

Reservoir Storage & Release Update

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of February 10, 2025, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 759.70 feet (NGVD 29), with 234,925 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 766.65 feet, with 213,315 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 70% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 56% of capacity.

RAINFALL: Precipitation events in late January had minimal effect on the system while events in early February have produced flow to both reservoirs. Since February 1st storage volumes at San Antonio and Nacimiento reservoirs have increased by approximately 2,300 and 17,000 acre-feet, respectively.

SALINAS LAGOON: The lagoon has been closed to the ocean since July 11, 2024.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: Minimum fisheries releases have continued to be made from both reservoirs since the end of conservation releases in October. Approximate releases as of the morning of February 10, 2024:

- 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:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 67 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 33 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 1 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: No flow

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