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Water Resources Advisory Committee Agenda Committee

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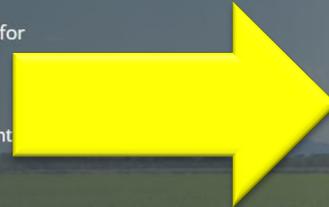
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Mission: Manage water resources sustainably while minimizing impacts from flooding for present and future generations.

Vision: Be recognized throughout the region as a leader in water resource management through demonstrated knowledge, integrity and the quality of our actions.

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Background

In 2002, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) Board of Directors certified the Final EIR/EIS and applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a permit to construct the [Salinas Valley Water Project \(SVWP\)](#). The SVWP consists of three components:

1. The Nacimiento Dam Modification
2. Reoperation of Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs
3. The Salinas River Diversion Facility

The MCWRA coordinated construction of the SVWP from 2008 through 2010. The project was the culmination of multiple decades of planning, engineering and public involvement. The objectives of the SVWP are to:

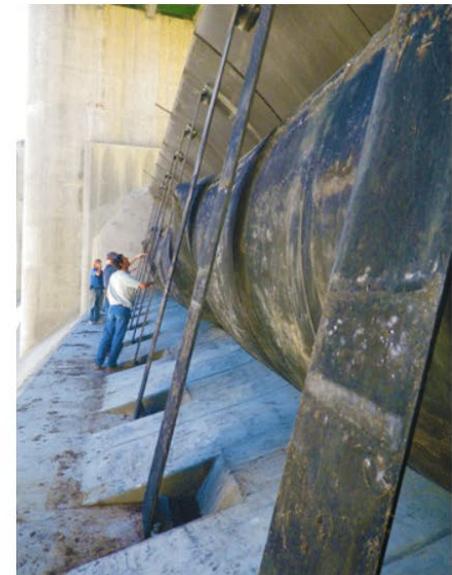
- Halt seawater intrusion
- Provide adequate water to meet current and future (2030) water needs;
- Improve the hydrology of the Salinas Basin.

During the permitting process for the SVWP, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) initiated a formal Section 7 consultation with the Corps on the issuance of a permit for the SVWP. This consultation resulted in the MCWRA authoring the [Salinas Valley Water Project Flow Prescription for Steelhead Trout \(Flow Prescription\)](#) in 2005 and incorporating it into the project description. The Flow Prescription defines flow requirements and operational targets for managing steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in the Salinas River. Three main areas of monitoring are outlined in the Flow Prescription:

1. Quantify the presence of the threatened steelhead trout in the lower Salinas River system (population monitoring)
2. Manage river flows to ensure adequate water for fish passage (migration monitoring)
3. Monitor water quality to determine habitat suitability (habitat monitoring)

The [Flow Prescription](#) has been incorporated into the NMFS Biological Opinion (BO) as a stand-alone document, which may be modified upon mutual agreement between the MCWRA and NMFS, in order to facilitate future adaptive management strategies. The MCWRA submits annually to NMFS reports that summarize SVWP operational and fish flow data in order to comply with the BO. These reports starting with the first year of operation in 2010 are found here:

- [SVWP Annual Flow Monitoring Report - Water Year 2010](#)
- [SVWP Annual Flow Monitoring Report - Water Year 2011](#)



Inflated Nacimiento Spillway rubber dam

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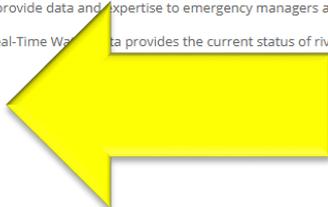
ALERT Flood Warning System

Overview

As reflected in the state legislation that created the Agency, providing flood control services is fundamental to the MCWRA's purpose. This includes structural flood control provided by Agency-owned dams, reservoirs, and pump stations as well as flood warning services provided to Monterey County. Agency staff monitors county wide hydrologic conditions during all significant storm events. A real time flood warning system enables staff to provide data and expertise to emergency managers and local law enforcement at all hours, day or night, as needed for the protection of life and property in Monterey County.

A public portal to the Agency's Real-Time Water Data provides the current status of river stage, flow, and the occurrence and accumulation of rainfall in all major watersheds throughout the county. Access the portal at the following link:

[ALERT Realtime Hydrologic Data](#)



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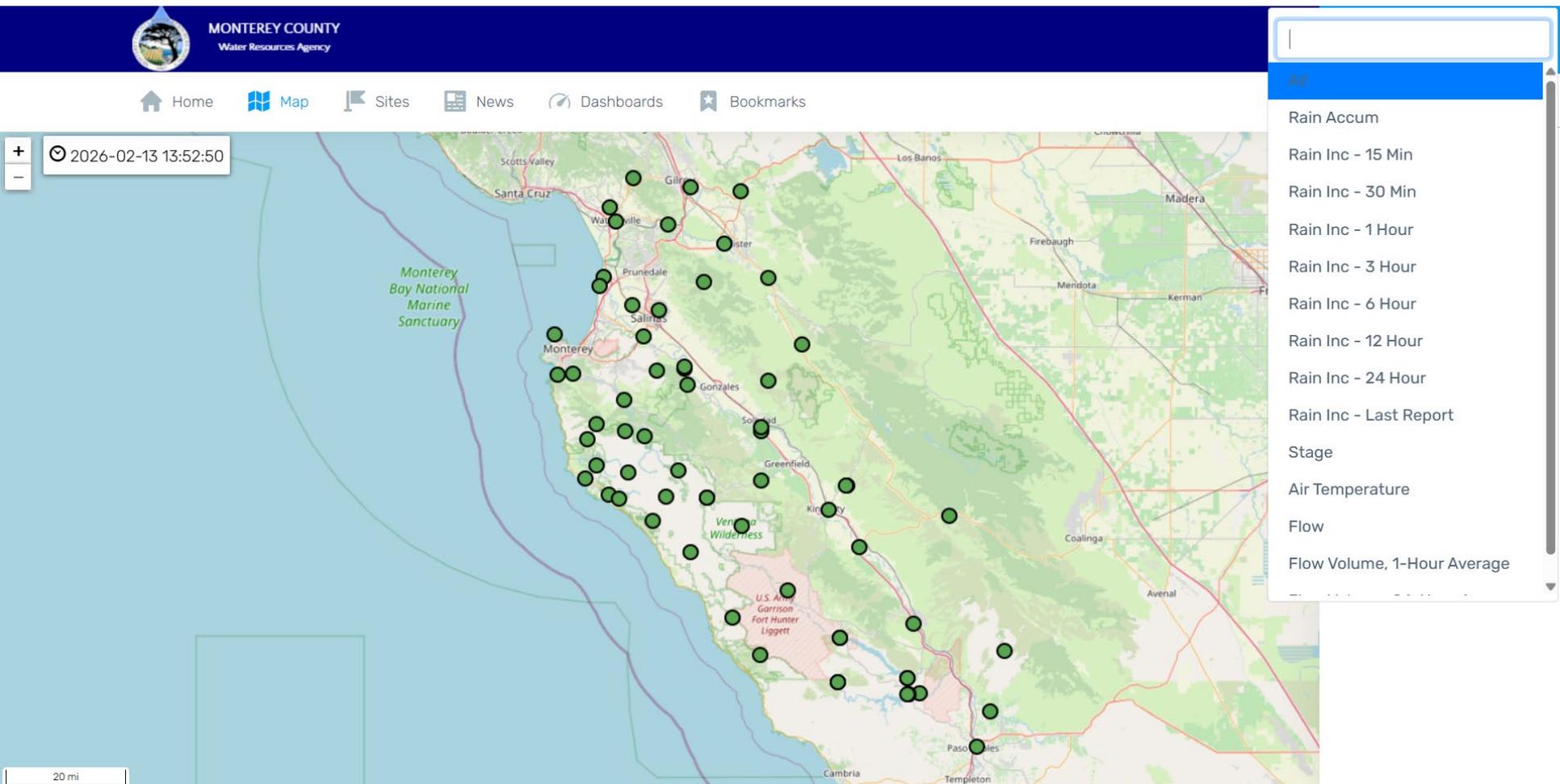
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