

TODAY'S ACTION

Consider receiving the Draft Nacimiento Dam Operation Policy and providing direction to staff



Financial Impact

None



Committee Action

 At the August 31st meeting, the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee received an update and recommended providing a review period of the updated Nacimiento Dam Operation Policy

Presentation

- Actions and comments received since August Res Ops meeting
- Comments not included
- Reservoir elevation information as related to:
 - flood control operation,
 - additional water stored from SVWP, and
 - minimum recreation elevation



Actions and Comments Received

- A presentation was given at the Grower Shipper/Farm Bureau Joint Water Committee meeting in September
- Salinas Valley Water Coalition reiterated comments submitted prior to August Res Ops meeting
- San Luis Obispo County and NRWMAC submitted comments after the August meeting
- Staff considered all comments submitted



Comments not Included in Operation Policy Document

- Significant comments were received, considered and not included:
- 1. Acknowledgement of water rights of Salinas Valley property owners
- 2. Fish migration flows from SVWP EIR
- 3. Flood control rule curve from SVWP EIR
- 4. Description of SVWP Benefits
- 5. Minimum recreation elevation above 750 until after Labor Day



Current Operations Compared to PMF Study Operations

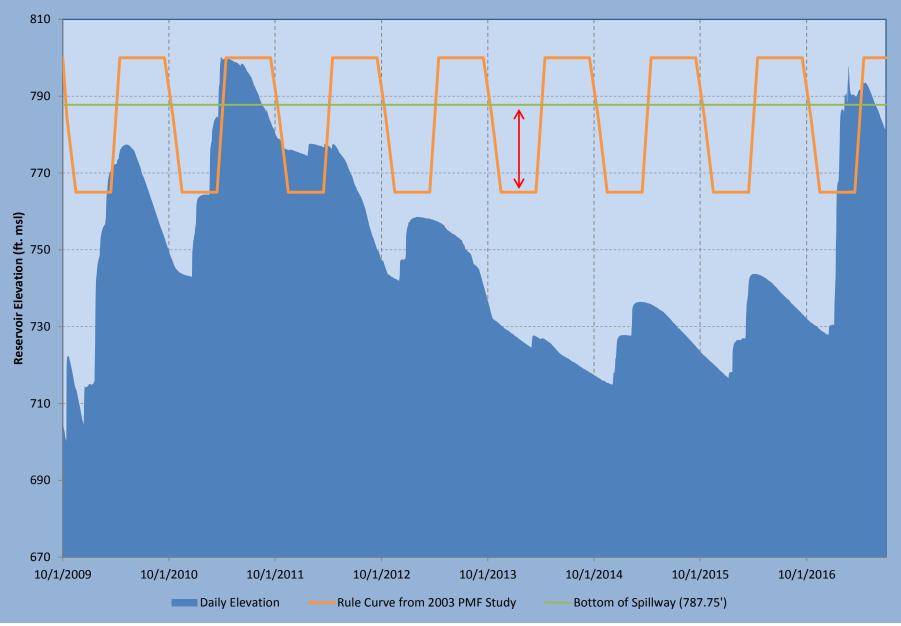
• PMF study in 2003 using HMR 59 PMP data required dropping of flood pool bottom from 777.3 ft. to 765 ft.

Since start of operation of SVWP in 2010:

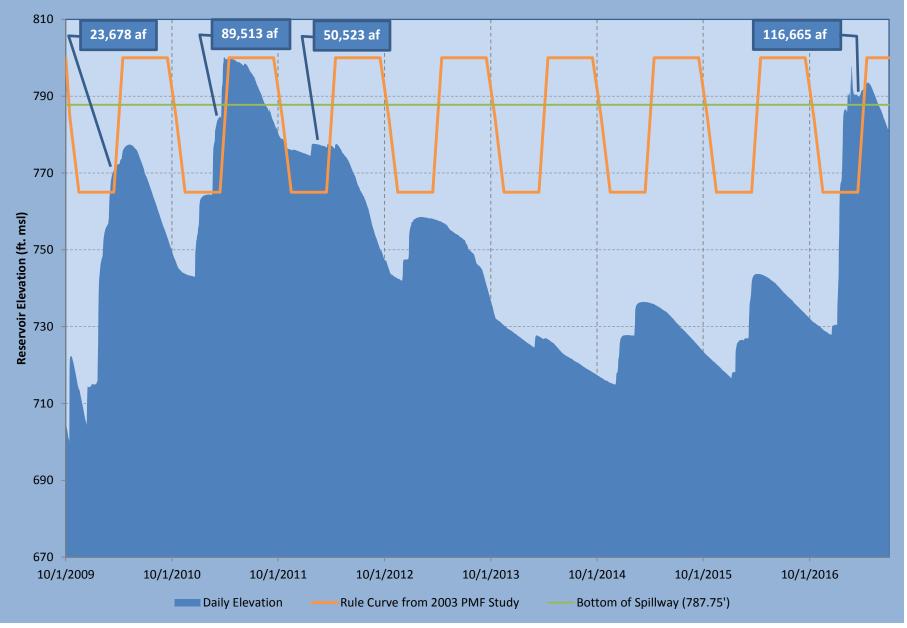
- We have been able to increase storage 4 out of 8 years (average of approx. 35,000 af/yr of additional storage on March 15th)
- Capability of gaining about 105,000 af of additional storage in the early winter (between 765' and 787.75')



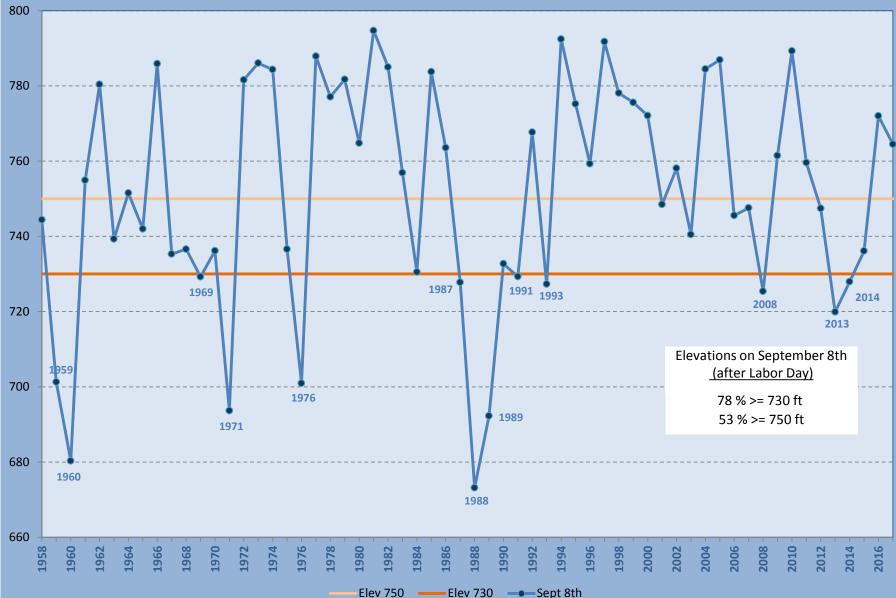
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Nacimiento Reservoir Elevations on September 8th



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