

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of June 9, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 759.0 feet (NGVD 29), with 231,950 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 767.4 feet, with 216,430 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 69% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 57% of capacity.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: The Agency facilitated a breach of the lagoon to alleviate localized flooding in accordance with the Agency's Sandbar Management Plan on Saturday, February 15th, 2025. The lagoon began to close on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and was confirmed closed by agency staff on Friday, May 16, 2025. Agency staff cleaned debris and sand from the Old Salinas River approach and slide gate on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases are being made from both reservoirs for beneficial uses including groundwater recharge, operation of the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and to allow for downstream fish passage to the Salinas Lagoon. Approximate releases as of June 9, 2025:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 390 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 75 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 465 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam 390 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 490 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 204 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 95 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 38 cfs

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