

County of Monterey

1441 Schilling Place
Saffron Room
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 23, 2023

1:30 PM

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Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations

Advisory Committee

John Baillie, Chair

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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 January 26, 2023.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes January 26, 2023](#)

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3. Reservoir Storage and Release Update

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4. Three Month Weather Outlook

5. Update on Operations and Maintenance Activities

Status Reports

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- Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
 - San Luis Obispo County Activities
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Calendar

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Adjournment



County of Monterey

Item No.1

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

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Introduced: 2/16/2023

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Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Jon Anthony, Bill Lipe, Wes Thomson, Layla Decker (joined meeting at 1:40 p.m.), Matthew Panziera, Eric Morgan, Kevin Pearcy, Steve Blois

Absent: Richard Ortiz, Patrick Collins, Doug Scattini, Zach Barnes

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Comments

Steve Blois

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Mark Gonzalez and Second by Matthew Panziera the Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: John Baillie, Ken Ekleund, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Bill Lipe, Wes Thomson, Layla Decker, Matthew Panziera, Kevin Piearcy, Steve Blois

Noes: None

Absent: Richard Ortiz, Patrick Collins, Doug Scattini, Zach Barnes

Abstained: Jon Anthony, Eric Morgan

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Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes December 1, 2022](#)

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Staff Reports

3. Committee Member Applications and Status
4. Reservoir Storage and Release Update

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
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[Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes](#)

5. Drought Technical Advisory Committee update
6. Interim Operations Plan Update

7. Final 2022 Reservoir Release Schedule

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8. Cloud Seeding

9. Three Month Weather Outlook

Status Reports

10.
 - Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
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 - National Marine Fisheries Service

Calendar

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 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 22-130

February 23, 2023

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Version: 1

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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The Monterey County Health Officer has recommended social distancing measures for meetings of legislative bodies, so the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee of the Water Resources Agency was able to meet remotely the first time after September 30, 2021. In order to continue meeting remotely, the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee must make the findings outlined above.

Accordingly, staff recommends making the appropriate findings. This action will be required every 30 days in order to keep meeting remotely; a special meeting may be necessary for that

purpose.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The General Manager concurs in the recommendation.

FINANCING:

The only financial impact is the continuing cost of teleconferencing.

Prepared by: Jessell Fenley, Administrative Services Assistant

Approved by: Lew Bauman, Interim General Manager



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Current Status: Draft

Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Reservoir Storage and Release Update

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: The series of atmospheric rivers that passed over the Central Coast between December 26, 2022 and January 16, 2023 brought sustained inflow to both reservoirs that continues into mid-February. Combined reservoir storage has increased since December 1, 2022 by approximately 364,000 acre-feet, with Nacimiento Reservoir accounting for about 262,000 acre-feet and San Antonio approximately 102,000 acre-feet. As of February 15, 2023, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 730.70 feet (NGVD 29), with 132,400 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 789.95 feet, with 322,790 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 40% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 85% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: By January 14, storm inflow to Nacimiento Reservoir had filled the entire conservation pool volume resulting in the need to initiate flood control releases to ensure adequate space remains in the “flood pool” volume (above elevation 787.75 ft) to accommodate subsequent storm inflow events. The recent three-week cessation of storm activity has enabled the Agency to reduce flood control releases from over 3,000 cfs in mid-January to the less impactful current release rate of 350 cfs. The magnitude and duration of flood control releases is being evaluated daily using the latest weather and river forecasts as well as realtime streamflow data. At Nacimiento Reservoir, releases currently exceed inflow resulting in a drawdown of the “flood pool”. San Antonio Reservoir remains well below its flood pool elevation of 774.5 ft enabling conservation of all current inflow, excepting releases of 10 cfs in support of fish habitat below the dam.

Storm activity on New Year’s Eve, 2022 produced stream flow in the Arroyo Seco and lower Salinas watersheds that necessitated sandbar management at the Salinas River mouth to prevent flooding of lands near the coast, culminating in a mechanical breach of the Salinas River Lagoon on January 3rd. Salinas River flows have since kept the river open to the ocean.

Releases as of February 15, 2023:

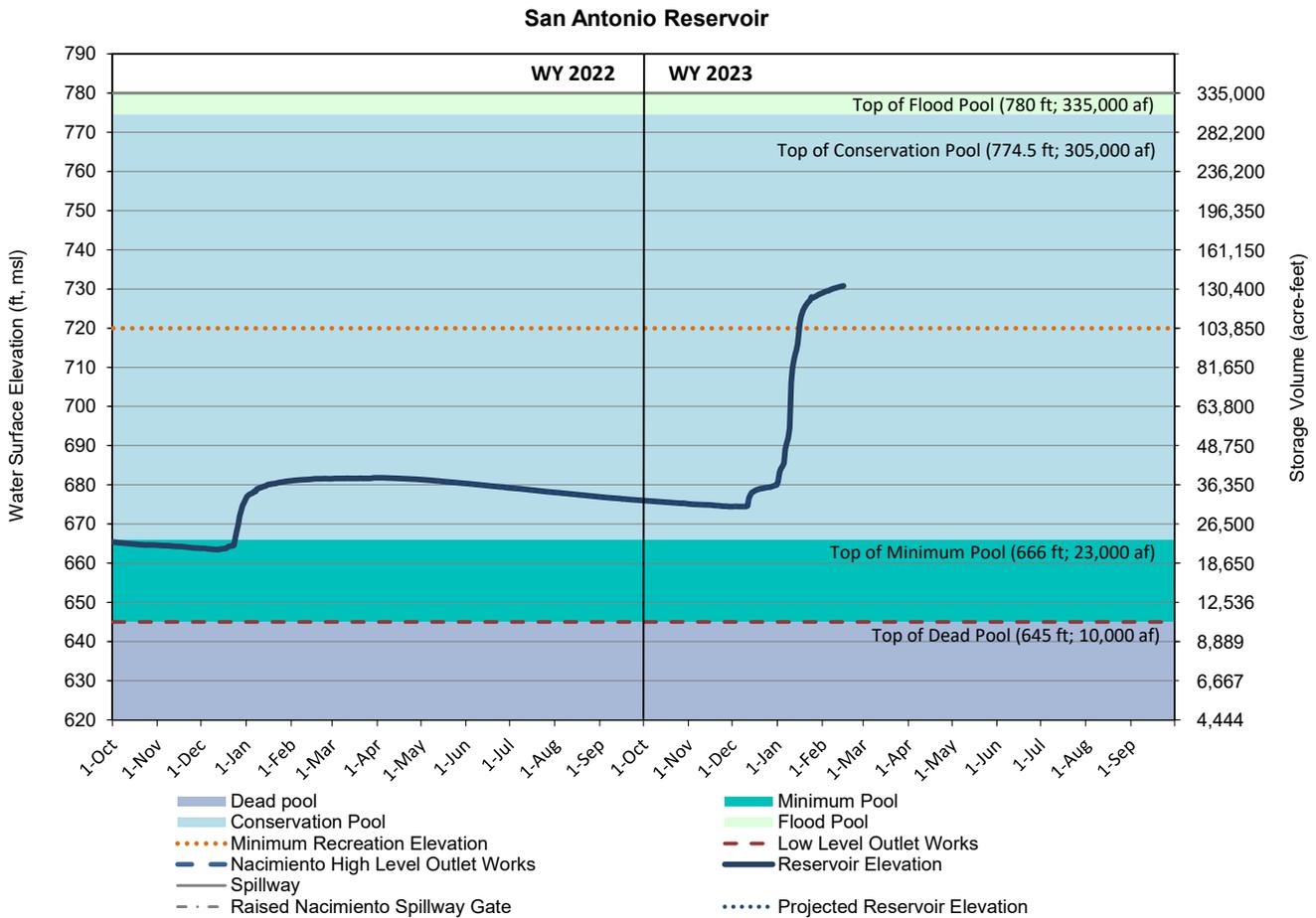
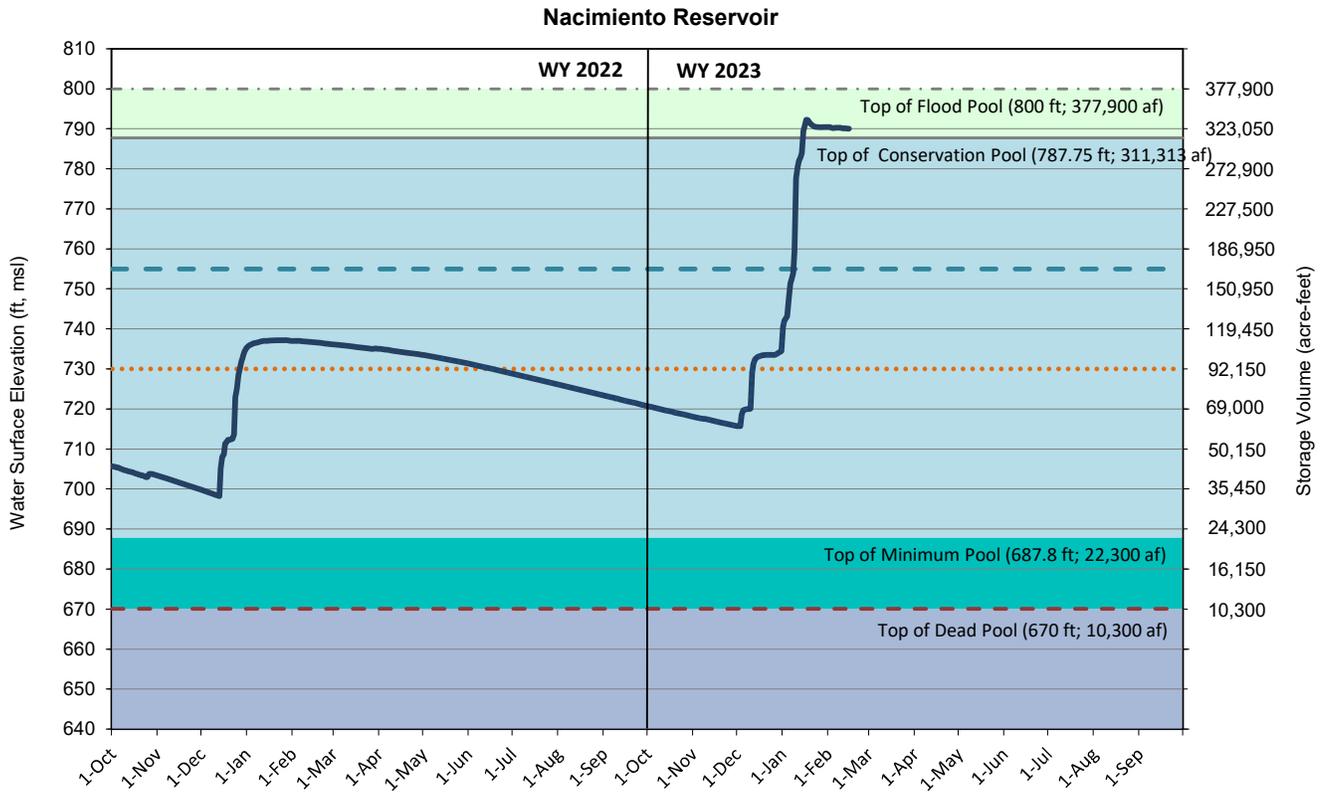
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 350 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 360 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 529 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 499 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 347 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 379 cfs

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Reservoir Elevation and Storage



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



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Update on Operations and Maintenance Activities



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- Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
- San Luis Obispo County Activities
- National Marine Fisheries Service



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Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items