

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 29, 2024

1:30 PM

Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

John Baillie, Chair

Ken Ekelund

Mark Gonzalez

Matthew Simis

Jon Anthony

Bill Lipe

Wes Thomson

Layla Decker

Richard Ortiz

Matthew Panziera

Eric Morgan

Kevin Piearcy

Marc Kelley

Doug Scattini

Zach Barnes

Steve Blois

Vacancy (1)

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the
request.

7. The Chair and/or Secretary may set reasonable rules as needed to conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

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2. Si un miembro del público desea comentar sobre un artículo de la agenda en particular, se le es sumamente recomendable que envíe sus comentarios por escrito por correo electrónico a la Agencia de Administración de Recursos del Agua (Agencia) a WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us antes de las 5:00 P. M. el Miércoles antes de la reunión del Comité. Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el número del artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique la fecha de la reunión del Comité y el número del artículo de la agenda en la línea de asunto. Comentarios recibidos en la fecha límite del Miércoles a las 5 P.M, serán distribuidos al Comité y serán colocados en el registro.

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Call to Order

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Roll Call

Public Comment

Committee Member Comments

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting on January 25, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes January 25, 2024](#)

Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Storage and Releases Update (Staff Presenting; Joseph Klein)

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

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Status Reports

5.
 - Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
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 - National Marine Fisheries Service
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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

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Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting on January 25, 2024.

County of Monterey

*Cayenne Room
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Meeting Minutes

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Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

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Mark Gonzalez
Matthew Simis*

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<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	

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1. For ZOOM participation please join by computer audio at:

<https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/92085702216>

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You will be placed in the meeting as an attendee; when you are ready to make a public comment, if joined by computer audio, please Raise your Hand; and by phone, please push *9 on your keypad.

2. If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item while the matter is being heard, you may participate by the following means:

When the Chair calls for public comment on an agenda item, the Zoom Meeting Host, or his or her designee, will first ascertain who wants to comment (among those who are in the meeting electronically or telephonically) and will then call on speakers and unmute their device one at a time. Public speakers may be broadcast in audio form only.

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Se le colocará en la reunión como asistente; cuando esté listo para hacer un comentario público si se une al audio de la computadora, levante la mano; y por teléfono presione * 9 en su teclado.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 1:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Jon Anthony, Bille Lipe, Richard Ortiz, Marc Kelley, Doug Scattini, Steve Blois, Wes Thomson, Eric Morgan, Kevin Piearcy, Matthew Panziera (arrived at 1:36 p.m)
Absent: Layla Decker, Zach Barnes

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Comments

Mark Gonzalez, Kevin Piearcy, John Baillie, Bill Lipe

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Bill Lipe the Committee approved the Consent calendar of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting.

Ayes: John Baillie, Matthew Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Jon Anthony, Bill Lipe, Richard Ortiz, Marc Kelley, Doug Scattini, Wes Thomson, Matthew Panziera, Eric Morgan, Kevin Piearcy, Steve Blois, Ken Ekelund
Absent: Layla Decker, Zach Barnes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting on November 30, 2023.

Attachments: [Draft ResOps Minutes November 30, 2023](#)

Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Storage and Releases Update. (Staff Presenting; Joseph Klein)

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)
 [Reservoir Elevation and Storage PPT](#)

Committee Comments: Ken Ekelund, Eric Morgan, John Baillie, Steve Blois, Bill Lipe, Richard Ortiz

Public Comment: None

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

Committee Comments: John Baillie, Bill Lipe, Eric Morgan, Kevin Piearcy, Mark Gonzalez
Public Comment: None

4. San Antonio Operations Policy Manual Update. (Staff Presenting; Peter Kwick)

Committee Comment: John Baillie, Bill Lipe
Public Comment: None

Status Reports

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 - Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
 - San Luis Obispo County Activities
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 - Quagga Mussel Update

Committee Comments: John Baillie, Bill Lipe, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Steve Blois
Public Comment: None

Calendar

6. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 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 24-011

February 29, 2024

Introduced: 2/22/2024

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Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Reservoir Storage and Releases 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 February 22, 2024, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 762.5 feet (NGVD 29), with 247,100 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 789.4 feet, with 319,900 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 74% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 85% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Following a staff assessment of watershed conditions in response to hydrologic triggers, Nacimiento releases were increased on February 1, 2024, to an approximate flowrate range of 280 to 300 cfs, to support Steelhead passage conditions, in accordance with the Agency's Interim Operations Plan and the Salinas Valley Water Project Flow Prescription for Steelhead Trout in the Salinas River. By February 3, sustained storm activity had begun to provide targeted Flow Prescription flowrates in the lower Salinas River, obviating the need for supplemental flow, and Nacimiento releases were reduced to minimum fisheries releases of 60 cfs. Subsequently, on February 5, periodic inspection and testing of Nacimiento's high level gates required a temporary release of water through the gates, resulting in a daily average flowrate of approximately 90 cfs on that day. Nacimiento releases were subsequently reduced to a target flow of 60 cfs to support fish habitat below the dams. On February 18, during the storms occurring over the Presidents Day weekend, an outage of the Nacimiento hydropower plant resulted in a shift in releases to a combination of valves and bypass flow requiring a slight increase in releases (to about 80 cfs) to avoid valve cavitation. San Antonio Reservoir has remained at minimum fisheries releases of 10 cfs since the end of conservation releases on October 27, 2023.

INFLOW: Rainfall through the region this winter has generated inflow to both reservoirs. Since December 18, storage volume at Nacimiento reservoir has increased by approximately 112,000 acre-feet and storage volume at San Antonio Reservoir has increased by approximately 33,000 acre-feet.

SALINAS LAGOON: High tides and large waves on December 28 and 30, 2023 caused the Salinas Lagoon to fill to over 7 feet in elevation. Agency staff managed the sandbar to open the lagoon to the ocean on January 4, 2024. The lagoon has remained open to the ocean since this action and recent Salinas River stormflows have stabilized the river mouth.

Releases as of February 22, 2024:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 79 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

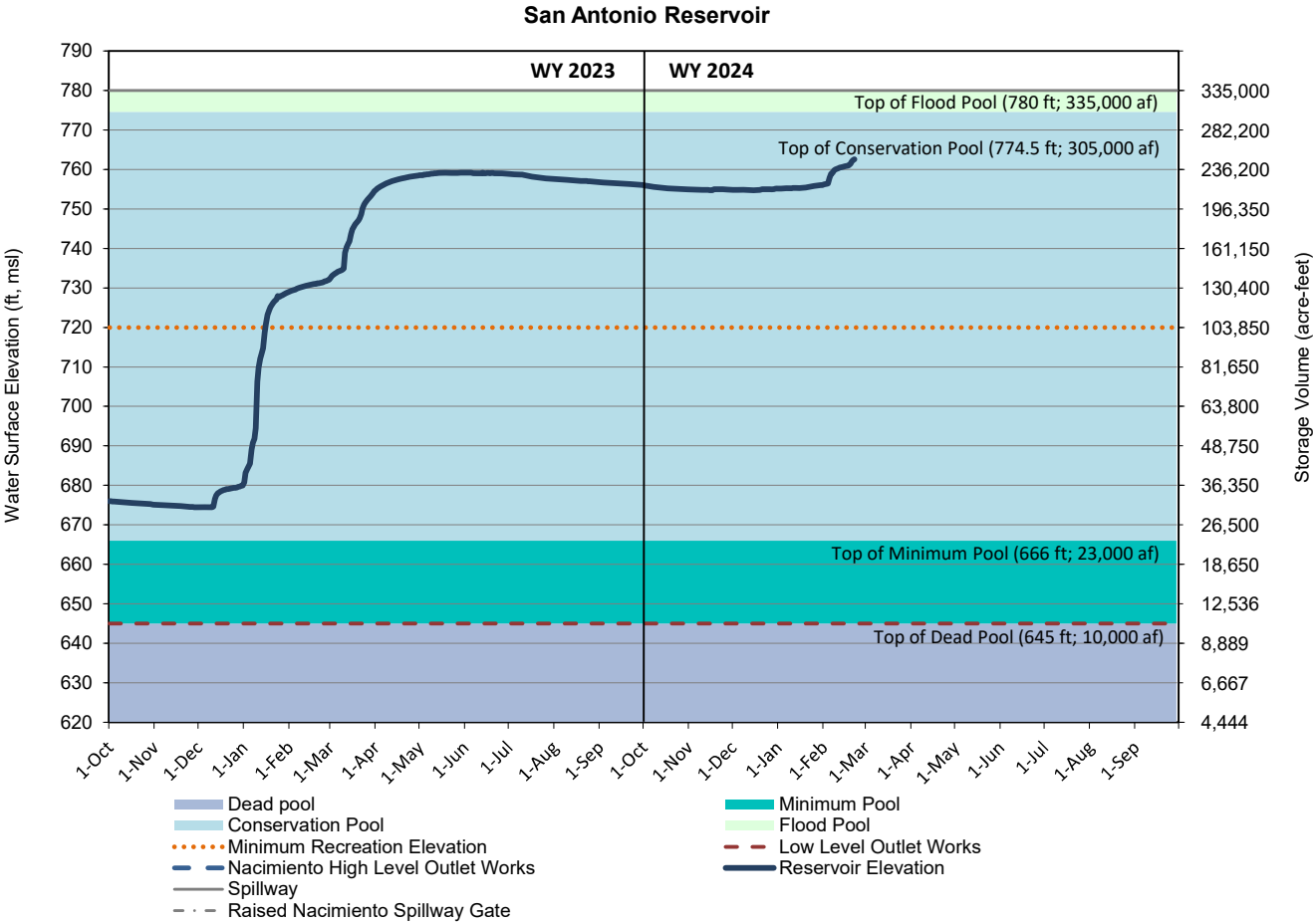
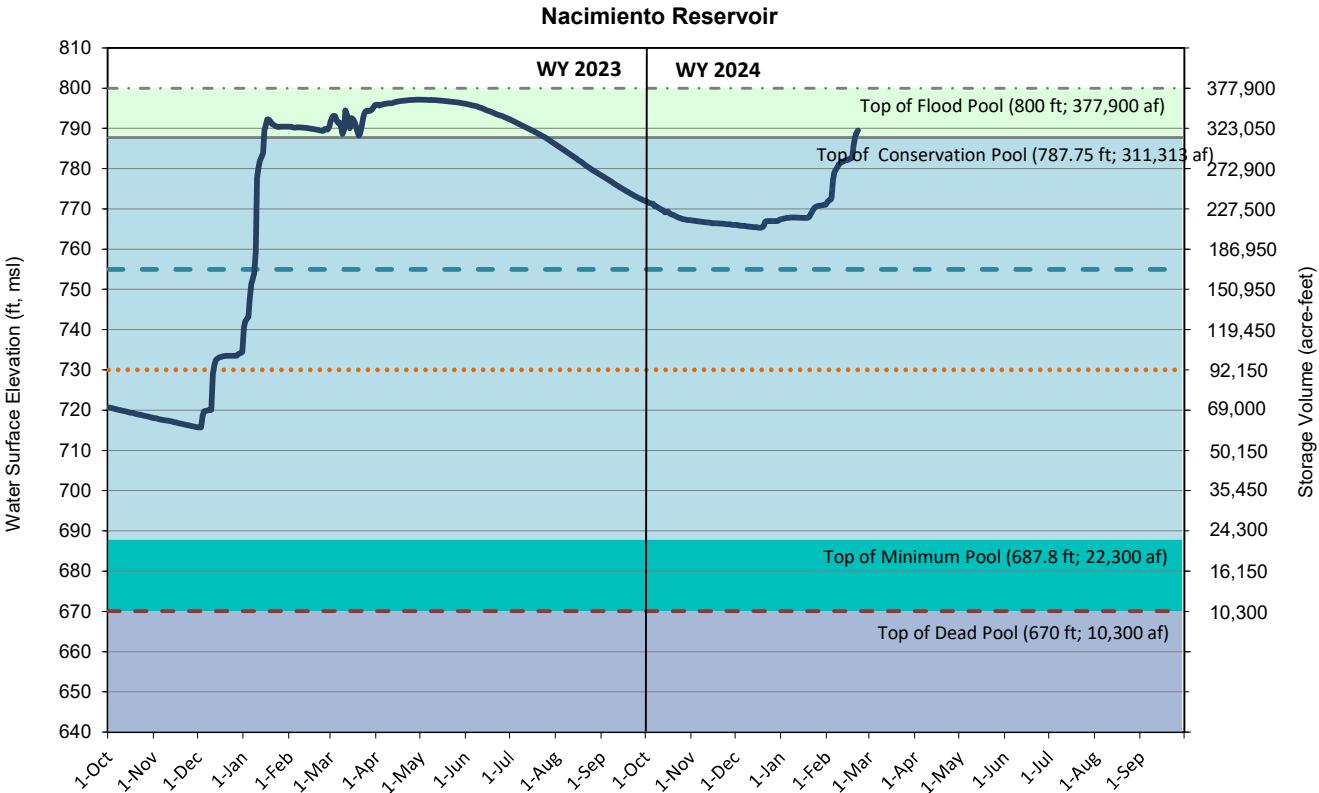
Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 89 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 1,490 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 2,340 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 2,550 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 2,010 cfs

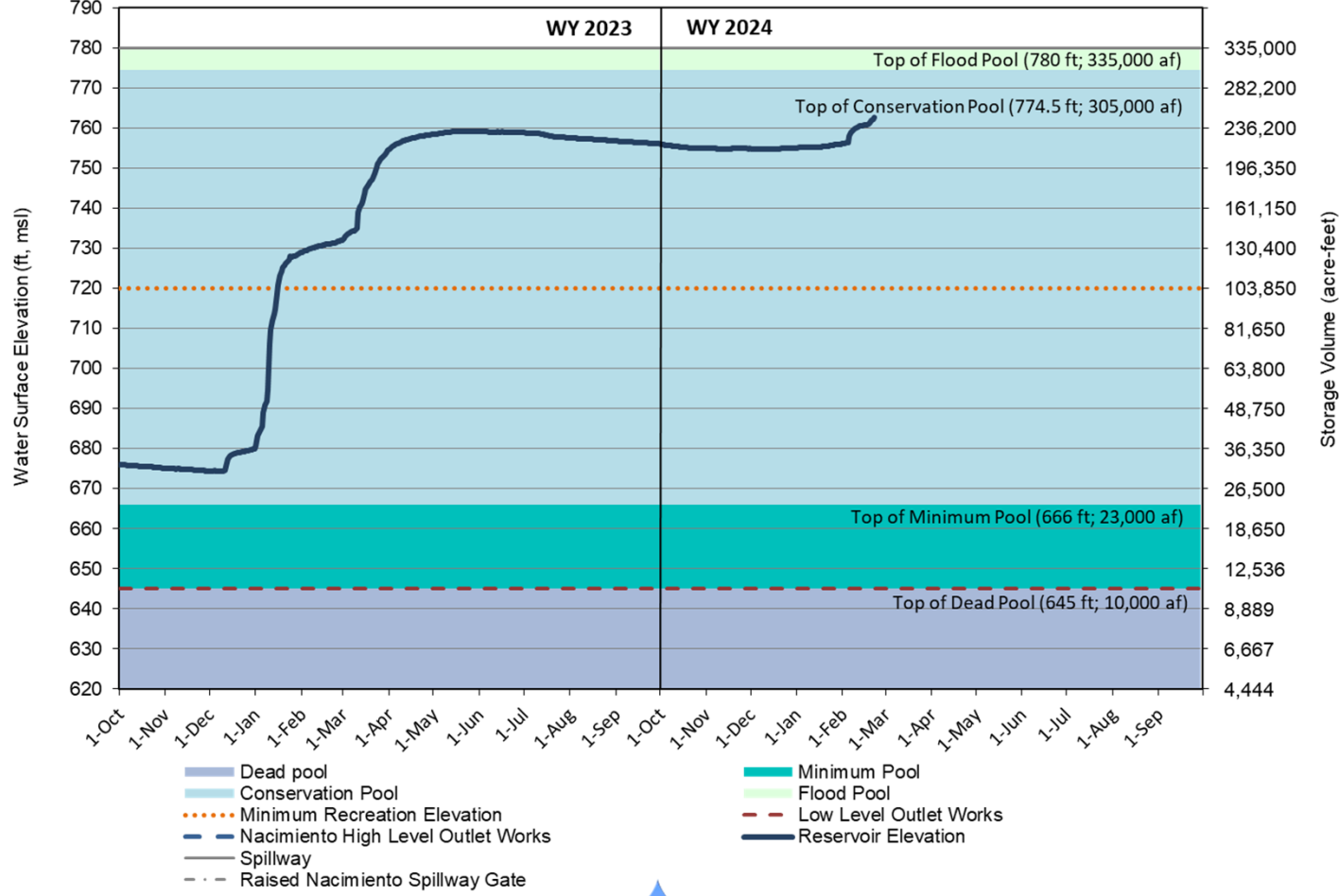
Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes Since October 27, 2023

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Reservoir Elevation and Storage



San Antonio Reservoir

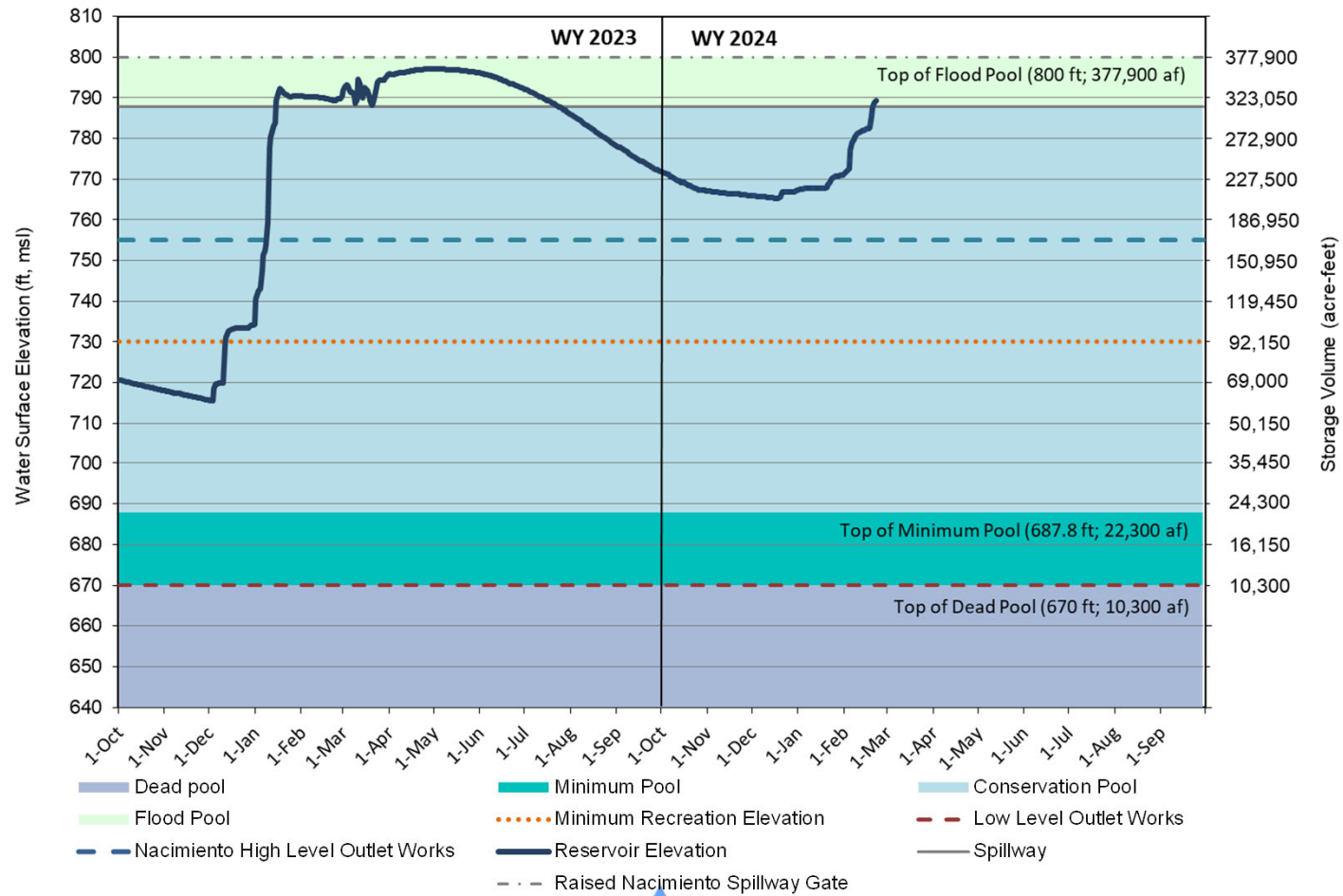


Current Reservoir Conditions (2/22/24)

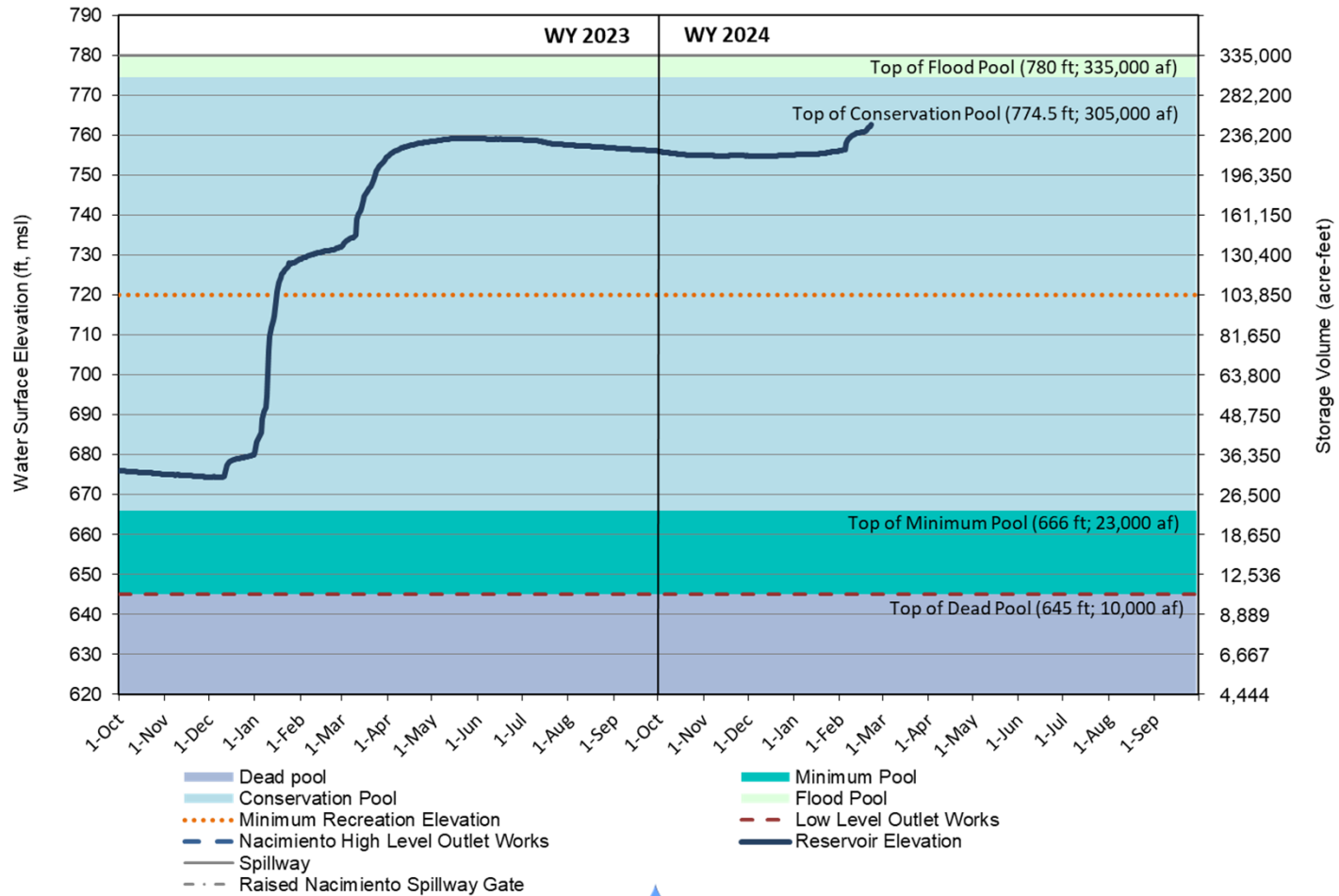
	Nacimiento	San Antonio
Percentage of Capacity	85%	74%
Elevation (ft.)	789.4	762.5
Storage (ac-ft)	319,900	247,100
Releases (cfs)	79	10



Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir

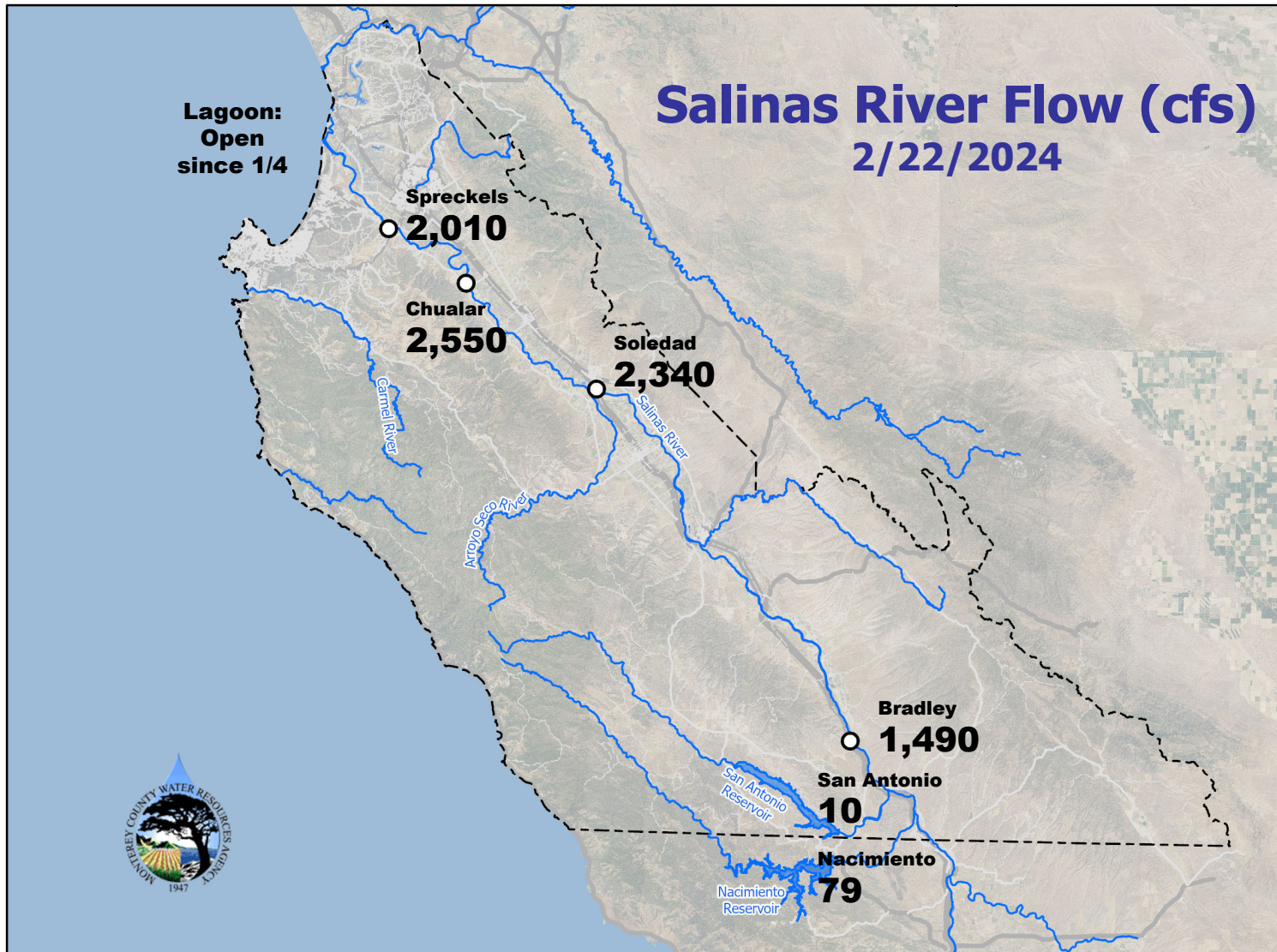


Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes

Since October 27, 2023

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		
Date	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Total Releases
October 27, 2023	10	10	245	60	70
February 1, 2024	10	10	60	300	310
February 3, 2024	10	10	300	60	70







County of Monterey

Item No.3

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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February 29, 2024

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Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

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



County of Monterey

Item No.4

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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February 29, 2024

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Version: 1

Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Update on the San Antonio Spillway (Staff Presenting; Elise Ramirez)



County of Monterey

Item No.5

Board Report

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

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February 29, 2024

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



County of Monterey

Item No.6

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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February 29, 2024

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