

County of Monterey

*Saffron Room
1441 Schillings Place
Salinas, Ca 93901*



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 24, 2025

1:30 PM

**SLO County Chair location: Old Courthouse Room 207
976 Osos St. San Luis Obispo Ca. 93408**

**Layla Decker remotely from Administrative Conference Room
10625 Lake Nacimiento Rd. Bradley Ca. 93426**

Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations

Advisory Committee

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Roll Call

Public Comment

Committee Member Comments

Consent Calendar

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Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes March 27, 2025](#)

Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Storage & Release Update (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein)

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
[ResOps Slides 20250417](#)

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

4. Boat Dock Update. (Staff Presenting: Eva Gonzales, Mallory Roberts)

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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 25-025

April 24, 2025

Introduced: 4/16/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Ekelund, John Baillie, Mark Gonzales, Matthew Simis, Bill Lipe, Anna McKenna, Richard Ortiz, Marc Kelley, Doug Scattini, Layla Decker, Dennis Lebow, Patrick Breen, Richard Ortiz, Steve Blois

Absent: Jon Anthony

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Comments

Ken Ekelund

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting held on February 27, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes February 27, 2025](#)

Upon Motion of Richard Ortiz, Second by Matt Simis the Committee approved the Consent Calendar of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ayes: John Baillie, Matt Simis, Marc Kelley, Steve Blois, Anna McKenna, Doug Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Richard Ortiz, Layla Decker
Noes: None

Absent: Jon Anthony

Abstained: Patrick Breen, Dennis Lebow, Bill Lipe

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Items

Upon Motion of John Baillie, Second by Bill Lipe the Committee approved the Reservoir Release Schedule Proposal for 2025.

Ayes: Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simmis, John Baillie, Anna McKenna, Layla Decker, Doug Scattini, Marc Kelley, Bill Lipe, Steve Blois, Richard Ortiz, Dennis Lebow, Patrick Breen,
Noes: None
Absent: Jon Anthony
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: Patrick Breen, Anna McKenna, Dennis Lebow, Ken Ekelund, Marc Kelley, John Baillie, Bill Lipe, Steve Blois

Public Comments: Nancy Isakson

2. Consider recommending a release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs for 2025.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Reservoir Release Schedule Proposal 2025](#)
 [auto 2025 ReleaseSchedule 4 20250320 Proposal](#)

Staff Reports

3. Reservoir Storage & Release Update.

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
[ResOps Slides 20250320](#)

Committee Member Comments: Bill Lipe, Ken Ekelund, John Baillie
Public Comments: None

4. 2025 Year Type Forecast (Staff Presenting: Joseph Klein)

Committee member Comments: Dennis Lebow, Bill Lipe, Ken Ekelund, John Baillie
Public Comments: None

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

Committee Member Comments: Patrick Breen, Bill Lipe, Anna McKenna, Ken Ekelund, Steve Blois
Public Comments: None

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Committee Member Comments: None
Public Comments: None

Calendar

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.



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Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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Legistar File Number: WRARO 25-029

April 24, 2025

Introduced: 4/17/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Reservoir Storage & Release Update (Staff Presenting: Joey 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 April 17, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 761.45 feet (NGVD 29), with 242,480 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 775.95 feet, with 253,920 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 72% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 67% of capacity.

RAINFALL: A precipitation event in late March brought a small amount of inflow to both reservoirs that continues to flow measurably into mid-April.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: Following February winter storms that generated connected flow along the entire mainstem Salinas River, the Agency facilitated a breach of the lagoon to alleviate localized flooding in accordance with the Agency's Sandbar Management Plan on Saturday, February 15th, 2025. The lagoon remains open to the ocean at the time of this report.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases are being made from Nacimiento reservoir for beneficial uses including groundwater recharge, operation of the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and to allow for downstream fish passage to the Salinas Lagoon. Minimum fisheries releases are currently being made from San Antonio reservoir. Approximate releases as of the morning of April 17, 2025:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 269 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 280 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam 269 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 391 cfs*
- Salinas River at Soledad: 158 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 88 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 57 cfs

*Value suspect

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

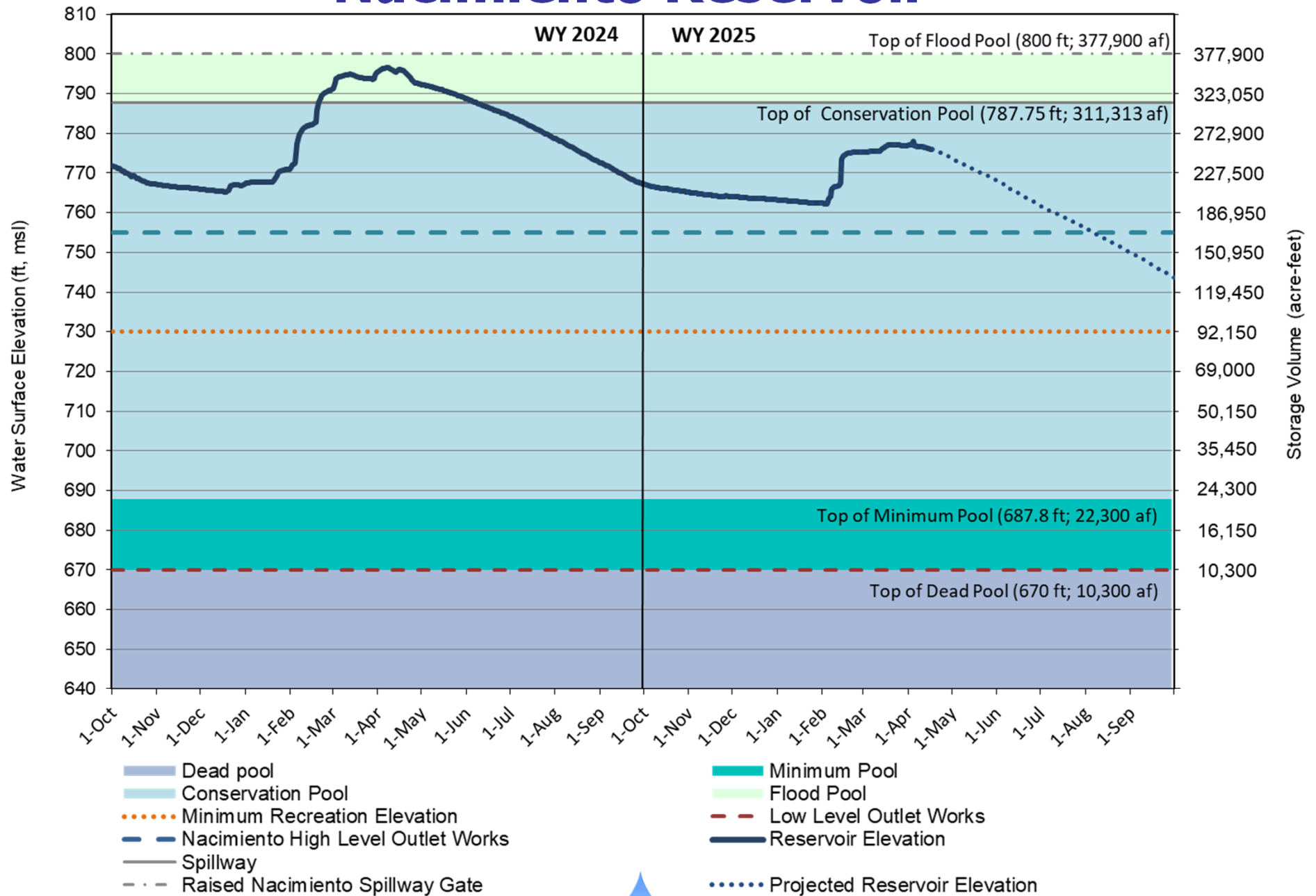
Current Reservoir Conditions

(4/17/25)

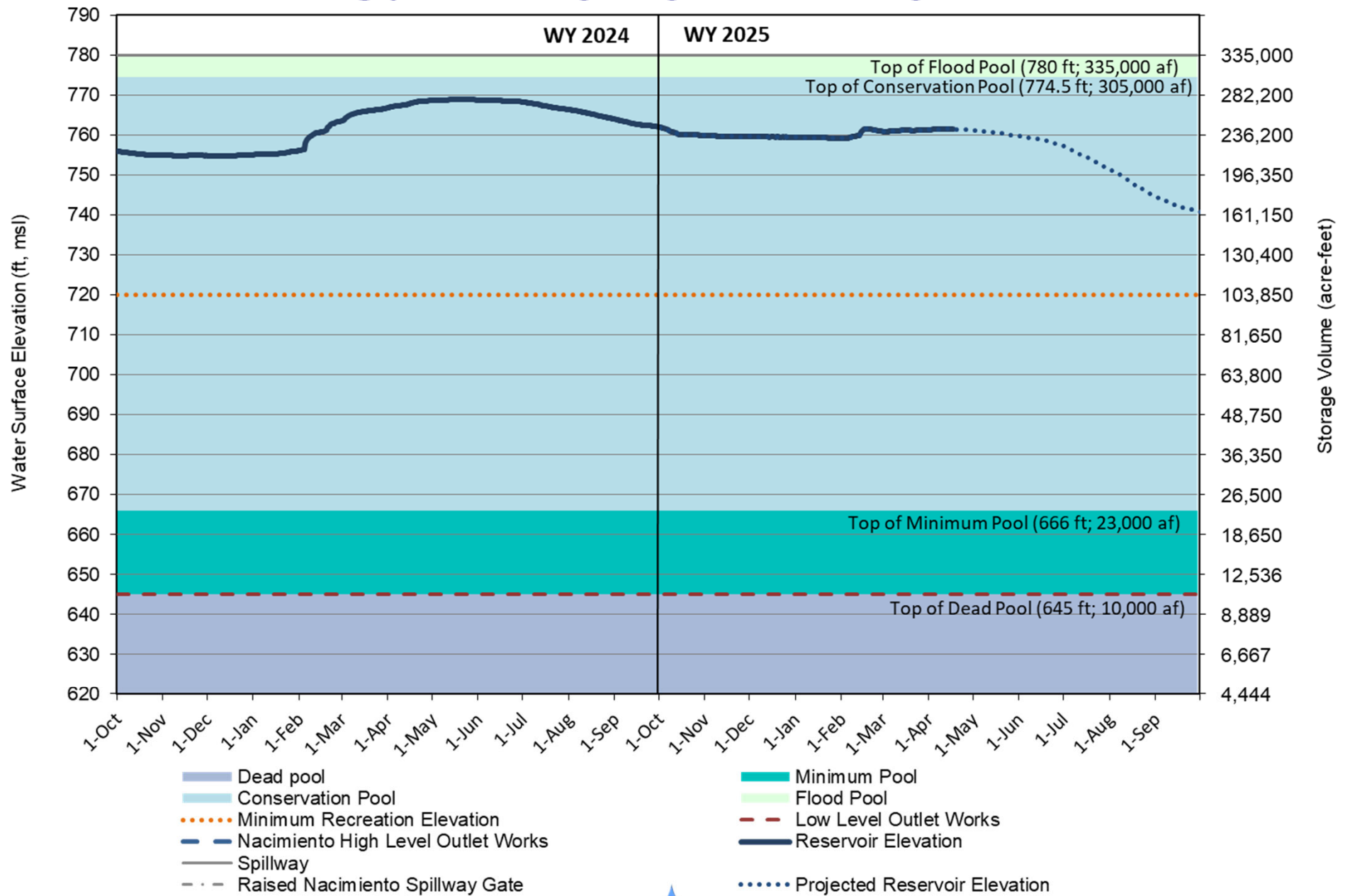
	Nacimiento	San Antonio
Percentage of Capacity	67%	72%
Elevation (ft.)	775.95	761.45
Storage (ac-ft)	253,920	242,480
Releases (cfs)	269	10



Nacimientto Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes

Since October 10, 2024

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento 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

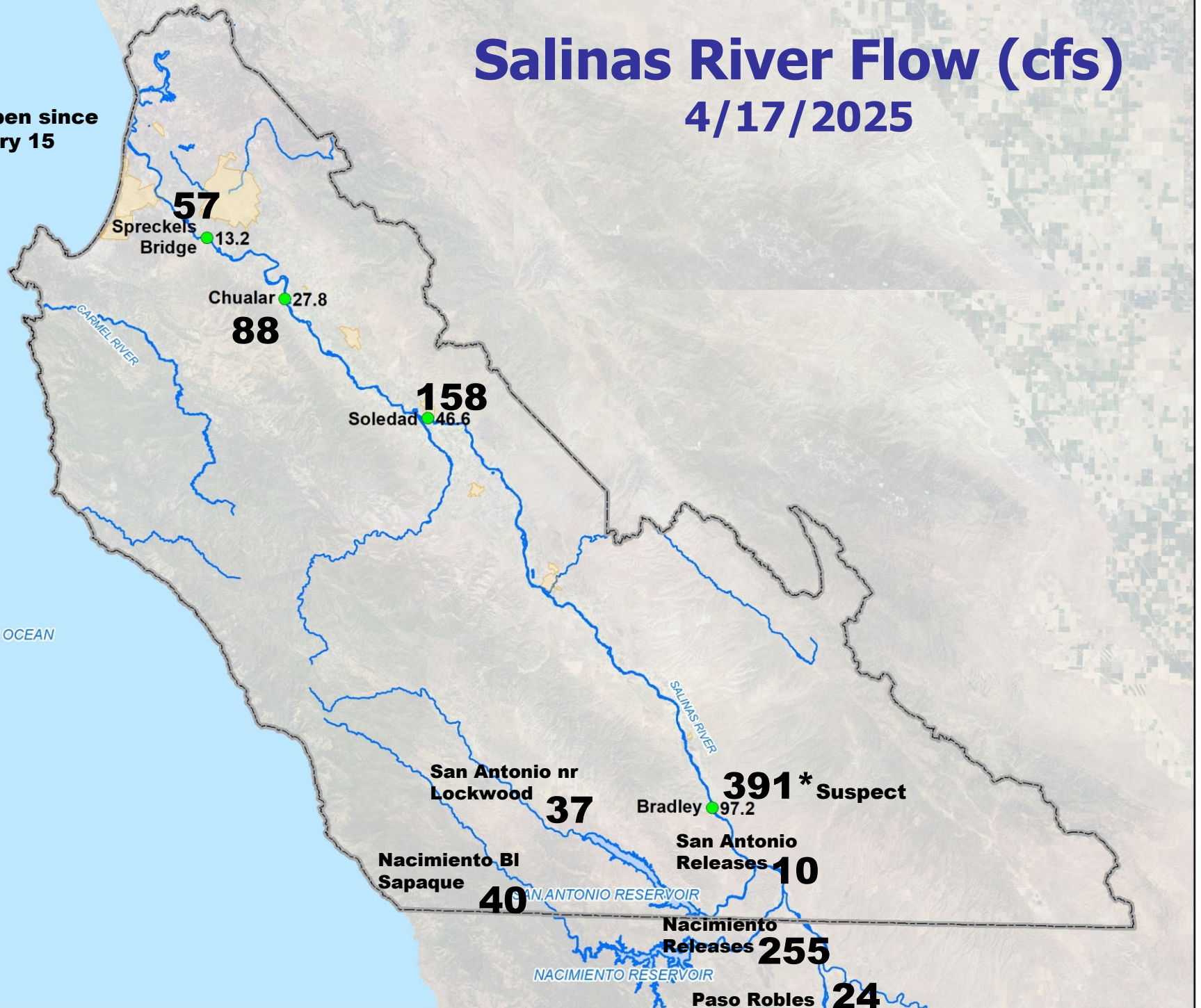


Salinas River Flow (cfs)

4/17/2025

Lagoon: Open since
February 15

PACIFIC OCEAN



2025 Reservoir Release Schedule

Original

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	73	63	10	763.2	759.5
Feb	172	60	112	762.4	759.2
Mar	218	151	67	775.4	760.8
Apr	380	368	12	775.6	760.6
May	409	326	84	770.2	760.1
Jun	488	358	131	764.5	758.5
Jul	600	270	330	757.9	755.8
Aug	638	275	363	752.0	749.8
Sep	470	279	191	745.6	743.0
Oct	220	158	62	738.9	739.2
Nov	70	60	10	734.7	737.7
Dec	70	60	10	732.8	737.3
Jan				731.1	737.0

Updated

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	73	63	10	763.2	759.5
Feb	172	60	112	762.4	759.2
Mar	203	144	59	775.4	760.8
Apr	311	301	10	777.1	761.3
May	409	326	84	773.5	761.2
Jun	488	358	131	768.0	759.5
Jul	600	270	330	761.6	756.9
Aug	638	275	363	755.9	751.0
Sep	470	279	191	749.8	744.2
Oct	220	158	62	743.4	740.5
Nov	70	60	10	739.5	739.0
Dec	70	60	10	737.7	738.6
Jan				736.1	738.3

Note: Table on left shows the Reservoir Release Schedule to be presented at the April 21, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. Table on the right is current as of April 17. Bold text indicates actual values. The 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.





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Item No.3

Board Report

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

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



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Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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Boat Dock Update. (Staff Presenting: Eva Gonzales, Mallory Roberts)



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Item No.5

Board Report

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



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Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.