Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:
The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

RAINFALL: After a dry March, April had a series of storms which brought inflow to the reservoirs. Despite these rain events, flows in the Salinas River downstream of the reservoirs were uninfluenced by the April storms and were mainly influenced by the conservation releases that started on March 26.

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of July 21, 2026, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 746.3 feet (NGVD 29), with 182,865 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 760.4 feet, with 188,510 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 55% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 50% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases are being made from San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs for beneficial uses including groundwater recharge, operation of the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and support downstream fish habitat.

Releases as of July 21, 2026:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 240 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 260 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 500 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam: 237 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 436 cfs
- Salinas River near King City: 369 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 237 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 89 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 44 cfs

SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION FACILITY: Diversions started April 6. As of July 21, SRDF has diverted 4,820 AF.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: Following storms in late December and early January, the lagoon was breached January 4, 2026. The Salinas Lagoon closed to the ocean on April 10.

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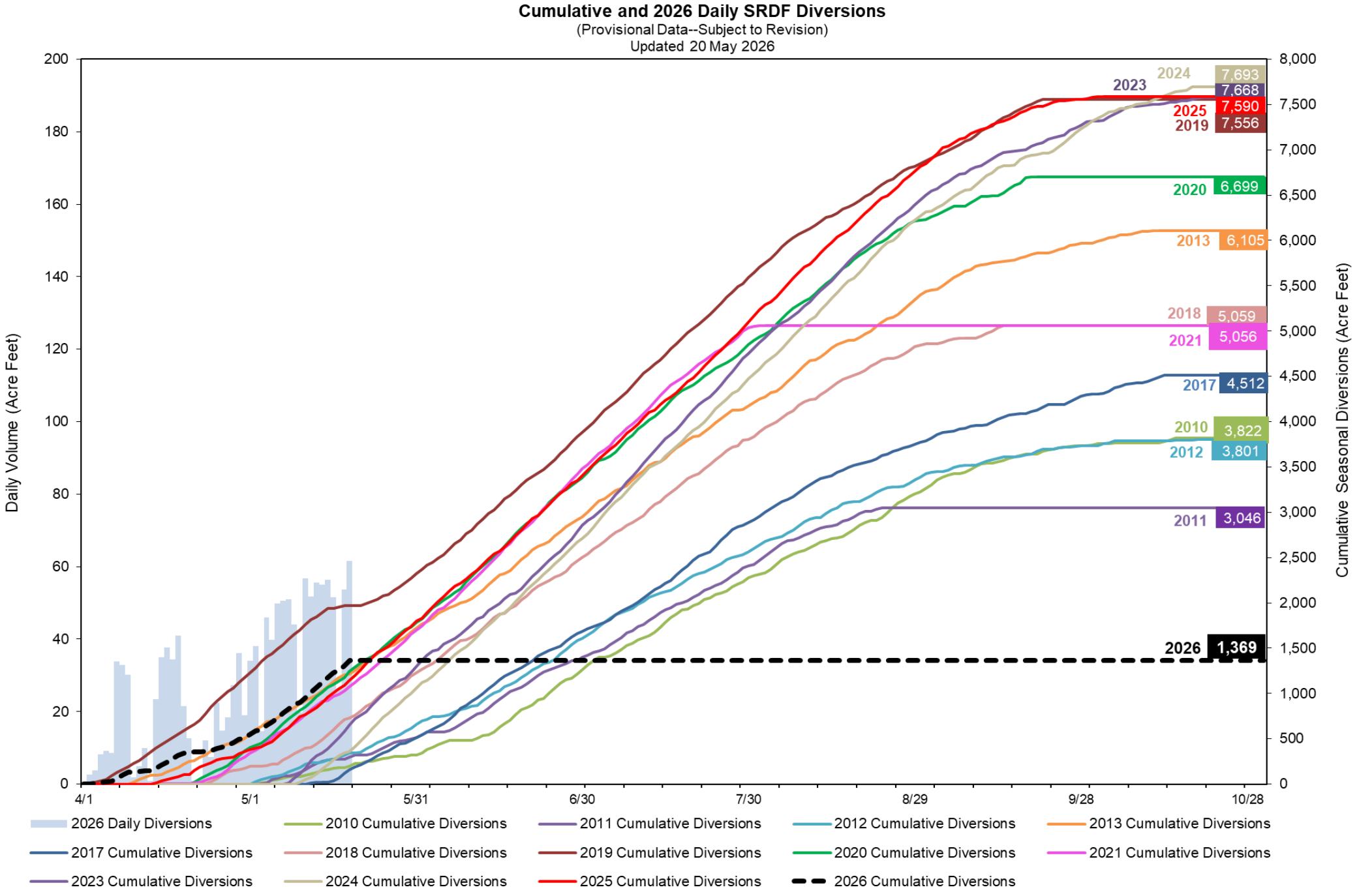
Cumulative and 2026 Daily SRDF Diversions
(Provisional Data--Subject to Revision)
Updated 20 May 2026
Daily Volume (Acre Feet)
Cumulative Seasonal Diversions (Acre Feet)
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
160
180
200
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500
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6/30
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8/29
9/28
10/28
2024 7,693
2023 7,668
2025 7,590
2019 7,556
2020 6,699
2013 6,105
2018 5,059
2021 5,056
2017 4,512
2010 3,822
2012 3,801
2011 3,046
2026 1,369
2026 Daily Diversions
2010 Cumulative Diversions
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2026 Cumulative Diversions

Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes

Since March 26, 2026

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		
Date	**Starting Flow**	**Ending Flow**	**Starting Flow**	**Ending Flow**	**Total Releases**
March 26, 2026	10	10	60	120	130
March 30, 2026	10	10	120	180	190
April 2, 2026	10	10	180	230	240
April 6, 2026	10	50	230	300	350
April 7, 2026	50	80	300	280	360
April 10, 2026	80	10	280	280	290
April 15, 2026	10	10	280	220	230
April 24, 2026	10	10	220	180	190
April 29, 2026	10	10	180	220	230
May 1, 2026	10	10	220	280	290
May 4, 2026	10	50	280	280	330
May 5, 2026	50	90	280	280	370
May 6, 2026	90	130	280	280	410
June 1, 2026	130	105	280	280	385
June 8, 2026	105	145	280	280	425
June 9, 2026	145	205	280	280	485
June 14, 2026	205	245	280	280	525
June 24, 2026	245	205	280	280	485
June 29, 2026	205	165	280	280	445
July 8, 2026	165	165	280	280	445
July 9, 2026	165	190	280	280	470
July 10, 2026	190	220	280	280	500
July 15, 2026	220	260	280	280	540
July 21, 2026	260	260	280	240	500