

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of November 7, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 742.5 feet (NGVD 29), with 169,575 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 744.7 feet, with 133,735 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 51% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 35% of capacity.

RAINFALL: Recent rounds of rainfall have measurably increased flow in the upper Arroyo Seco and created a small peak in flow at the Salinas River near Bradley gage on October 13 but have not created inflow to either reservoir.

SALINAS RIVER LAGOON: The lagoon has been closed to the ocean since May 16, 2025.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Minimum releases are being made from both reservoirs for maintenance of habitat below the dams. Conservation season releases concluded on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from San Antonio Reservoir, and Friday, September 26, 2025 from Nacimiento Reservoir.

Releases as of November 7, 2025:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 60 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 70 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam 62 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 67 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 19 cfs*
- Salinas River near Chualar: 0 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 0 cfs

*Automated value incorrect, no flow observed.

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