Monterey County

1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901

Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, May 27, 2021

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Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

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Roll Call

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Attachments: Draft Action MInutes April 29, 2021

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2. Reservoir Release Update

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Attachments: ReservoirReleaseScheduleUpdate

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Adjournment

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Board Report

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Item No.1

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May 27, 2021

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Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis, Eric Morgan, Wes Thomson, Kevin Piearcy, Jon Anthony, Blll Lipe, Don Bullard, Patrick Collins
Absent: Benny Jefferson, John Huerta, Jr., Layla Decker

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 25, 2021.

Attachments: Draft Action Minutes March 25, 2021

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis and Second by Mark Gonzalez the Committee approved the Minutes of the Resrvoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting held on March 25, 2021.

Ayes: Baillie, Ekelund, Gonzalez, Simis, Morgan, Thomson, Piearcy, Anthony, Lipe, Bullard, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: Jefferson, Huerta and Decker

Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Release Update

Attachments: Reservoir Release Update Report

3. Update on the release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2021

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4. Update on operations and maintenance activities at the reservoirs

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Calendar

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.35 p.m.

Monterey County

Board Report

Legistar File Number: WRARO 21-039

Item No.2

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

May 27, 2021

Introduced: 5/19/2021
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Matter Type: WRA ResOps Item

Reservoir Release Update

Reservoir Release Update

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of May 18, 2021, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 693.1 feet (NGVD 29), with 53,195 acre-feet of storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 739.3 feet, with 117,385 acre-feet of storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 16% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 31% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: The Agency has been making conservation releases from both reservoirs since April 5 to recharge the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and provide flow to the Salinas River Diversion Facility. Current combined release rates are 510 cfs (395 cfs from Nacimiento Reservoir and 115 cfs from San Antonio Reservoir).

The Salinas River Lagoon has been closed to the ocean since March 3, 2021.

Minor deviations in release rates are not presented in this report but are documented in the Salinas Valley Water Project Annual Flow Reports.

Releases as of May 18, 2021:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 395 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 115 cfs

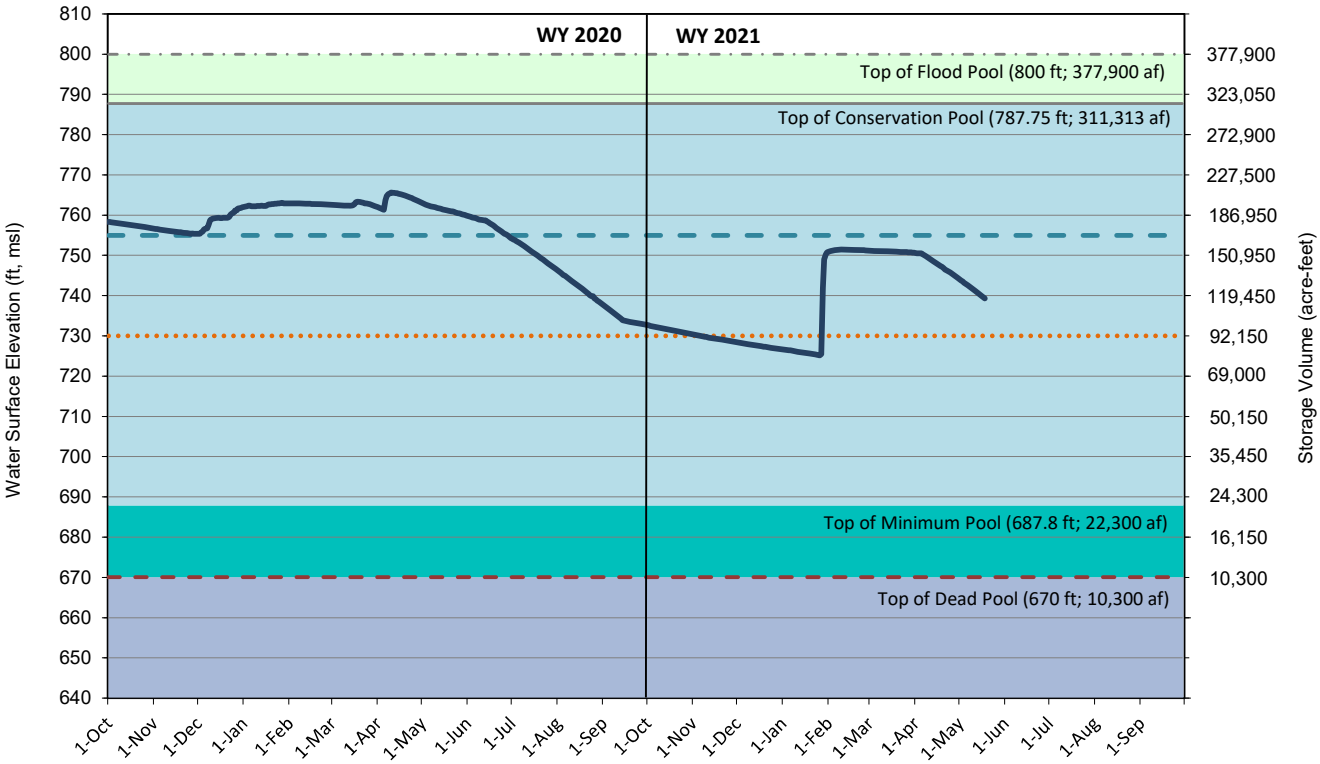
Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 510 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 450 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 247 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 86 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 33 cfs

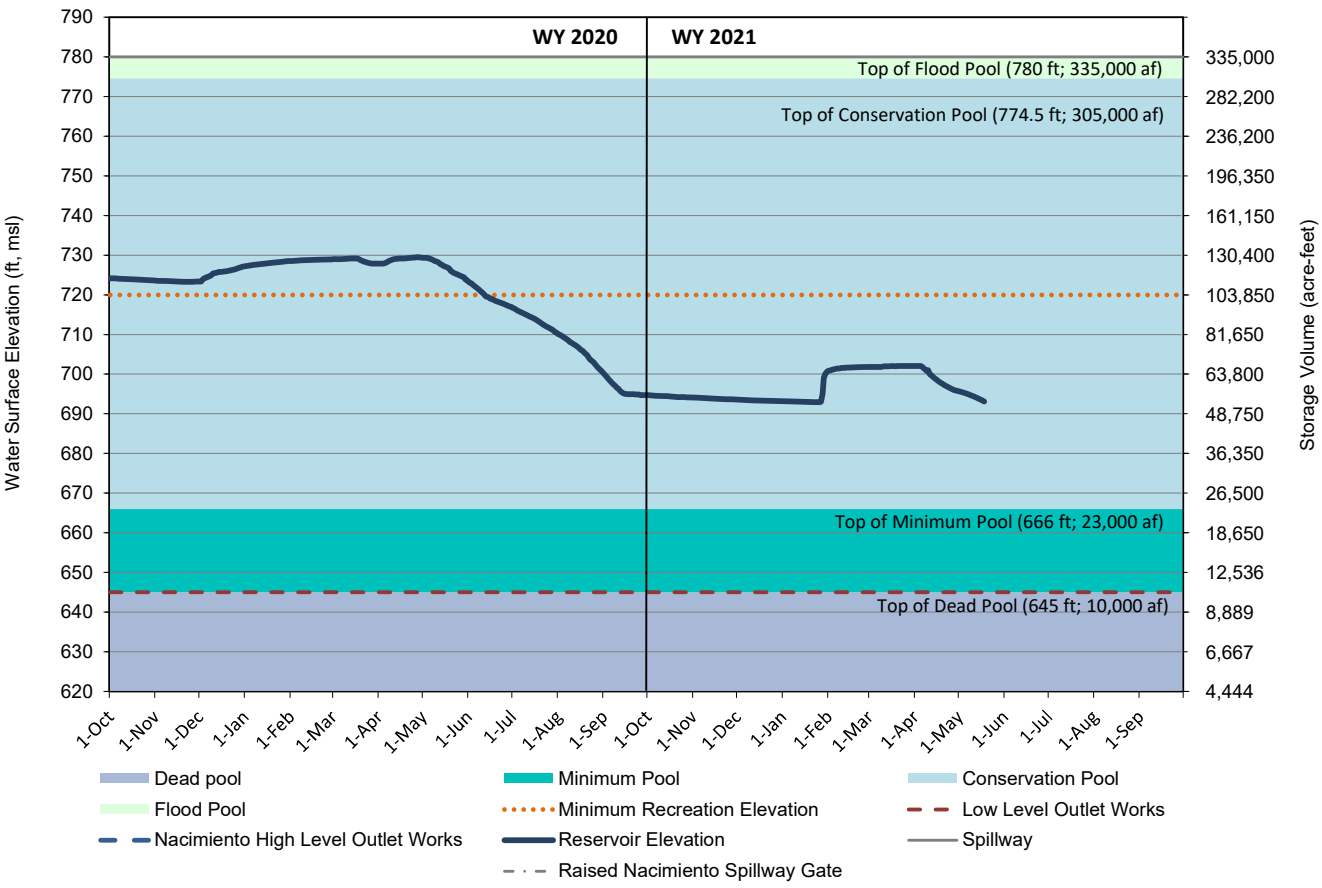
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Reservoir Elevation and Storage

Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes from
September 14, 2020 to May 18, 2021

	San Antonio Reservoir		Nacimiento Reservoir		
Date	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Starting Flow	Ending Flow	Total Releases
September 14, 2020	285	10	355	155	165
September 15, 2020	10	10	155	60	70
April 5, 2021	10	300	60	395	695
April 14, 2021	300	200	395	395	595
April 21, 2021	200	150	395	395	545
April 27, 2021	150	110	395	395	505
April 28, 2021	110	75	395	395	470
May 7, 2021	75	115	395	395	510

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Board Report

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Item No.3

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Update on the release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2021

RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)[1]	Combined Releases (ac ft)	NACIMIENTO								SAN ANTONIO					
			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	74	4,552	351	64	3,937	488	0	**83,840**	22%	**726.6**	196	10	615	**53,268**	16%	**693.2**
Feb	70	4,044	566	60	3,469	806	0	**154,055**	41%	**750.9**	262	10	575	**65,120**	19%	**700.8**
Mar	70	4,304	616	60	3,689	1,105	2	**154,745**	41%	**751.1**	329	10	615	**66,688**	20%	**701.8**
Apr	536	31,889	1,004	355	21,134	1,092	328	**152,675**	40%	**750.5**	503	181	10,755	**67,182**	20%	**702.1**
May	515	31,671	1,332	369	22,685	1,512		**130,838**	35%	**743.8**	676	146	8,985	**56,750**	17%	**695.5**
Jun	566	33,650	1,560	341	20,291	2,143		**105,693**	28%	**735.2**	840	225	13,359	**47,070**	14%	**688.8**
Jul	387	23,822	1,321	228	14,043	2,211		**81,566**	22%	**725.6**	726	159	9,779	**32,867**	10%	**676.7**
Aug	70	4,304	955	60	3,689	2,210		**63,935**	17%	**717.5**	520	10	615	**22,372**	7%	**665.0**
Sep	70	4,165	711	60	3,570	2,100		**57,169**	15%	**714.0**	415	10	595	**21,240**	6%	**663.5**
Oct	70	4,304	457	60	3,689	1,268		**50,845**	13%	**710.4**	297	10	615	**20,233**	6%	**662.2**
Nov	70	4,165	202	60	3,570	767		**45,473**	12%	**707.1**	153	10	595	**19,326**	6%	**660.9**
Dec	70	4,304	119	60	3,689	460		**40,856**	11%	**704.0**	94	10	615	**18,581**	6%	**659.9**
Jan 2021								**37,171**	10%	**701.3**				**17,896**	5%	**658.9**
Totals		**155,175**	**9,195**		**107,458**	**16,162**	**330**				**5,012**		**47,717**			

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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. Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee may make release considerations for fish spawn and holiday periods to benefit recreation.
5. Schedule assumes no inflow to reservoirs after April 1st. Actual elevations 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.

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Update on Shandon-San Juan Water District Water Right Applications

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Division of Water Rights
Attention: Mr. Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director
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Re: Opposition to Shandon-San Juan Water District's Applications to Appropriate Water (A033189 and A033190)

Dear Mr. Ekdahl,

I am submitting this letter in response to Shandon-San Juan Water District's ("Shandon") applications to appropriate water from the Nacimiento River Stream System (A033190), and from the Salinas River Stream System (A033189). The Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA") has serious concerns with the two applications, does not believe Shandon will be able to adequately address the applications' deficiencies and respectively request that these applications be rejected.

First, in response to Ms. Rhyne-Christensen's letter to Shandon from March 5, 2021, MCWRA has not given Shandon right of access to Nacimiento Reservoir and does not consent to its proposed use of Nacimiento. In fact, Shandon has not even approached MCWRA on this issue. Second, MCWRA fully utilizes its water rights (License 7543 and Permit 21089) for Nacimiento and intends to continue this use. Third, portions of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin are in critical overdraft and increased diversions on the Nacimiento and Salinas Rivers impact senior water right holders and riparian users.

MCWRA requests that any additional information that is submitted to or prepared by the State Board, related to these applications, be forwarded to MCWRA for our review. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at 831-901-6703 or bucheb@co.monterey.ca.us.

Sincerely,

E-signed 5/18/2021

Brent Buche

cc: Erica Rhyne-Christensen, SWRCB
Shelby Witherby, SWRCB

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Update on operations and maintenance activities at the reservoirs

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Update on Division of Safety of Dams Requirements

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Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.