

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of August 12, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 743.3 feet (NGVD 29), with 172,335 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 755.6 feet, with 170,686 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 51% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 45% of capacity.

RAINFALL: There was no significant rainfall.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: The Salinas River Lagoon remains closed to the ocean.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Releases of the 2026 conservation release season began from Nacimiento reservoir on March 26, 2026. Conservation releases began from San Antonio Reservoir on April 6, 2026. Releases have generally increased throughout the summer as conditions continue to dry. After completion of maintenance work on the low level outlet works at Nacimiento Dam, releases have been increased from Nacimiento Reservoir and decreased from San Antonio Reservoir, relative to before the completion of work.

Releases as of August 12, 2026:

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| • Nacimiento Reservoir: | 400 cfs |
| • San Antonio Reservoir: | 220 cfs |

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 620 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

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| • Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam: | 400 cfs |
| • Salinas River near Bradley: | 555 cfs |
| • Salinas River near King City: | 451 cfs |
| • Salinas River at Soledad: | 316 cfs |
| • Salinas River near Chualar: | 115 cfs |
| • Salinas River near Spreckels: | 61 cfs |

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