

# County of Monterey

Cayenne Room  
1441 Schilling Place 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901



## Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 27, 2024

1:30 PM

### Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations

#### Advisory Committee

*John Baillie, Chair*

*Ken Ekelund*

*Mark Gonzalez*

*Matthew Simis*

*Jon Anthony*

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Public Comment

### Committee Member Comments

### Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee held on May 30, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Draft ResOps Minutes May 30, 2024](#)

### Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Storage and Release Schedule Update (Staff Presenting: Joseph Klein)

**Attachments:** [Reservoir Storage Release Update](#)  
[Reservoir Storage and Release Update Slides](#)

3. Update on San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project: Alternatives Analysis (Staff Presenting; Elise Ramirez)

4. Current Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Reservoirs (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

**Status Reports**

- 5.
- Reservoir Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
  - County of San Luis Obispo Activities
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
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**Calendar**

6. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

**Adjournment**



# County of Monterey

## Item No.1

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-054

June 27, 2024

**Introduced:** 6/14/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WRA ResOps Item

Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee held on May 30, 2024.

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## Meeting Minutes

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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

#### Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Bill Lipe, Eric Morgan, Layla Decker, Doug Scattini (left meeting at 2:25 p.m.), Richard Ortiz, Steve Blois  
Absent: Ken Ekelund, Jon Anthony, Anna McKenna, Marc Kelley, Zach Barnes

#### Public Comment

None

#### Committee Member Comments

Eric Morgan

#### Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Bill Lipe, Second by Eric Morgan the Committee approved the Consent calendar of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ayes: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Bill Lipe, Eric Morgan, Layla Decker, Doug Scattini, Richard Ortiz, Steve Blois  
Noes: None

**Absent:** Ken Ekelund, Jon Anthony, Anna McKenna, Marc Kelley, Zach Barnes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee held on April 25, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Draft ResOps Minutes April 25, 2024](#)

### **Staff Reports**

2. Reservoir Storage and Release Schedule Update (Staff Presenting: Joseph Klein)

**Attachments:** [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)  
[ResOps Slides 20240522](#)

**Committee Member Comment:** Steve Blois, Bill Lipe  
**Public Comment:** None

3. Public Access to Agency Reservoir Data (Staff Presenting; Joseph Klein)

**Committee Member Comment:** Bill Lipe, Steve Blois, Doug Scattini  
**Public Comment:** None

4. Current Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Reservoirs (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

**Committee Member Comment:** Eric Morgan  
**Public Comment:** None

### **Status Reports**

**Committee Member Comment:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Eric Morgan, Steve Blois  
**Public Comment:** Peter Kwick

5.
  - Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
  - County of San Luis Obispo Cloud Seeding Program (Presenting; David Spiegel)
  - Other San Luis Obispo County Activities
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
  - Quagga Mussel Update

### **Calendar**

6. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.2

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-059

June 27, 2024

**Introduced:** 6/20/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WRA ResOps Item

Reservoir Storage and Release Schedule Update (Staff Presenting; Joseph Klein)

## Reservoir Storage & Release Update

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

**RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE:** As of June 20, 2024, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 768.4 feet (NGVD 29), with 274,420 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 785.85 feet, with 301,650 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 82% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 80% of capacity.

**RESERVOIR RELEASES:** Several late season storm events in April and May brought inflow to the Nacimiento Reservoir requiring an extended period of maintenance releases to ensure meeting a target elevation of 787.75 feet, required for scheduled spillway maintenance which began in early June. The Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) has been rediverting flows since May 10 to supplement the recycled water project deliveries in the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP). After reaching the target elevation of 787.75 feet on June 8, 2024, releases have been reduced to more closely target needs downstream.

**SALINAS LAGOON:** The lagoon has remained open to the ocean since this January 4.

Releases as of June 20, 2024:

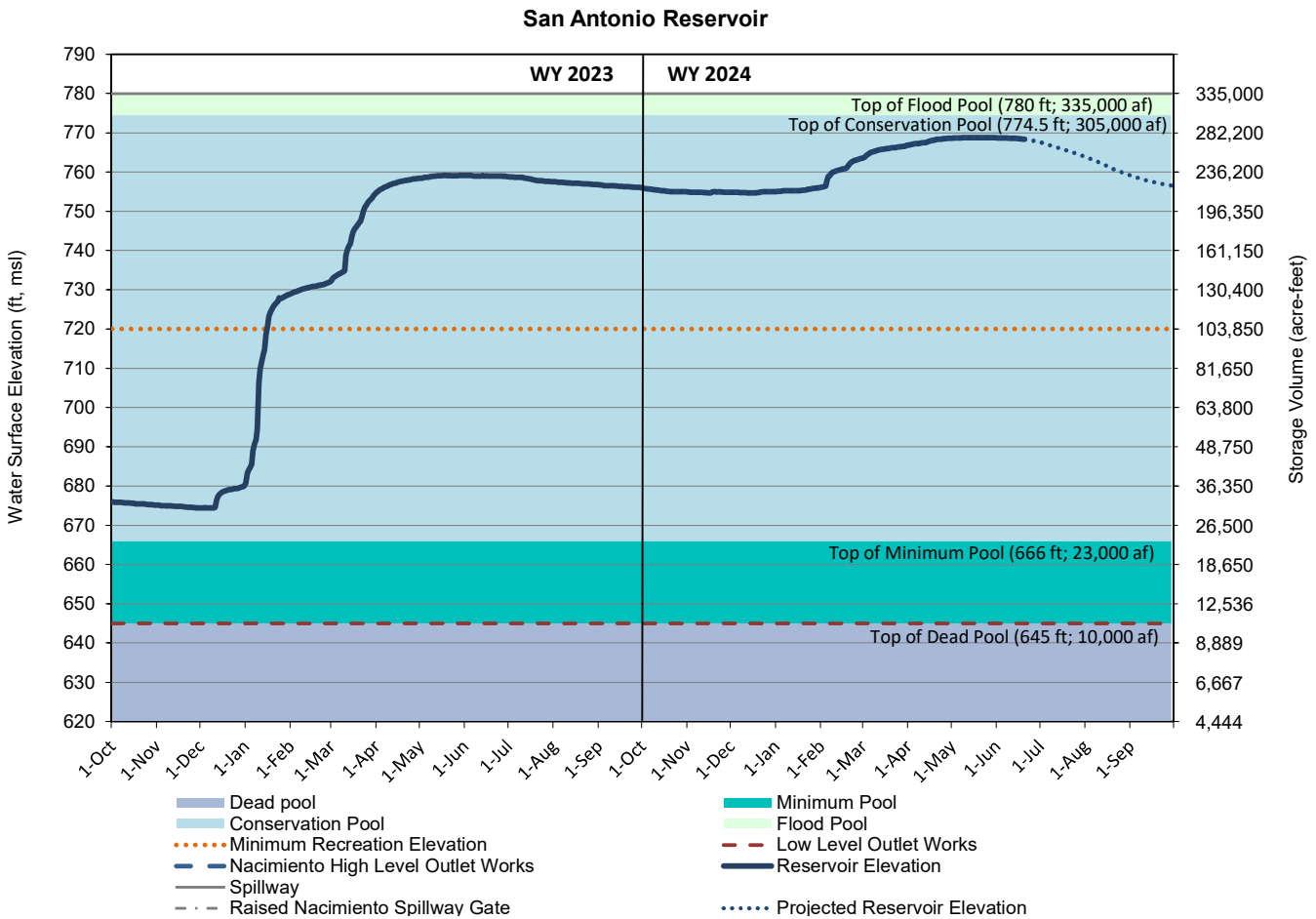
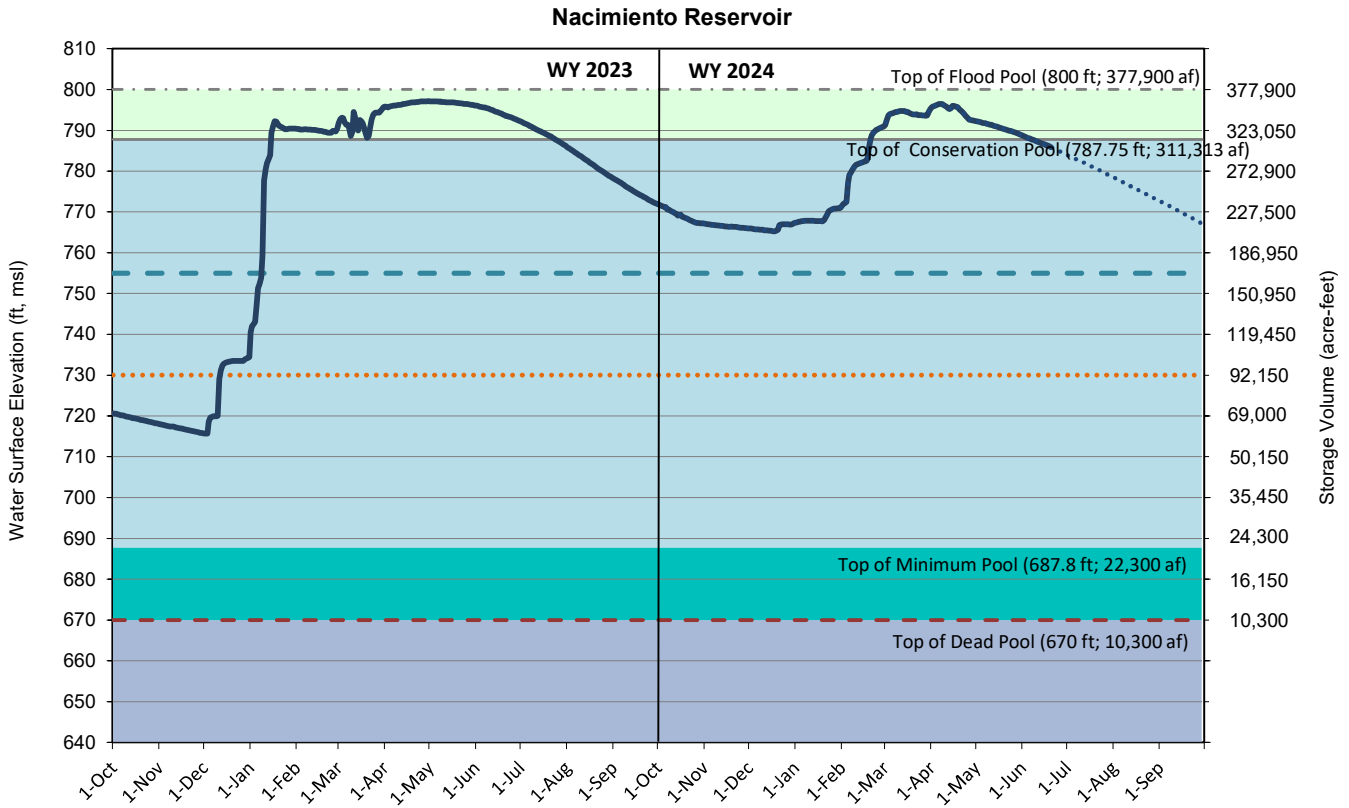
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 330 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 340 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 276 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 227 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 124 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 93 cfs

Prepared by: Joseph Klein, Hydrologist (831) 755-4860

# Reservoir Elevation and Storage



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



## RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2024

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<b>Jan</b>	70	4,304	509	60	3,689	499	70	<b>216,430</b>	57%	<b>767.4</b>	592	10	615	<b>215,750</b>	64%	<b>755.1</b>																														
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<b>Apr</b>	816	48,546	1,702	806	47,951	910	123	<b>353,120</b>	93%	<b>795.6</b>	1,311	10	595	<b>267,230</b>	80%	<b>766.9</b>																														
<b>May</b>	372	22,864	2,419	362	22,249	1,493	126	<b>334,770</b>	89%	<b>792.2</b>	1,913	10	615	<b>275,380</b>	82%	<b>768.6</b>																														
<b>Jun</b>	407	24,238	3,235	355	21,144	1,966		<b>316,240</b>	84%	<b>788.7</b>	2,683	52	3,094	<b>275,860</b>	82%	<b>768.7</b>																														
<b>Jul</b>	574	35,306	3,312	340	20,926	2,043		<b>292,084</b>	77%	<b>783.9</b>	2,862	234	14,380	<b>270,393</b>	81%	<b>767.6</b>																														
<b>Aug</b>	647	39,769	3,014	348	21,422	2,043		<b>265,804</b>	70%	<b>778.5</b>	2,630	298	18,347	<b>252,952</b>	76%	<b>763.8</b>																														
<b>Sep</b>	502	29,852	2,366	345	20,529	2,000		<b>239,426</b>	63%	<b>772.7</b>	2,162	157	9,322	<b>231,975</b>	69%	<b>759.0</b>																														
<b>Oct</b>	276	16,959	1,601	266	16,344	1,535		<b>214,433</b>	57%	<b>766.9</b>	1,524	10	615	<b>220,966</b>	66%	<b>756.3</b>																														
<b>Nov</b>	70	4,165	815	60	3,570	1,122		<b>195,529</b>	52%	<b>762.2</b>	797	10	595	<b>218,822</b>	65%	<b>755.8</b>																														
<b>Dec</b>	70	4,304	491	60	3,689	503		<b>190,022</b>	50%	<b>760.8</b>	494	10	615	<b>217,427</b>	65%	<b>755.5</b>																														
<b>Jan 2025</b>								<b>185,474</b>	49%	<b>759.6</b>				<b>216,336</b>	65%	<b>755.2</b>																														
<b>Totals</b>	<b>263,010</b>	<b>20,914</b>	<b>20,914</b>		<b>212,947</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>567</b>				<b>18,444</b>		<b>50,064</b>																																	

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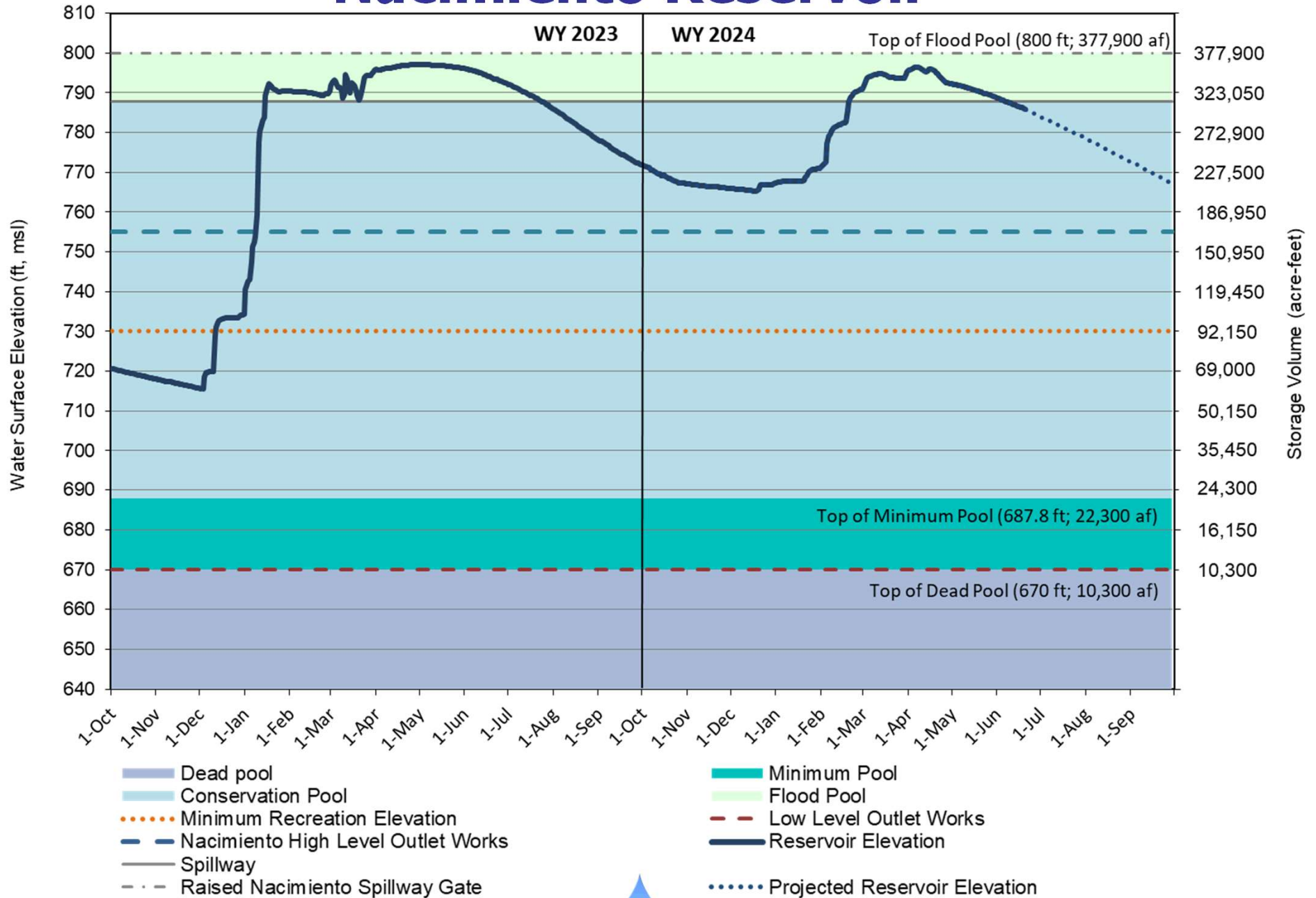
1. Mean daily flow for the month in cubic feet per second.
2. Shaded areas denote actual values. Non-shaded areas are projected values.
3. Nacimiento Reservoir storage capacity: 377,900 acre feet; San Antonio Reservoir storage capacity: 335,000 acre feet.
4. Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee may make release considerations for holiday periods to benefit recreation.
5. Schedule assumes no additional storm events that provide inflow to reservoirs. Actual elevations 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. Schedule includes release of water from Nacimiento Reservoir beginning April 5 to ensure water level is below 787.75 feet in time for scheduled spillway maintenance.



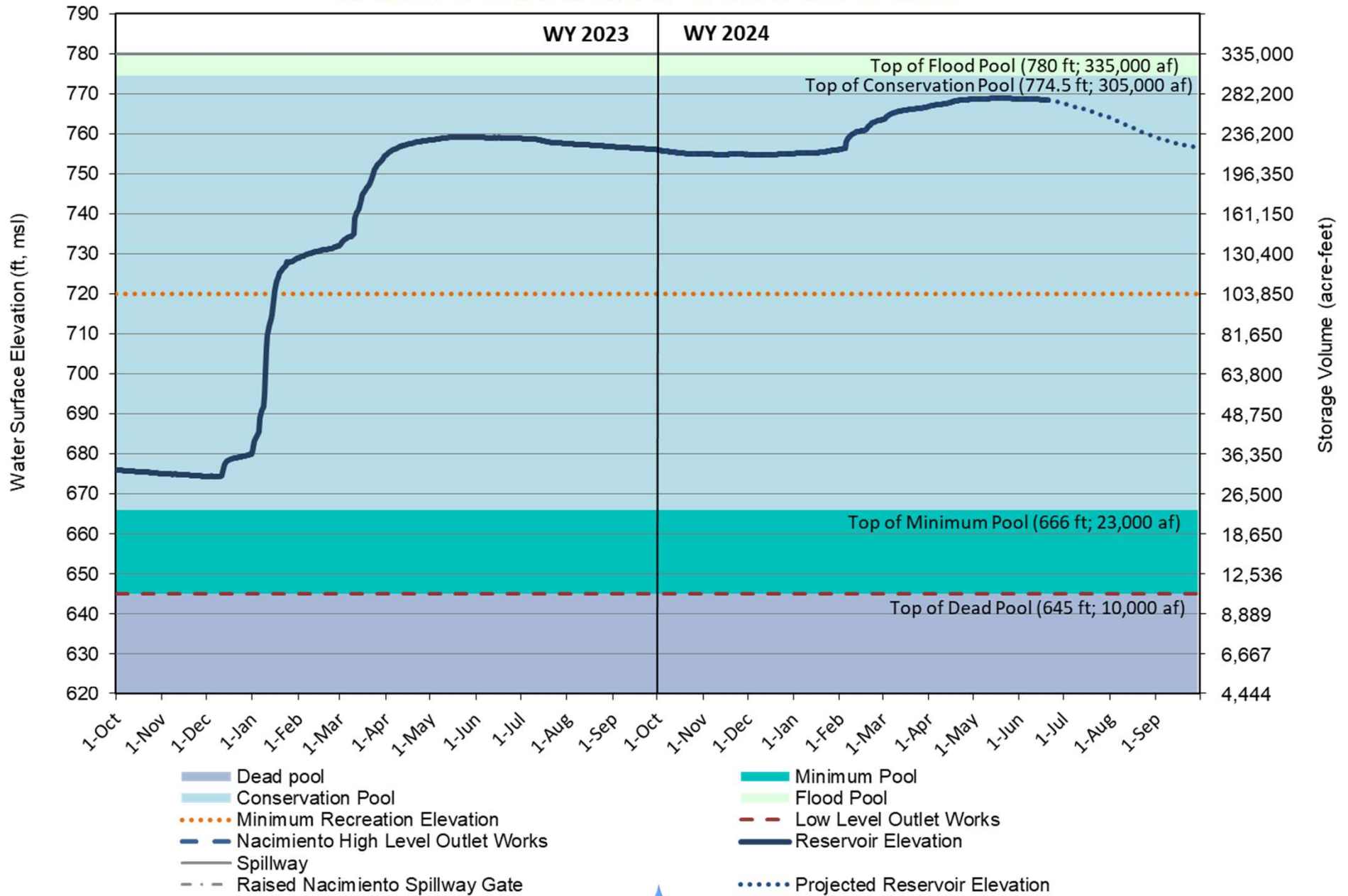
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	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	
October 27, 2023	10	10	245	60	70
February 1, 2024	10	10	60	300	310
February 3,2024	10	10	300	60	70
March 2, 2024	10	10	80	1000	1,010
March 4, 2024	10	10	1000	850	860
March 6, 2024	10	10	825	600	610
March 8, 2024	10	10	600	350	360
March 13, 2024	10	10	350	650	660
March 19, 2024	10	10	650	340	350
March 22, 2024	10	10	340	250	260
March 27, 2024	10	10	250	150	160
March 29, 2024	10	10	150	60	70
April 5, 2024	10	10	60	400	410
April 8, 2024	10	10	400	1000	1010
April 18, 2024	10	10	1000	1500	1510
April 26, 2024	10	10	1500	360	370
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# Nacimiento Reservoir



# San Antonio Reservoir



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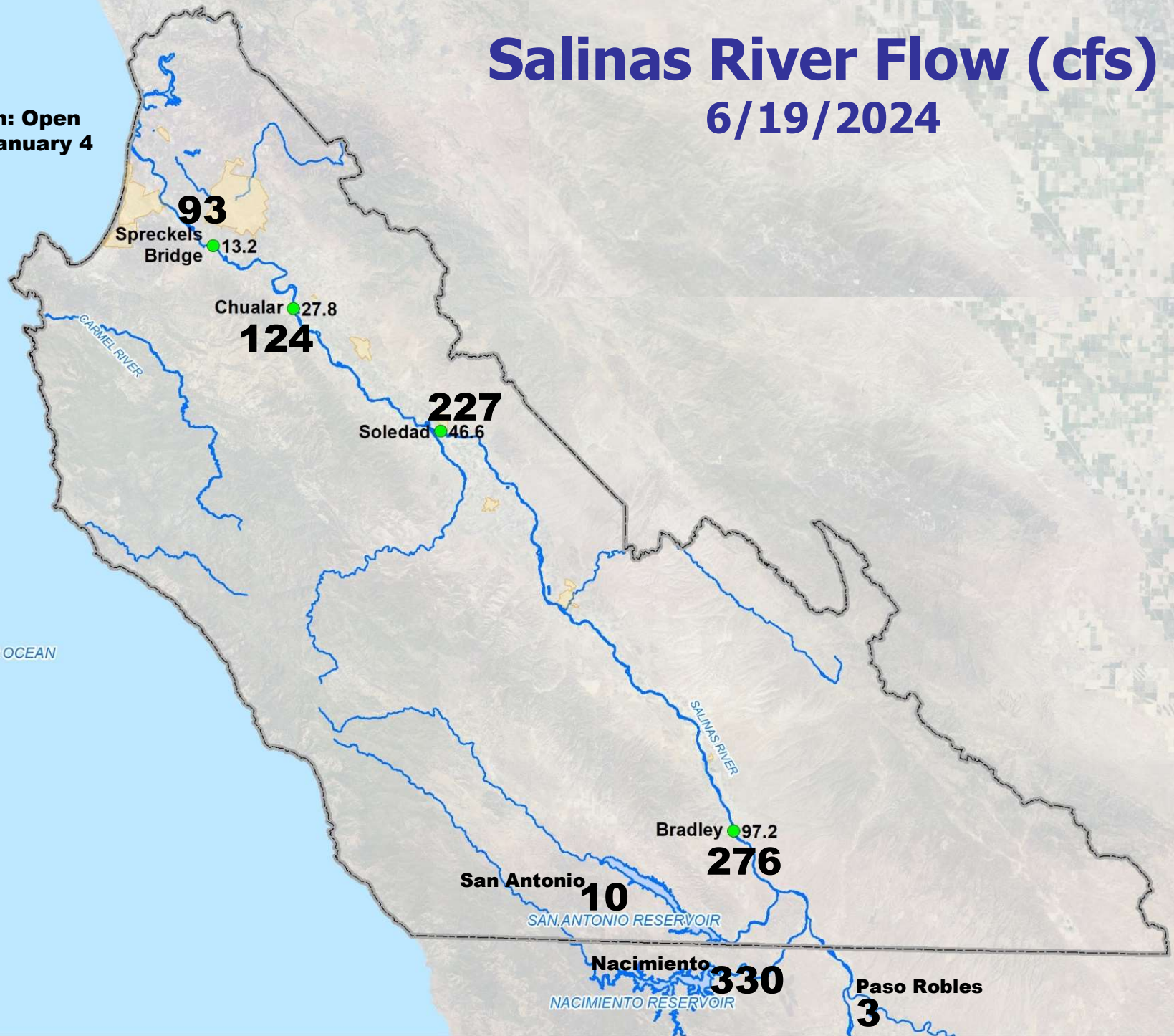


# Salinas River Flow (cfs)

6/19/2024

Lagoon: Open since January 4

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## 2024 Reservoir Release Schedule

### Adopted

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>767.4</b>	<b>755.1</b>
Feb	<b>97</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>771.5</b>	<b>756.1</b>
Mar	<b>441</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>791.3</b>	<b>763.6</b>
Apr	631	621	10	<b>795.6</b>	<b>766.9</b>
May	360	323	37	792.0	767.5
Jun	445	350	95	787.7	766.7
Jul	574	340	234	782.5	764.8
Aug	647	348	298	777.0	760.9
Sep	502	345	157	771.2	755.9
Oct	276	266	10	765.3	753.1
Nov	70	60	10	760.5	752.6
Dec	70	60	10	759.1	752.2
Jan				757.9	752.0

### Updated

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>767.4</b>	<b>755.1</b>
Feb	<b>97</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>771.5</b>	<b>756.1</b>
Mar	<b>441</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>791.3</b>	<b>763.6</b>
Apr	<b>809</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>795.6</b>	<b>766.9</b>
May	<b>372</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>792.2</b>	<b>768.6</b>
Jun	407	355	52	<b>788.7</b>	<b>768.7</b>
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Dec	70	60	10	760.8	755.5
Jan				759.6	755.2

Note: Table on left shows the Reservoir Release Schedule approved at the April 15, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. Table on the right is current as of June 20, 2024. Bold text indicates actual values. The approved Reservoir Release Schedule includes estimated monthly release values to meet the goals of dam safety, flood protection, groundwater recharge, operation of the SRDF, water supply, fish migration, fish habitat requirements, agriculture, and recreation while complying with water rights, permits, and existing agreements. Salinas River conditions are dynamic, and the reservoir releases required to meet downstream goals can vary based on watershed and climatic conditions. The Release Schedule is updated throughout the year with actual releases and updated estimates to reflect these changing conditions.





# County of Monterey

## Item No.3

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-056

June 27, 2024

**Introduced:** 6/20/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WRA ResOps Item

Update on San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project: Alternatives Analysis (Staff Presenting; Elise Ramirez)





# County of Monterey

## Item No.4

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-057

June 27, 2024

**Introduced:** 6/20/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WRA ResOps Item

Current Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Reservoirs (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)



# County of Monterey

## Item No.5

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-052

June 27, 2024

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**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WRA ResOps Item

- Reservoir Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
- County of San Luis Obispo Activities
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Quagga Mussel Update



# County of Monterey

## Item No.6

### Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-053

June 27, 2024

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Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.