

Personnel:

First, I'd like to report the recruitment of a new maintenance worker for our North County crew, whom we anticipate to join the Agency team on March 23rd. As we welcome a new member to the maintenance team, we also say farewell to Edgar De Leon Rivas, who was recently hired to join our South County maintenance crew but left on March 6th citing family needs. Recruitment for a Water Resources Engineer to assist our CSIP activities remains open until filled and interviews are underway. Lastly, we are working with the County's Human Resources Department to fill positions for a Senior Account Clerk, a Water Resources Technician, and another Water Maintenance Worker.

Groundwater Monitoring Program:

The opportunity for well owners to register their wells for free has been extended until March 31, 2026, thanks to the California Department of Water Resources grant funding made available through the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Agency has been working with the SVBGSA and the District 2 and District 5 Supervisor's offices to set well registration and groundwater management informational workshops. Agency staff participated in three workshops: an in-person workshop held in District 2 in Prunedale on February 24th; a District 2 and District 5 sponsored webinar held on February 25th; and an in-person workshop in District 5 in Corral De Tierra held on March 11th. More information about the Groundwater Monitoring Program and Well Registration can be found at:

[Groundwater Monitoring Program | County of Monterey, CA](#)

[Groundwater Monitoring Program – Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#)

February 25th [Well Registration Workshop](#)

Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework:

In December 2025, the Tri Counties Club sent a letter requesting the Agency consider "... adoption of a clear, uniform transitional compliance framework ..." for enforcement of the Agency's boat dock Licensing Conditions as established by Ordinance 4065, and, generally, Section 7 (b). In response, in January, the Agency's Board of Directors (Agenda Item 13) established an ad-hoc committee to 1) address concerns raised by the Club regarding the timing of Agency enforcement of boat dock program compliance actions and requesting a 2 – 3 year timeframe for transitional compliance, and 2) to consider what other issues warrant reconsideration by the Agency in the context of a potentially more comprehensive revision to the boat dock program and standards.

Subsequently, the ad-hoc committee met to discuss the Club's December letter and to review the Agency's 2025 Boat Dock Survey: Data Collection and Findings. After discussion, the committee concluded: 1) send the Club a response explaining, in response to their request, the Agency intends to take a step back to reconsider current boat dock standards and during this time of reconsideration will not be looking to demand major structural changes of boat docks to enforce

existing standards, but will continue to enforce operating requirements such as payment of annual license fees, insurance, and minor physical compliance requirements such as appropriate anchorage and visible dock numbers; 2) from the directed letter, the Agency will send a more general notice to all boat dock licensees informing them of impending reconsideration and of possible changes to program standards, and 3) staff would review the 2025 report and establish a list of priorities for future discussion.

Attachments:

- February 23, 2026, Agency Response to Tri Counties Club December Request
- December 19, 2025, Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework
- October 2025 Boat Dock Survey: Data Collection and Findings

Town Creek Association Request to Construct a Boat Ramp on Agency Property:

In October 2025, the Town Creek Association presented the Agency with a proposal to construct and manage a permanent boat launch ramp on Agency property at Nacimiento Reservoir. The Association currently leases property from the Agency to access the Reservoir from near the Association's boundary. Agency staff have reviewed the proposal and responded with a letter to Town Creek conveying our comments and questions. In general, the aspirational goals of the project are worthy, but many details would remain to be resolved prior to reaching any agreement about how to proceed. The Association has acknowledged receipt of the letter and will consider its next steps with its board of directors. We have also shared the proposal and Agency response with the County of San Luis Obispo, as they would be lead on any permitting such a project may require. For the time being, the matter is in the hands of Town Creek.

Attachments:

- February 18, 2026, Letter to Town Creek Association
- October 1, 2025, Town Creek Proposal

Dam Safety & Operations Future Funding Strategy:

Agency staff are working to finalize scopes of work for the proposed Dam Materiality General Benefits Study with One Water Econ and the Flood Management and Reduction Benefits Study with FlowWest. The purpose of these studies is to further evaluate the economic benefits of the dams and dam operations to help inform future cost allocation and recovery proposals. The current aim is to bring the scopes for both studies to the Planning Committee for review and the Board of Directors for consideration in April.