

Monterey County

1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 30, 2021

1:30 PM

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Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations

Advisory Committee

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Vacancy (4)

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

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Attachments: [Draft Minutes ResOps August 26, 2021](#)

Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Release Update

Attachments: [Reservoir Release Update](#)

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10. Update on Drought Conditions

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11. Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
Quagga/Zebra Mussel Plan by SLO County and MCWRA
Cloud Seeding by SLO County
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Calendar

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Adjournment



Monterey County

Item No.1

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matthw Simis, Eric Morgan, Kevin Piearcy, Jon Anthony, Bill Lipe, Layla Decker

Absent: Benny Jefferson, Wes Thomson, John Huerta, Don Bullard, Patrick Collins

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 29, 2021.

Attachments: [Draft Action Minutes July 29, 2021](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis and Second by Bill Lipe, the Committee approved the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 29, 2021.

Ayes: Baillie, Ekelund, Gonzalez, Simis, Morgan Piearcy, Anthony, Lipe, Decker

Noes: None

Absent: Jefferson, Thomson, Huerta, Bullard, Collins

Scheduled Items

2. Consider receiving an update on the Lease of Monterey County Water Resources Agency land at San Antonio Reservoir to County of Monterey - Monterey County Public Works Facilities and Parks; and support authorizing the General Manager to continue negotiations.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Resolution No. 69-160](#)
 [Resolution No. 82-80](#)

Upon Motion by Mark Gonzalez and SEcond by Bill Lipe the Committee received an update on the Lease of Monterey County Water Resources Agency land at San Antonio Reservoir to County of Monterey - Monterey County Public Works Facilities and Parks; and b. Supported authorizing the General Manager to continue negotiations.

Ayes: Baillie, Ekelund, Gonzalez, Simis, Morgan Piearcy, Anthony, Lipe, Decker

Noes: None

Absent: Jefferson, Thomson, Huerta, Bullard, Collins

Staff Reports

3. Reservoir Release Update

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Quagga/Zebra Mussel Plan
Cloud Seeding
San Luis Obispo County Activities
National Marine Fisheries Service
Drought Update

Calendar

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.



Monterey County

Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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September 30, 2021

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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 September 21, 2021, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 665.65 feet (NGVD 29), with 22,870 acre-feet of storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 706.85 feet, with 45,125 acre-feet of storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 7% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 12% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: From April 5 until July 27, the Agency made conservation releases from both reservoirs to recharge the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and provide flow to the Salinas River Diversion Facility. Due to limited volume in the reservoirs, conservation releases were halted on July 28. The Agency has since made releases of approximately 60 cfs from Nacimiento Reservoir and 10 cfs from San Antonio Reservoir to support fish habitat below the dams.

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 September 21, 2021:

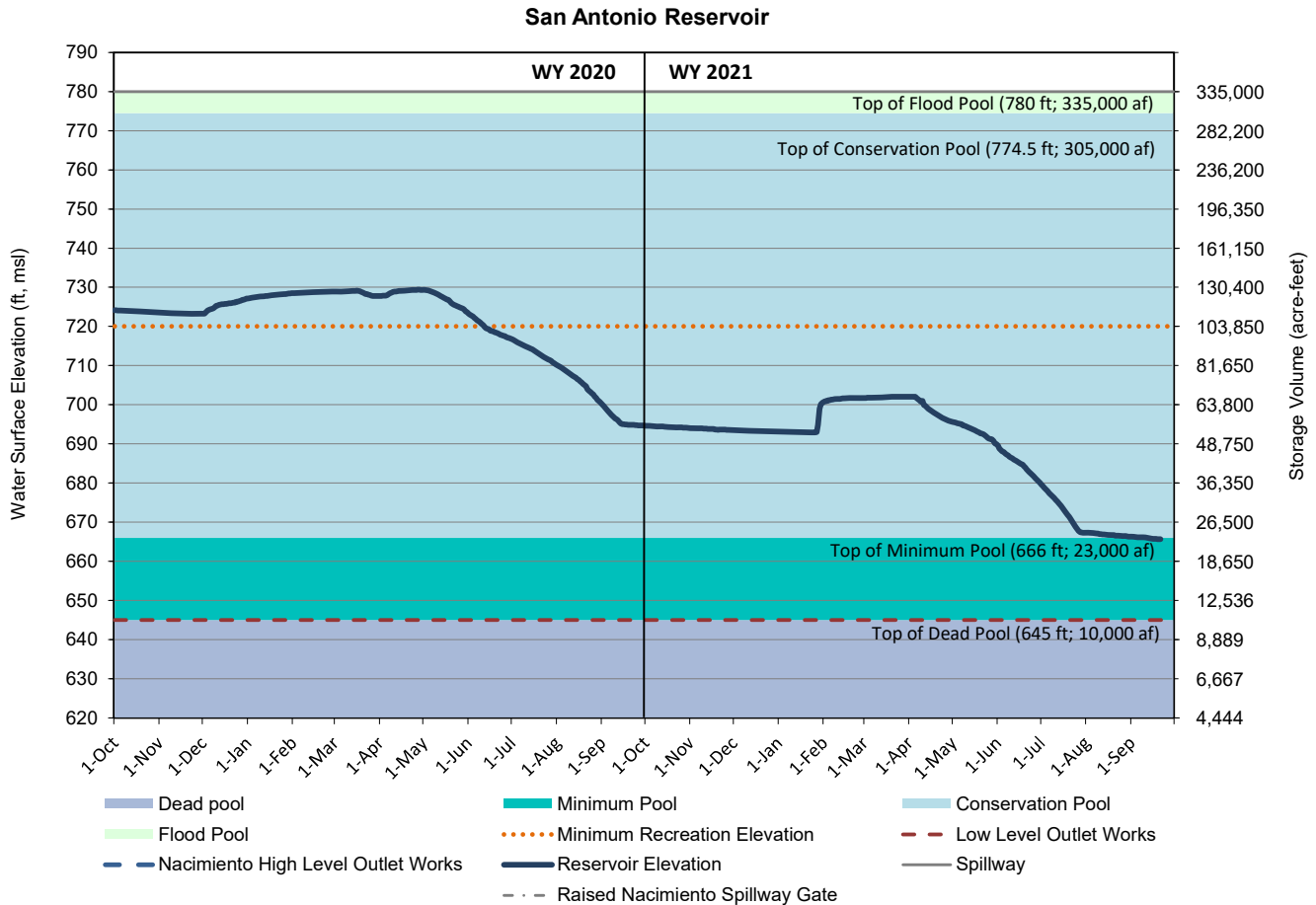
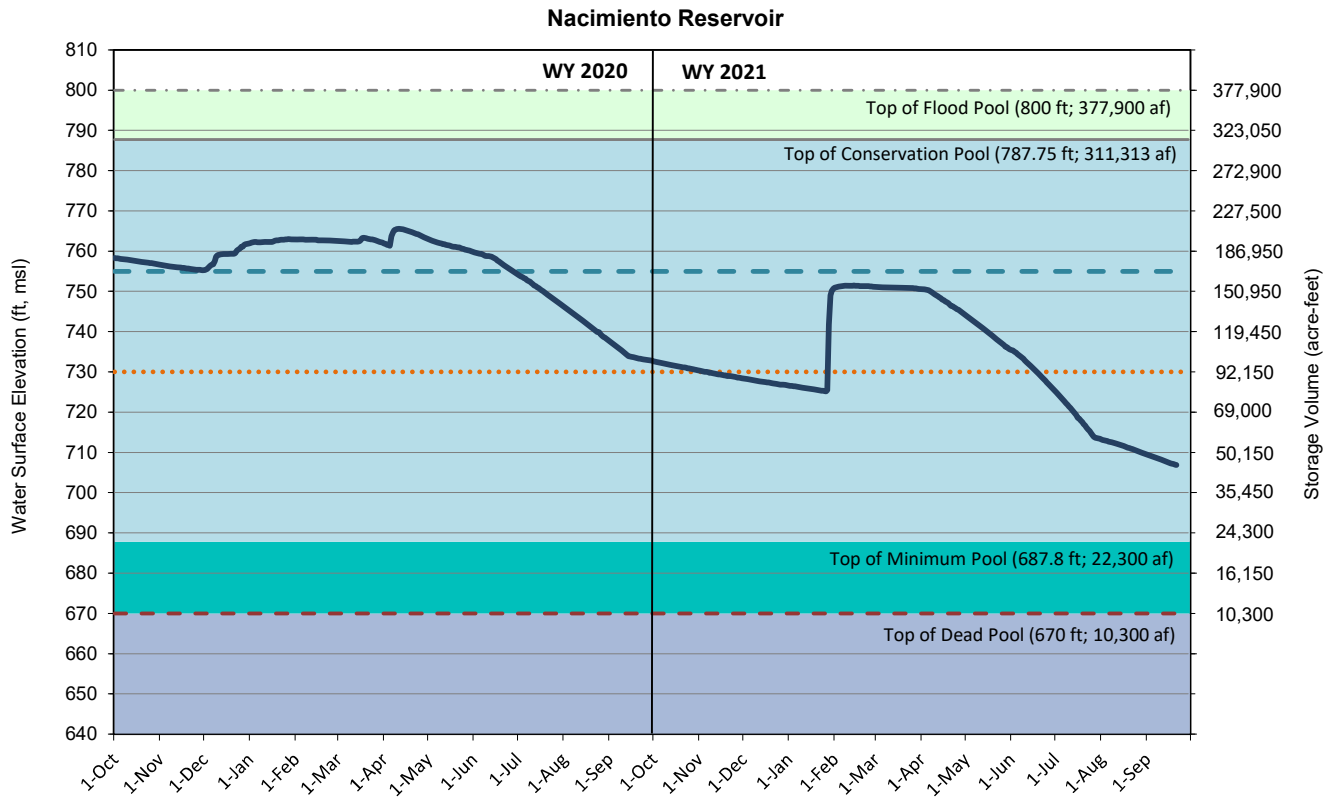
- Nacimiento Reservoir: 66 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 76 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 71 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 0 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 0 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 0 cfs

Prepared by: Peter Kwiek, Associate Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Reservoir Elevation and Storage



Synopsis of Reservoir Release Changes Since April 5, 2021

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*Change due to reservoir head loss. Actual release change occurred gradually over several days.

** Release values since the end of conservation season have ranged between approximately 60-70 cfs due to changing conditions and needed ongoing changes in the method of release.



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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		Elev. (ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) ¹	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage		Elev. (ft)
								(ac-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	598	60	3,689	1,105	2	154,745	41%	751.1	329	10	615	66,688	20%	701.8
Apr	536	31,889	1,041	355	21,134	1,092	328	152,675	40%	750.5	503	181	10,755	67,182	20%	702.1
May	521	32,028	1,321	378	23,251	1,512	815	130,838	35%	743.8	674	143	8,777	56,750	17%	695.5
Jun	594	35,372	1,605	399	23,768	2,143	1,223	106,075	28%	735.3	798	195	11,603	47,148	14%	688.9
Jul	530	32,579	1,403	345	21,219	2,211	1,297	79,360	21%	724.7	656	185	11,360	35,470	11%	679.2
Aug	77	4,758	1,153	67	4,143	2,210	1,283	55,580	15%	713.1	519	10	615	24,190	7%	667.3
Sep	76	4,537	873	66	3,942	2,100		49,078	13%	709.4	419	10	595	23,390	7%	666.3
Oct	70	4,304	573	60	3,689	1,268		42,780	11%	705.3	299	10	615	22,518	7%	665.2
Nov	70	4,165	274	60	3,570	767		37,293	10%	701.4	155	10	595	21,610	6%	664.0
Dec	70	4,304	163	60	3,689	460		32,606	9%	697.7	94	10	615	20,863	6%	663.0
Jan 2021								28,878	8%	694.6				20,177	6%	662.1
Totals		166,837	9,923		119,502	16,162	4,948				4,904		47,334			

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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 operations and maintenance activities at the reservoirs



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Update on Division of Safety of Dams Requirements



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Update on Interlake Tunnel Project



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Update on the San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council Grant



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Update on Boat Docks



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Update on the Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program



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Update on Drought Conditions



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Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
Quagga/Zebra Mussel Plan by SLO County and MCWRA
Cloud Seeding by SLO County
San Luis Obispo County Activities
National Marine Fisheries Service



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Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.