County of Monterey

Schilling Government Center
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901

Meeting Agenda - Final

MEETING CANCELLED

Thursday, September 24, 2026
1:30 PM

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

Water Resources Advisory Committee

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comments

Committee Member Comments

Presentations

1. Overview of the Agency's Water Rights Permits and Licenses related to Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs (Presenter: Anne Williams) — **WRAG 26-263**

3. Updates to Arundo donax evapotranspiration rate estimates for the Salinas River and implications for management. (Presenter: Emily Zefferman) — **WRAG 26-289**

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting held on July 30, 2026. **WRAG 26-257**

Attachments: Final WRAC Minutes July 30, 2026

Staff Reports

4. Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein & Casey DeLay) **WRAG 26-261**

Attachments: Reservoir Storage Release Update Report Sept 2026

5. Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Dams (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers) **WRAG 26-262**

Status Reports

6.
- Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities
- County of San Luis Obispo Activities
- Invasive Mussel Protection Program Update

WRAG 26-255

Calendar

7. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items. **WRAG 26-256**

Adjournment

County of Monterey

Board Report

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Item No.1

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Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, David Bunn, Steve McIntyre, Grant Cremers, Dennis Lebow, Robin Lee, Douglas Blois, Patrick Breen
Absent: Jason Smith, Jon Conatser, Doug Scattini, Nathan Merkel, Anna McKenna

Public Comments

None

Committee Member Comments

Dennis Lebow, John Baillie

Presentations

1. Update on The Nacimiento Intake Actuator Replacement Project (Staff Presenting: Mark Foxworthy)

Committee Comments: David Bunn, John Baillie
Public Comments: None

2. Update on the San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project (Staff Presenting: Elise Harden)

Committee Comments: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Douglas Blois, Patrick Breen, Robin Lee, Dennis Lebow, Grant Cremers

Public Comments: None

Consent Calendar

Upon the Motion by Ken Ekelund, Seconded by Steve McIntyre the committee has approced the Consent Calendar for the Water Resources Advisory Committee.

3. Approve the Minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting held on April 30, 2026.

Staff Reports

4. Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein, Casey DeLay)

Committee Comments: Grant Cremers, Robin Lee, John Baillie, Dennis Lebow
Public Comments: None

5. Operation and Maintenance Activities at the Dams (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

Committee Comments: None
Public Comments: None

6. Update on the Status of the Agency's Grazing Lease Renewals (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

Committee Comments: John Baillie, Robin Lee, Ken Ekelund, Steve McIntyre
Public Comments: None

7. Overview of Water Year 2026 Quarter 3 Salinas Valley Quarterly Water Conditions Report (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

Committee Comments: Robin Lee, Dennis Lebow, John Baillie
Public Comments: None

Status Reports

Committee Comments: John Baillie, Dennis Lebow, Ken Ekelund

Public Comments: None

8.
- Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities
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Calendar

9. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

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Board Report

Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-261

Item No.4

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168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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October 29, 2026

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Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows (Staff Presenting: Joey Klein & Casey DeLay)

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

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

RAINFALL: There was no significant rainfall.

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of September 17, 2026, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 739.95 feet (NGVD 29), with 160,988 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 746.5 feet, with 139,325 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 48% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 37% 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 of downstream fish habitat.

Releases as of September 17, 2026:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 400 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 70 cfs

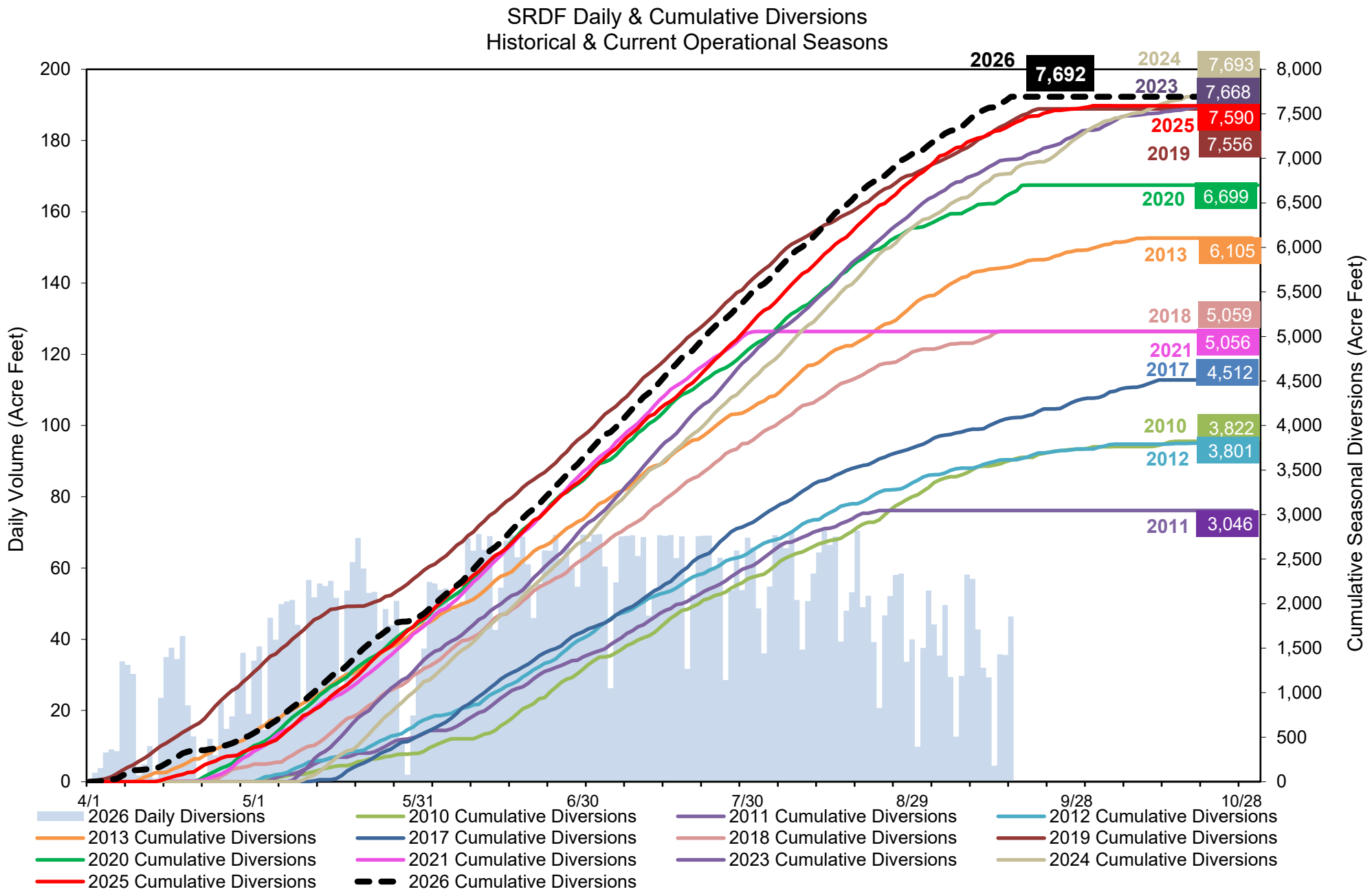
Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 470 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam: 395 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 419 cfs
- Salinas River near King City: 348 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 211 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 78 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 50 cfs

SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION FACILITY: Diversions started April 6. As of September 17, SRDF has diverted 7,692 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.

Prepared by: Casey DeLay, Hydrologist (831) 755-4860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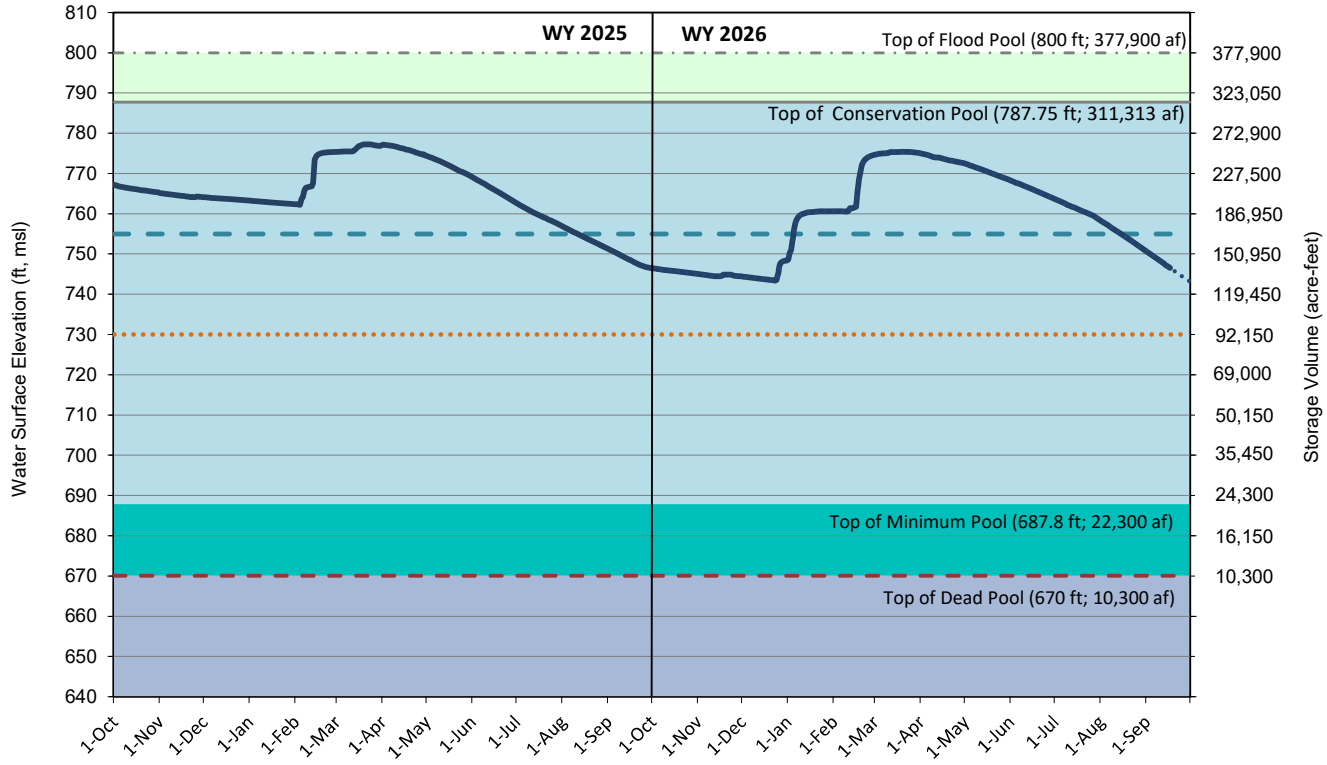
Reservoir Elevation and Storage

Nacimiento Reservoir



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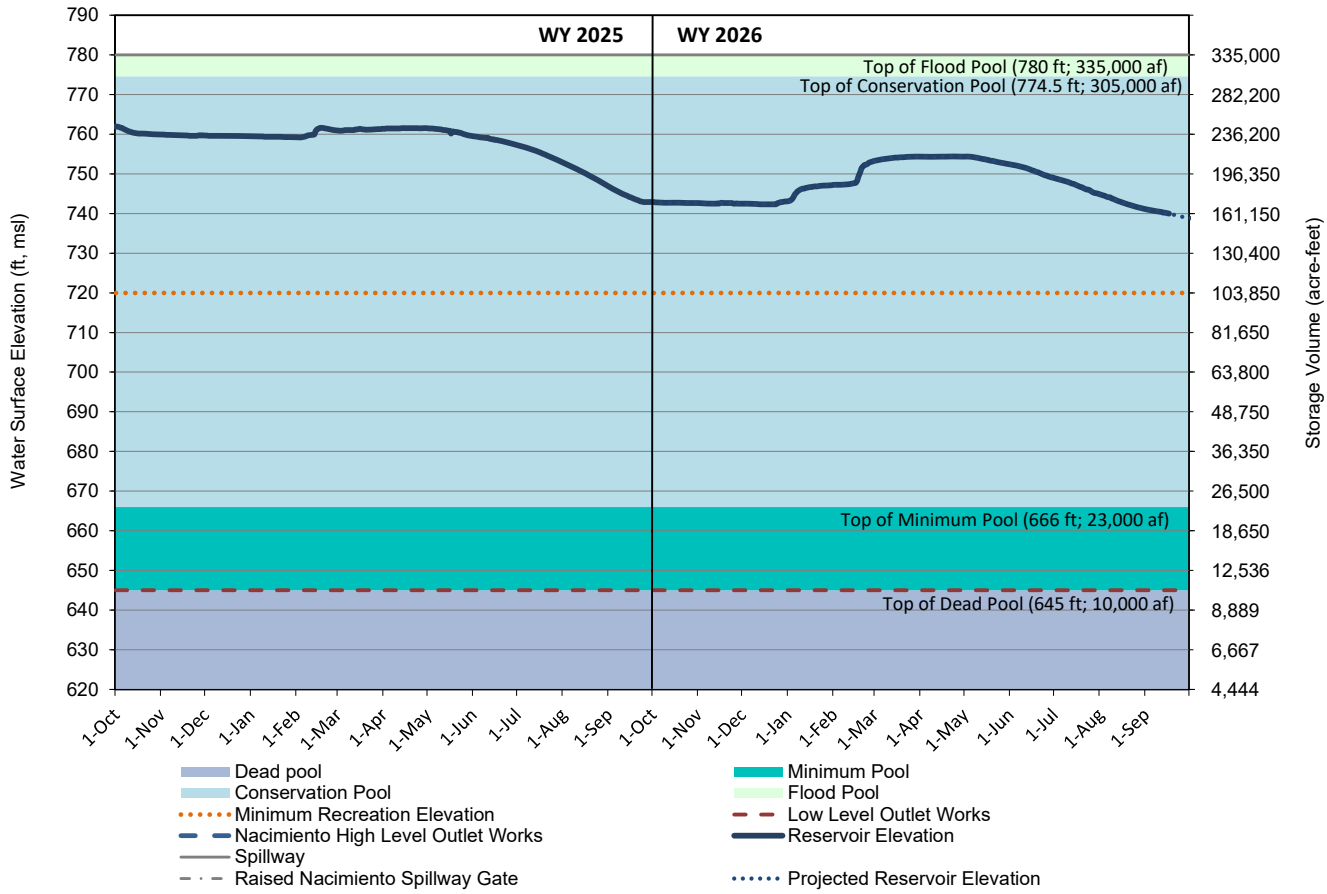

RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2026

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			NACIMIENTO								SAN ANTONIO					
Month	Combined Releases (cfs)[1]	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs)[1]	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	NWP Orders (ac-ft)	NWP Diversions (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage (ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs)[1]	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage (ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)
Jan	70	4,328	350	60	3,713	600	54	**146,210**	39%	**748.6**	520	10	615	**171,473**	51%	**743.1**
Feb	72	4,129	367	62	3,554	553	72	**189,290**	50%	**760.6**	450	10	575	**185,898**	55%	**747.2**
Mar	89	5,496	731	79	4,881	696	91	**248,200**	66%	**774.7**	1,027	10	615	**209,065**	62%	**753.4**
Apr	249	14,789	1,464	230	13,698	677	114	**249,100**	66%	**774.9**	1,848	18	1,091	**212,785**	64%	**754.3**
May	374	22,981	2,616	262	16,084	1,616	205	**237,520**	63%	**772.3**	2,859	112	6,897	**212,785**	64%	**754.3**
Jun	451	26,855	3,331	261	15,543	2,129	236	**219,163**	58%	**768.1**	3,185	190	11,312	**204,850**	61%	**752.3**
Jul	498	30,609	2,585	285	17,550	2,188	409	**200,546**	53%	**763.5**	2,438	212	13,059	**191,920**	57%	**748.8**
Aug	584	35,935	2,290	398	24,443	2,188	626	**179,350**	47%	**758.0**	2,078	187	11,492	**177,025**	53%	**744.7**
Sep	451	26,841	1,745	390	23,181	2,144		**152,158**	40%	**750.4**	1,594	62	3,660	**164,333**	49%	**741.0**
Oct	212	13,012	1,150	202	12,397	1,369		**125,662**	33%	**742.1**	1,106	10	615	**159,260**	48%	**739.4**
Nov	70	4,165	580	60	3,570	996		**111,394**	29%	**737.2**	579	10	595	**157,440**	47%	**738.9**
Dec	70	4,304	358	60	3,689	594		**106,277**	28%	**735.4**	374	10	615	**156,215**	47%	**738.5**
Jan 2026								**101,787**	27%	**733.7**				**155,220**	46%	**738.2**
Totals		**193,444**	**17,567**		**142,304**	**15,750**	**1,807**				**18,057**		**51,141**			

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Notes:

1. Mean daily flow for the month in cubic feet per second.
2. Shaded areas denote actual values. Non-shaded areas are projected values.
3. Nacimiento Reservoir storage capacity: 377,900 acre feet; San Antonio Reservoir storage capacity: 335,000 acre feet.
4. Water Resources Advisory Committee may make release considerations for holiday periods to benefit recreation.
5. Schedule assumes no additional storm events that provide inflow to reservoirs. Actual elevations and or releases may be influenced by inflow.
6. "NWP Diversions" are San Luis Obispo County - Nacimiento Water Project conveyance facilities diversions. Max. allowable water year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) diversions: 15,750 ac-ft.
7. Nacimiento "NWP Diversions" do not include lakeside water use which is estimated at approximately 1,750 acre feet per year.
8. Releases from Nacimiento reservoir were limited to 280 cfs or less due to planed maintenance activities completed in late July. Nacimiento releases may exceed 280 cfs now that mainteance activities are complete.

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	10	10	60	120	130
March 30	10	10	120	180	190
April 2	10	10	180	230	240
April 6	10	50	230	300	350
April 7	50	80	300	280	360
April 10	80	10	280	280	290
April 15	10	10	280	220	230
April 24	10	10	220	180	190
April 29	10	10	180	220	230
May 1	10	10	220	280	290
May 4	10	50	280	280	330
May 5	50	90	280	280	370
May 6	90	130	280	280	410
June 1	130	105	280	280	385
June 8	105	145	280	280	425
June 9	145	205	280	280	485
June 14	205	245	280	280	525
June 24	245	205	280	280	485
June 29	205	165	280	280	445
July 9	165	190	280	280	470
July 10	190	220	280	280	500
July 15	220	260	280	280	540
July 21	260	260	280	240	500
July 27	260	160	240	400	560
July 30	160	190	400	400	590
July 30	160	190	400	400	590
Aug. 6	190	220	400	400	620
Aug. 14	220	200	400	400	600
Aug. 19	200	175	400	400	575
Aug. 27	175	135	400	400	535
Aug. 31	135	100	400	400	500
Sept. 4	100	70	400	400	470
Sept. 9	70	100	400	400	500
Sept. 16	100	70	400	400	470

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