

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2024

1:30 PM

SLO County Chair location: County Government Center Rm D361
1055 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo Ca. 93408 or via Zoom.

Committee Member Layla Decker remotely from 10625 Lake
Nacimiento Rd. Bradley Ca. 93426

Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations

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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 Meeting held on August 29, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes August 29, 2024](#)

Staff Reports

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

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
[ResOps Slides 20240919](#)

3. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations Grant (Staff Presenting: Peter Kwick)
4. Current Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Reservoirs (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)
5. Options for South County meeting in October.

Status Reports

6.
 - Reservoir Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department

- County of San Luis Obispo Activities
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Quagga Mussel Update

Calendar

7. 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 24-069

September 26, 2024

Introduced: 9/13/2024

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 29, 2024.

County of Monterey

*Cayenne Room
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Richard Ortiz, Matthew Simis, Jon Anthony, Bill Lipe, Zach Barnes, Steve Blois, Layla Decker

Absent: Anna McKenna, Doug Scattini, Marc Kelley, Eric Morgan (via Zoom)

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Comments

None

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 27, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes June 27, 2024](#)

Upon Motin by Ken Ekelund, Second by Bill Lipe the Committee approved the Consent Calendar of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ayes: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Bill Lipe, Richard Ortiz, Steve Blois, Zach Barnes, Jon Anthony, Ken Ekelund

Noes: None

Abstained: Eric Morgan, Layla Decker

Absent: Doug Scattini, Anna McKenna, Marc Kelley

Presentation

2. Overview of Water Rights related to Reservoir Operations (Presenting: MBK Engineers)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, John Baillie, Bill Lipe, Steve Blois

Public Comment: None

Staff Reports

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

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
 [Storage and Releases Slides 20240822](#)

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Steve Blois, Bill Lipe

Public Comment: None

4. Overview of Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Project (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

Committee Member Comments: Steve Blois, Ken Ekelund, John Baillie

Public Comments: None

5. Update on Nacimiento Spillway Repair Project (Staff Presenting: Mark Foxworthy)

Committee Member Comments: Zach Barnes, John Baillie, Steve Blois, Bill Lipe

Public Comments: None

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

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, Zach Barnes
Public Comments: None

Status Reports

- 7.
- Reservoir Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
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 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Quagga Mussel Update

Committee Member Comments: Matthew Simis, Zach Barnes, Ken Ekelund, Steve Blois
Public Comments: None

Calendar

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.



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 24-075

September 26, 2024

Introduced: 9/20/2024

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 September 19, 2024, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 762.45 feet (NGVD 29), with 246,880 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 769.1 feet, with 223,630 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 74% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 59% 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 were reduced to more closely target needs downstream. Minor release adjustments continue to be made at both reservoirs as needed to meet downstream demands.

RAINFALL: Recent light rainfall in the region did not bring any inflow or measurable increase in reservoir storage but did decrease losses in the Salinas River and other streams in the area.

SALINAS LAGOON: The lagoon opened to the ocean January 4, 2024 and closed on July 11, 2024.

Releases as of the morning of September 19, 2024:

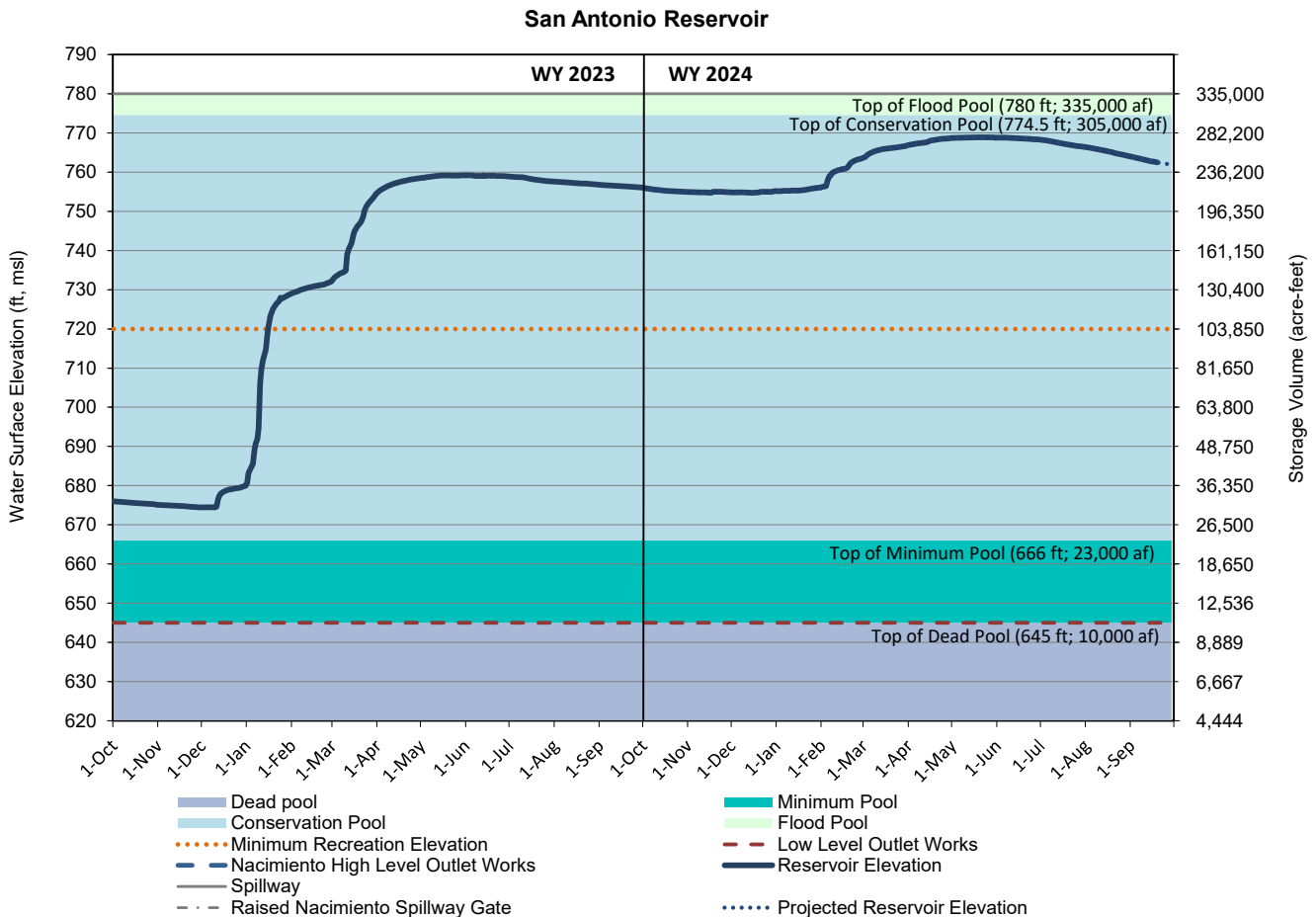
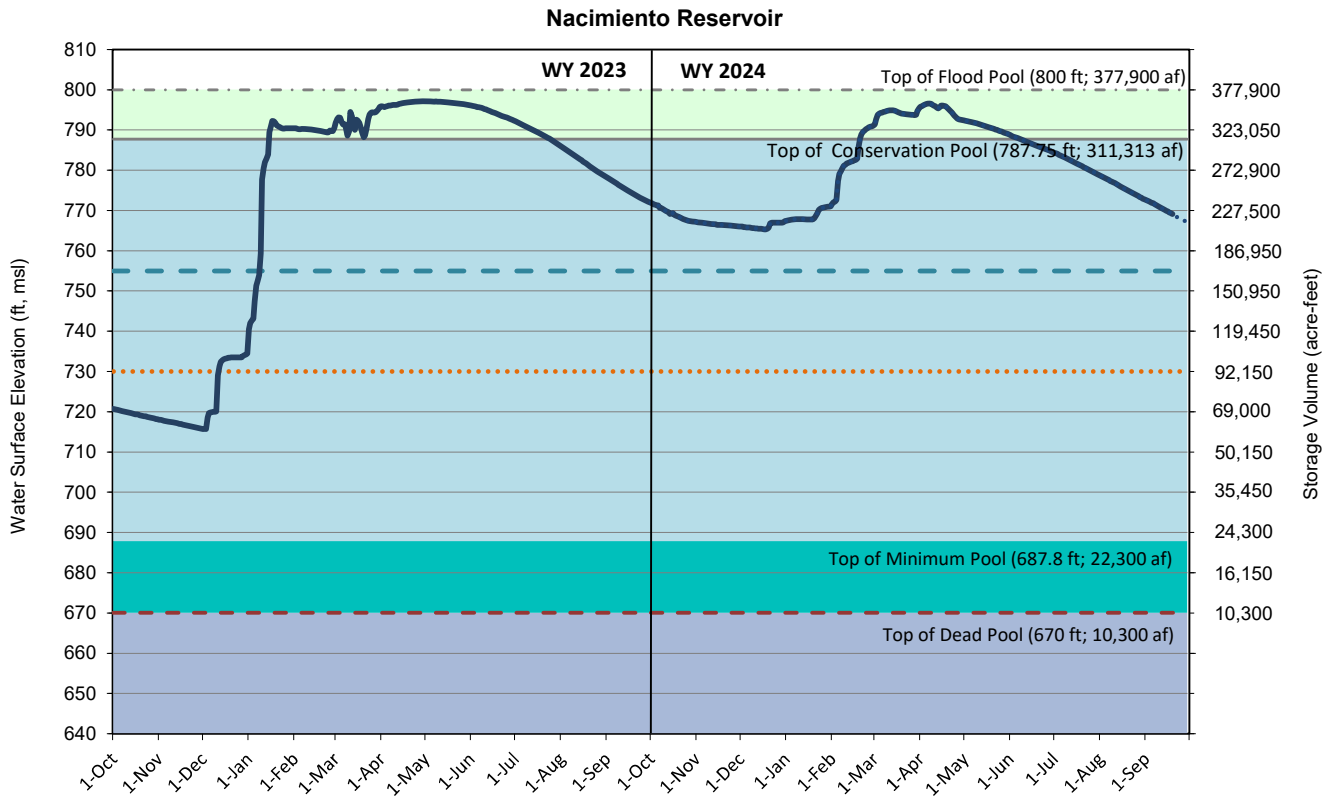
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 401 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 100 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 501 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 483 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 249 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 104 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 59 cfs

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

Reservoir Elevation and Storage



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes Since February 3, 2024

Date	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimientto Reservoir		Total Releases
	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	
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
May 28, 2024	10	10	360	400	410
June 4, 2024	10	10	400	360	370
June 14, 2024	10	10	360	330	340
June 21, 2024	10	10	330	300	310
June 27, 2024	10	10	300	350	360
July 2, 2024	10	50	350	350	400
July 3, 2024	50	80	350	350	430
July 5, 2024	80	120	350	400	520
July 18, 2024	120	90	400	400	490
July 24, 2024	90	60	400	400	460
July 29, 2024	60	100	400	400	500
August 12, 2024	100	140	400	400	540
August 14, 2024	140	165	400	400	565
August 22, 2024	165	140	400	400	540
August 26, 2024	140	115	400	400	515
August 30, 2024	115	215	400	300	515
September 3, 2024	215	115	300	400	515
September 5, 2024	115	150	400	400	550
September 6, 2024	150	175	400	400	575
September 10, 2024	175	150	400	400	550
September 13, 2024	150	125	400	400	525
September 16, 2024	125	100	400	400	500
September 19, 2024	100	60	400	400	460

RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Month	1 2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16																	
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Jan	70	4,304	509	60	3,689	499	70	216,430	57%	767.4	592	10	615	215,750	64%	755.1																														
Feb	97	5,582	547	87	5,006	696	120	234,243	62%	771.6	573	10	575	219,960	66%	756.1																														
Mar	437	26,863	904	427	26,248	937	128	330,223	87%	791.4	904	10	615	252,000	75%	763.6																														
Apr	816	48,546	1,266	806	47,951	910	123	353,665	94%	795.7	936	10	595	267,230	80%	766.9																														
May	372	22,864	1,773	362	22,249	1,493	126	335,305	89%	792.3	1,315	10	615	275,380	82%	768.6																														
Jun	353	21,029	2,434	343	20,434	1,966	124	316,240	84%	788.7	1,924	10	595	276,100	82%	768.8																														
Jul	483	29,695	2,895	393	24,145	2,043	140	293,935	78%	784.3	2,493	90	5,549	273,220	82%	768.2																														
Aug	527	32,416	2,562	396	24,369	2,043	393	266,505	71%	778.7	2,413	131	8,047	264,410	79%	766.3																														
Sep	504	29,967	2,360	368	21,888	2,000		238,840	63%	772.6	2,166	136	8,079	253,350	76%	763.9																														
Oct	303	18,625	1,588	256	15,749	1,535		213,670	57%	766.7	1,548	47	2,876	243,571	73%	761.7																														
Nov	70	4,165	808	60	3,570	1,122		195,314	52%	762.1	818	10	595	239,375	71%	760.7																														
Dec	70	4,304	486	60	3,689	503		189,807	50%	760.7	510	10	615	237,961	71%	760.4																														
Jan 2025								185,259	49%	759.6				236,856	71%	760.2																														
Totals	248,360	1,813,333	18,133	218,988	15,747	1,226					16,192		29,371																																	

Draft Date: 9/19/24

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 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.

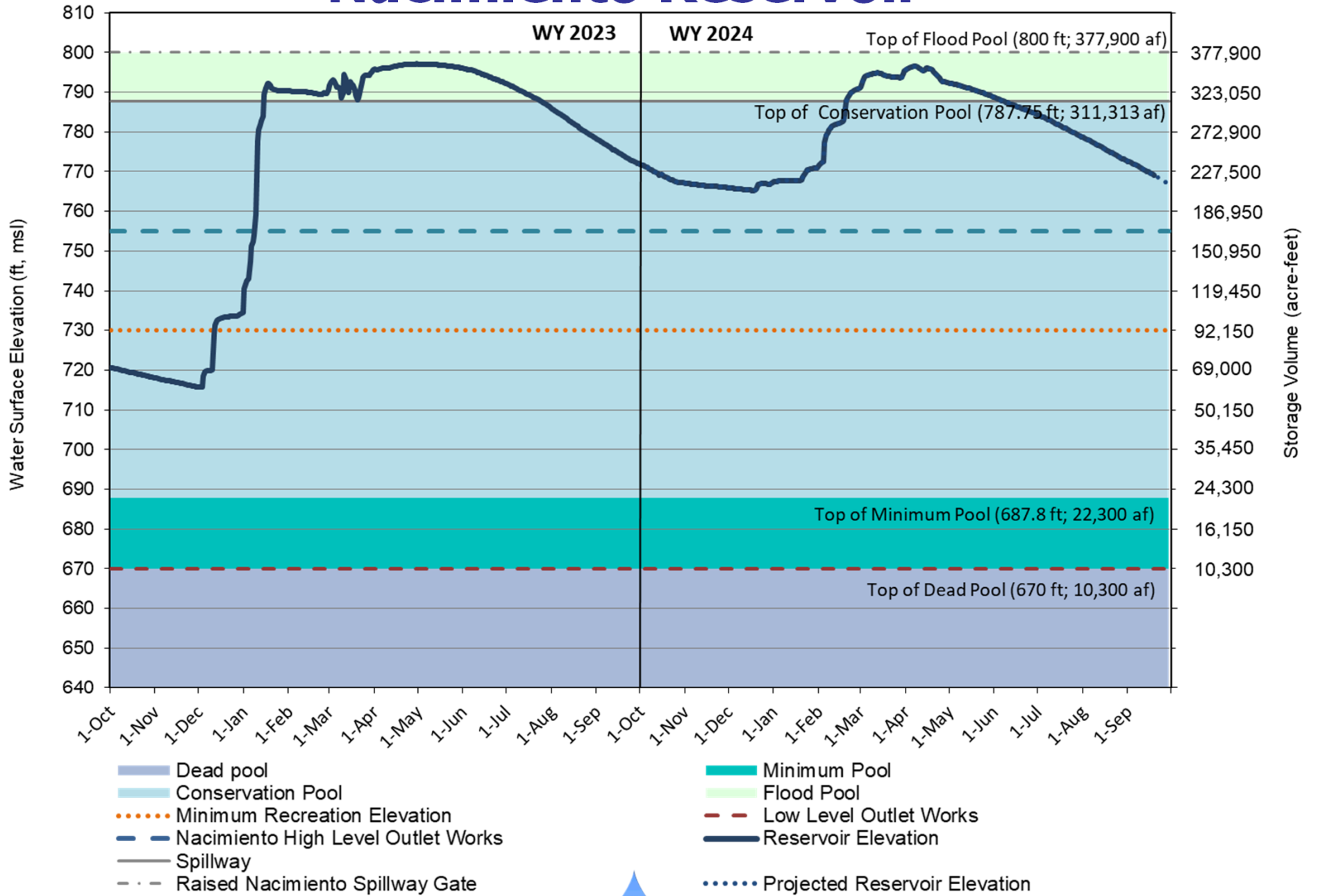


Current Reservoir Conditions (9/19/24)

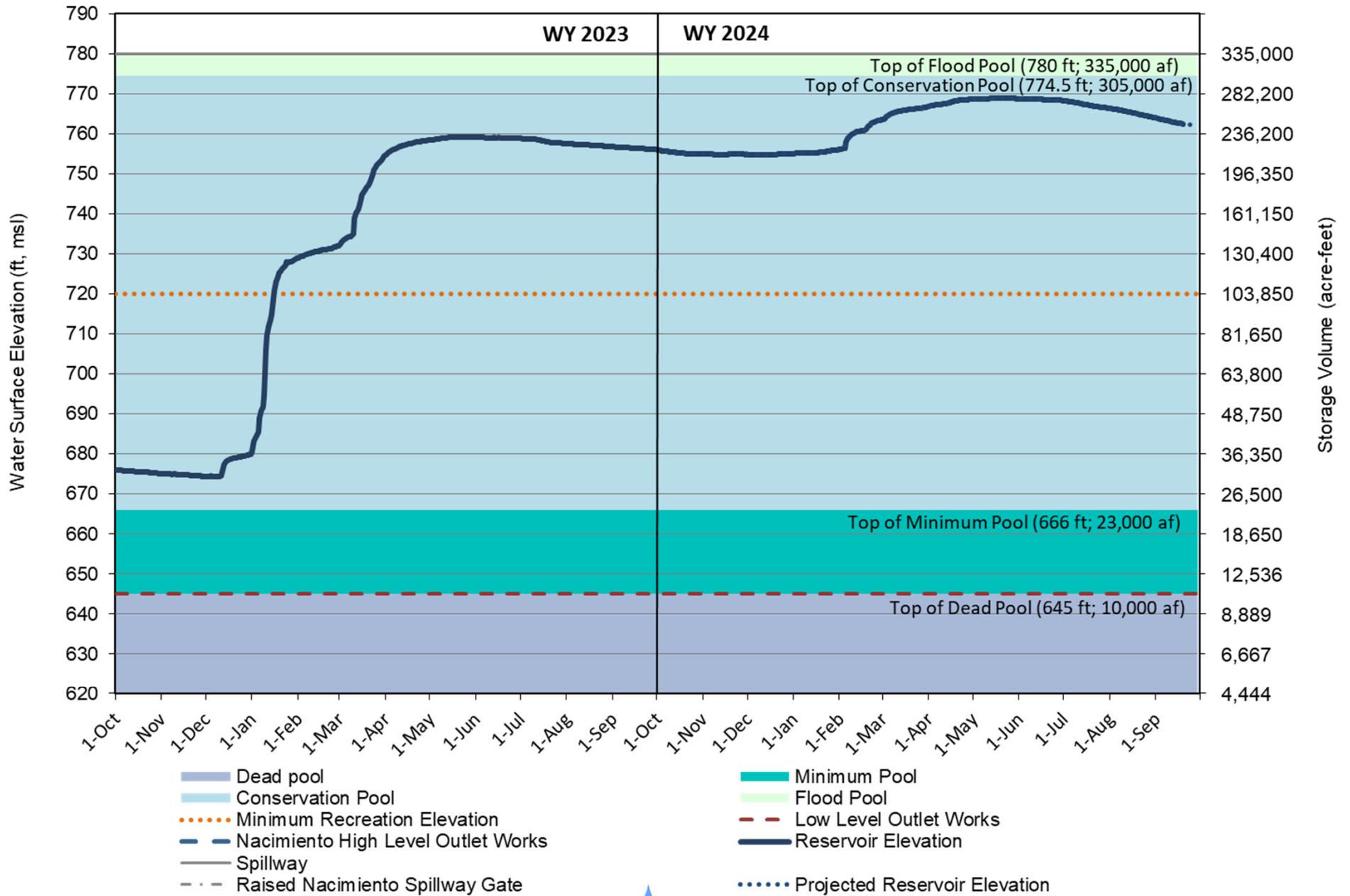
	Nacimiento	San Antonio
Percentage of Capacity	59%	74%
Elevation (ft.)	769.1	762.45
Storage (ac-ft)	223,630	246,880
Releases (cfs)	401	100



Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes Since February 3, 2024

Date	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		Total Releases
	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	
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
May 28, 2024	10	10	360	400	410
June 4, 2024	10	10	400	360	370
June 14, 2024	10	10	360	330	340
June 21, 2024	10	10	330	300	310
June 27, 2024	10	10	300	350	360
July 2, 2024	10	50	350	350	400
July 3, 2024	50	80	350	350	430
July 5, 2024	80	120	350	400	520
July 18, 2024	120	90	400	400	490
July 24, 2024	90	60	400	400	460
July 29, 2024	60	100	400	400	500
August 12, 2024	100	140	400	400	540
August 14, 2024	140	165	400	400	565
August 22, 2024	165	140	400	400	540
August 26, 2024	140	115	400	400	515
August 30, 2024	115	215	400	300	515
September 3, 2024	215	115	300	400	515
September 5, 2024	115	150	400	400	550
September 6, 2024	150	175	400	400	575
September 10, 2024	175	150	400	400	550
September 13, 2024	150	125	400	400	525
September 16, 2024	125	100	400	400	500
September 19, 2024	100	60	400	400	460

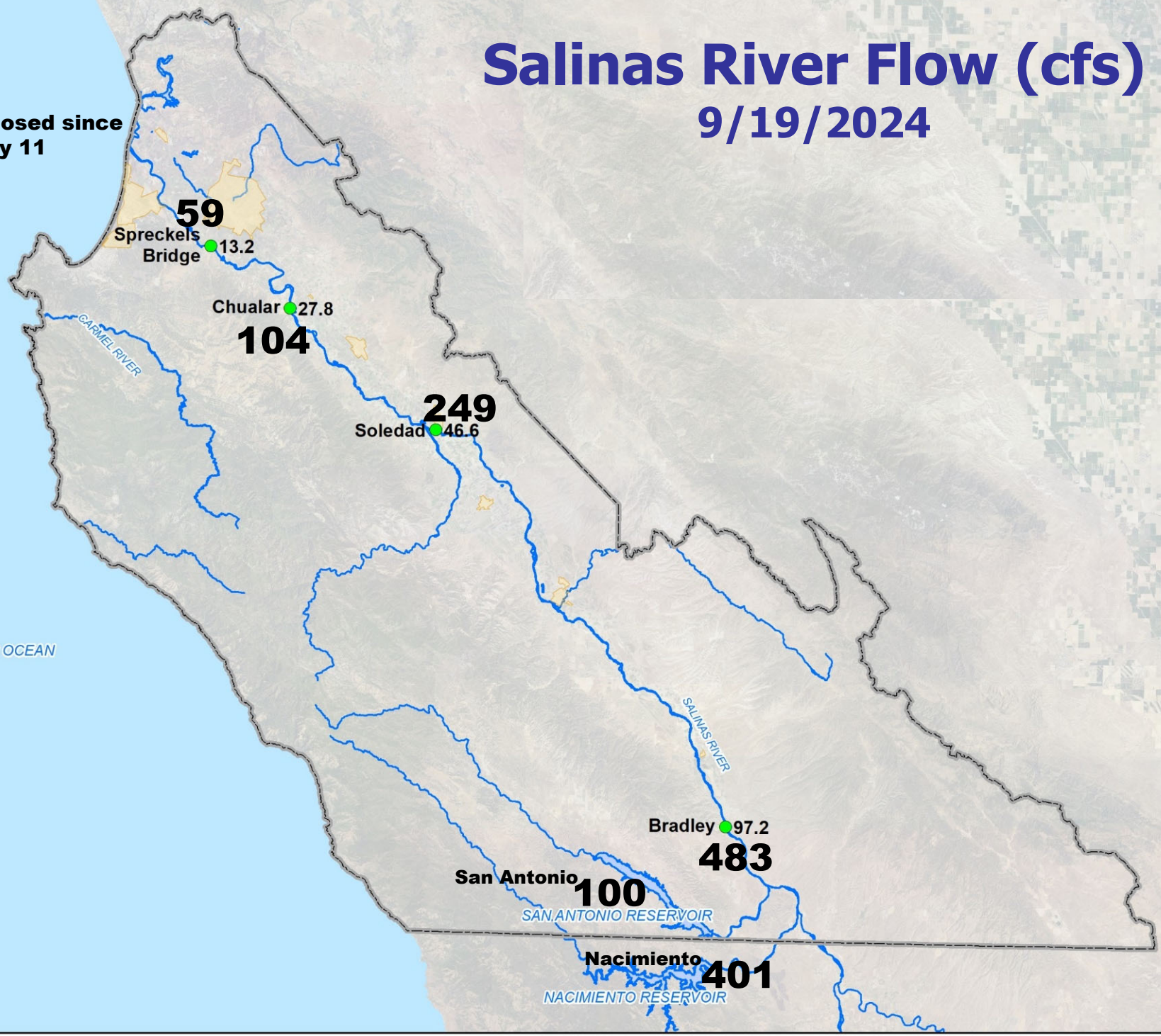


Salinas River Flow (cfs)

9/19/2024

Lagoon: Closed since July 11

PACIFIC OCEAN



2024 Reservoir Release Schedule

Adopted

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	70	60	10	767.4	755.1
Feb	97	87	10	771.5	756.1
Mar	441	430	11	791.3	763.6
Apr	631	621	10	795.6	766.9
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	70	60	10	767.4	755.1
Feb	97	87	10	771.5	756.1
Mar	441	430	11	791.3	763.6
Apr	809	799	10	795.6	766.9
May	372	362	10	792.2	768.6
Jun	353	343	10	788.7	768.8
Jul	483	393	90	784.3	768.2
Aug	527	396	131	778.6	766.3
Sep	504	368	136	772.6	763.9
Oct	303	256	47	766.7	761.7
Nov	70	60	10	762.1	760.7
Dec	70	60	10	760.7	760.4
Jan				759.6	760.2

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 September 19, 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 24-074

September 26, 2024

Introduced: 9/20/2024

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations Grant (Staff Presenting: Peter Kwiek)



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 24-073

September 26, 2024

Introduced: 9/20/2024

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 24-072

September 26, 2024

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Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 2

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Options for South County meeting in October.



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 24-070

September 26, 2024

Introduced: 9/13/2024

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.7

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRARO 24-068

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Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.