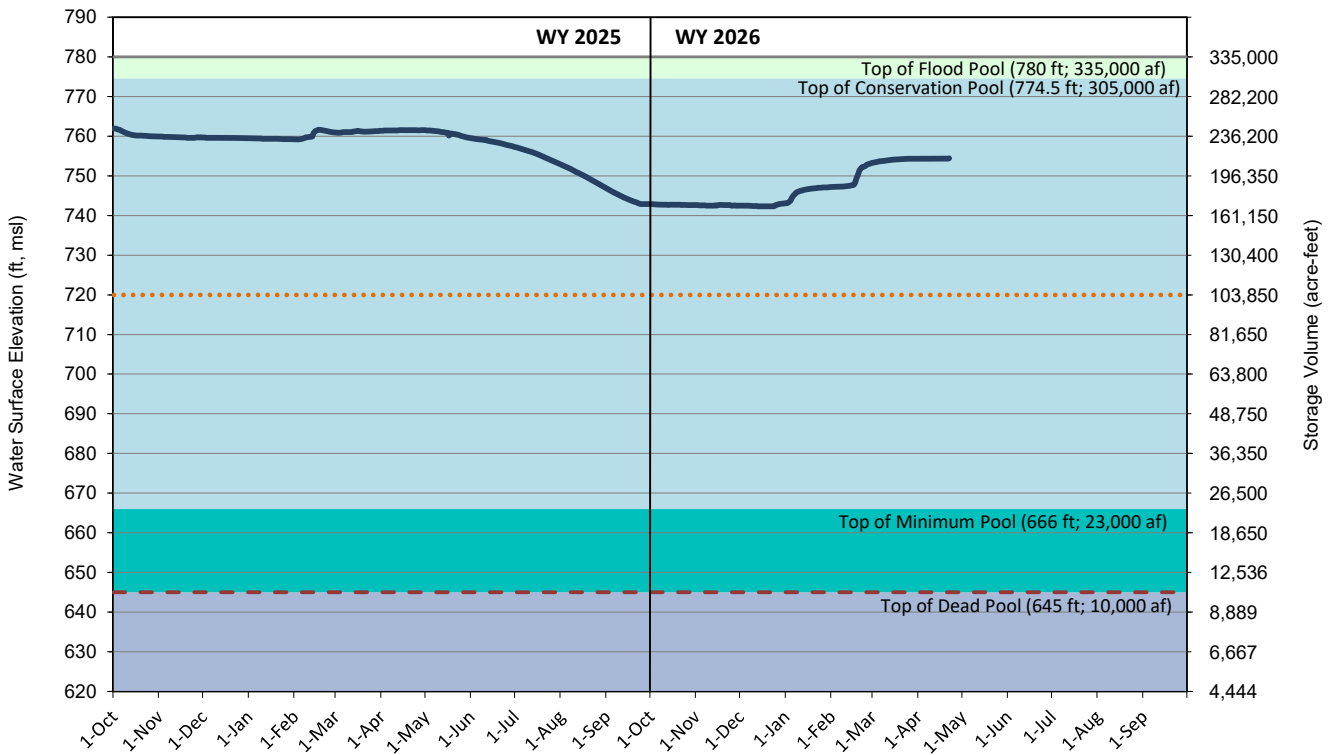
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Reservoir Elevation and Storage

Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



- Dead pool
- Conservation Pool
- Minimum Recreation Elevation
- Nacimiento High Level Outlet Works
- Spillway
- Raised Nacimiento Spillway Gate
- Minimum Pool
- Flood Pool
- Low Level Outlet Works
- Reservoir Elevation

RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16														
																	NACIMIENTO							SAN ANTONIO						
																	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		Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) ¹	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage	
							(ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)				(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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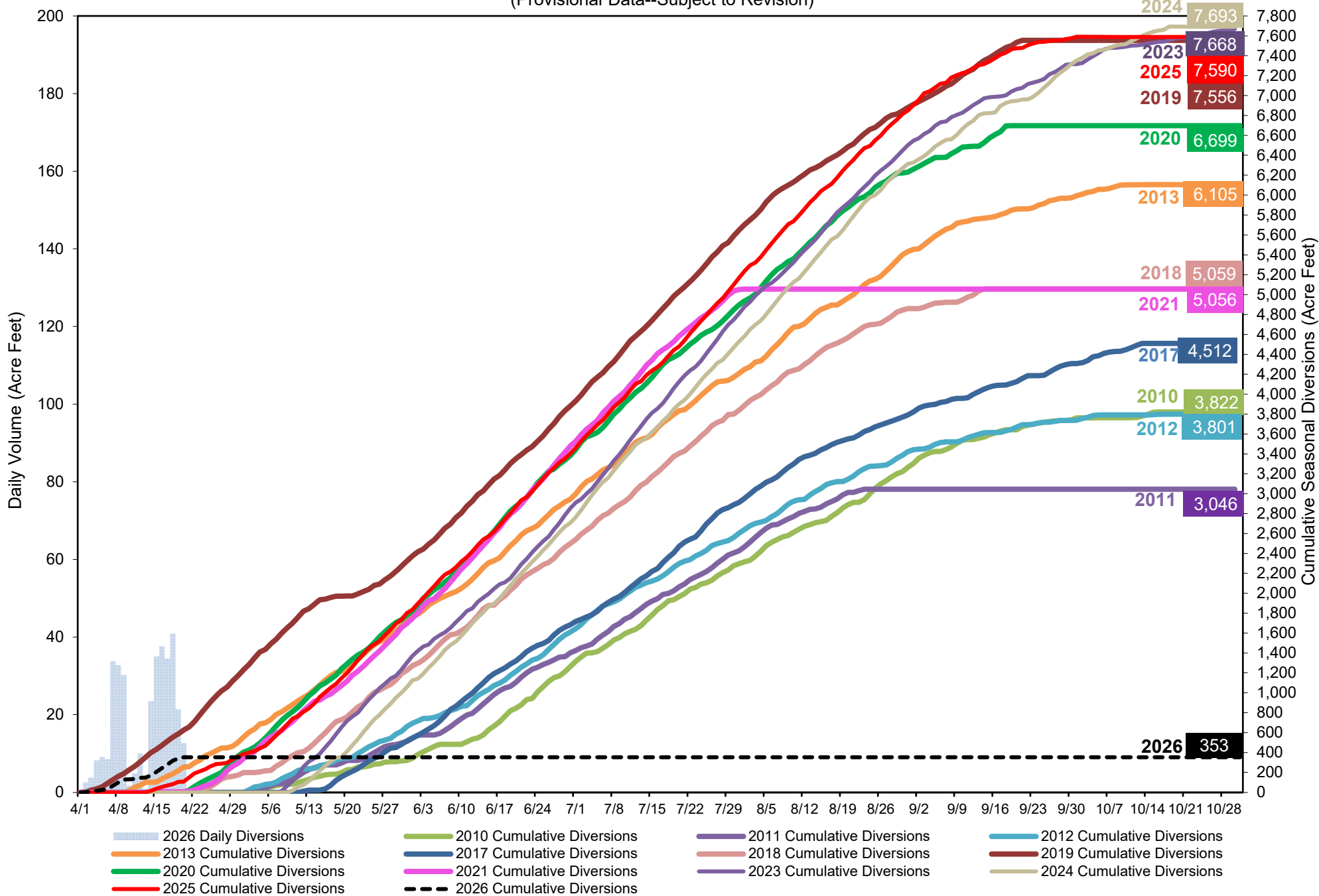
Notes:

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 planned maintenance activities expected to be completed by July 1. Nacimiento releases may exceed 280 cfs once maintenance activities are complete.



Cumulative and 2026 Daily SRDF Diversions

(Provisional Data--Subject to Revision)



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes Since March 26, 2026

Date	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		Total Releases
	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	
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