

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESERVOIR OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DATE: Thursday, July 25, 2019
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Saffron Conference Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker on matters within the jurisdiction of the Agency not listed on this agenda. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make statements on agenda items as the Committee considers them.)
- 3. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 27, 2019**
The Committee will consider approval of the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting (Attachment 1).
- 4. Review the status of both reservoirs and current releases**
Staff will present a summary of current conditions at both reservoirs, provide a synopsis of release changes that have occurred since the last meeting (Attachments 2, 2a, and 3).
- 5. Review the release schedule for 2019**
Staff will review the release schedule for 2019 (Attachment 4).

- 6. Report regarding unauthorized development, pollution, and debris in and around Nacimiento Reservoir**
Staff will present a verbal report discussing unauthorized development, pollution, and debris in and around Nacimiento Reservoir observed during the annual boat dock survey.
- 7. Report regarding Operations and Maintenance activities at the Reservoirs**
Staff will present a verbal report discussing the Operations and Maintenance activities at both reservoirs over the last month.
- 8. Report regarding Interlake Tunnel Project**
Staff will present a verbal report discussing activities related to the Interlake Tunnel Project.
- 9. Status reports on:**
 - A. Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department**
 - B. Easements and Agency Leases**
 - C. Quagga / Zebra Mussel Plan**
 - D. Cloud Seeding**
 - E. San Luis Obispo County Activities**
 - F. National Marine Fisheries Service**
 - G. Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program**
- 10. Set next meeting date and discuss future Agenda items**
The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.
- 11. Adjournment**

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 1:30 p.m.

A quorum was established.

Members present: Ortiz, Ekelund, Baillie, Simis, Jefferson, Anthony, Morgan, Lipe (arrived at 1:35pm), Munds, Bullard
Members absent: Merkle, Piearcy

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 30, 2019

Committee Action: On Motion by Baillie and Second by Simis, the Committee approved the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting held on May 30, 2019.

Ayes: Ortiz, Ekelund, Baillie, Simis, Jefferson, Anthony, Morgan, Lipe, Munds, Bullard

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Merkle, Piearcy

4. **Review the status of both reservoirs and current releases**
Jason Demers, Hydrologist, provided the review.
5. **Review the release schedule for 2019**
Germán Criollo, Associate Water Resources Hydrologist, provided the review.
6. **Report regarding Operations and Maintenance activities at the Reservoirs**
Brent Buche, General Manager, provided the report.
7. **Report regarding Interlake Tunnel Project**
Brent Buche, General Manager, provided the report.
8. **Status reports on:**
 - A. **Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department-** Jon Anthony
 - B. **Easements and Agency Leases-** Jennifer Bodensteiner
 - C. **Quagga / Zebra Mussel Plan-** Elizabeth Krafft - No update at this time.
 - D. **Cloud Seeding-** Ron Munds
 - E. **San Luis Obispo County Activities-** Ron Munds - No update at this time.
 - F. **National Marine Fisheries Service-** Representative not present.
9. **Set next meeting date and discuss future Agenda items**
Next meeting date is July 25, 2019.
10. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Misti Muramatsu

Reservoir Release Update

RECOMMENDATION:

None – item presented for informational purposes.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE: As of July 18, 2019, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 731.3 feet (NGVD 29), 134,135 acre-feet of storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 775.8 feet, 253,230 acre-feet of storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 40% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 67% of capacity.

RESERVOIR RELEASES: The Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) began operating on April 1, 2019. Releases were adjusted prior to the 4th of July weekend to equalize the rate of decline between both reservoirs. Releases then were readjusted after the 4th of July weekend with the bulk of releases being made from Nacimiento Reservoir. Releases of 600 cfs from Nacimiento Reservoir and 10 cfs from San Antonio Reservoir are being made for groundwater recharge, SRDF operation, and fisheries requirements in accordance with the Salinas Valley Water Project Biological Opinion.

The Salinas River Lagoon is currently closed; it opened to the ocean on January 19th and closed during the last weekend in June.

Minor fluctuations in release rates are not presented in this report but are documented in the Salinas Valley Water Project Annual Flow Reports.

Releases as of July 18, 2019:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 600 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 610 cfs. The following “provisional” flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 566 cfs (steady)
- Salinas River at Soledad: 224 cfs (steady)
- Salinas River near Chualar: 95 cfs (steady)
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 25 cfs (steady)

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

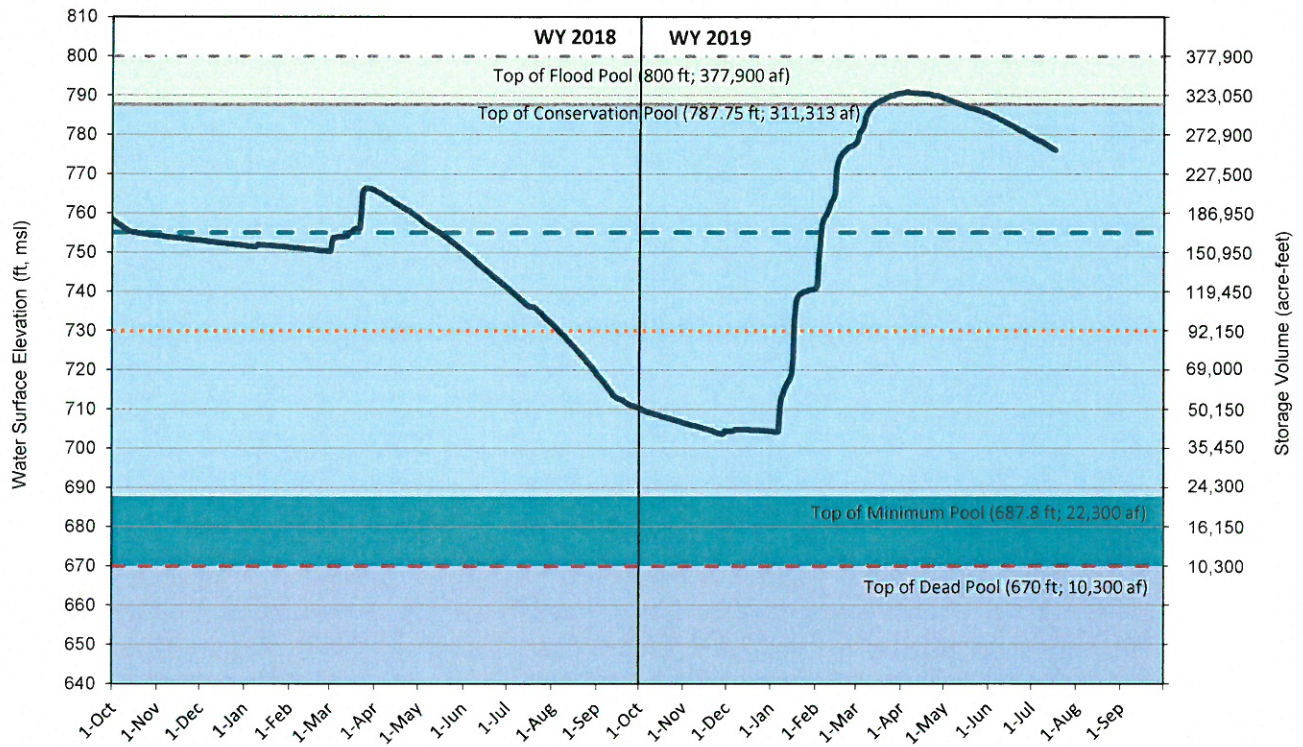
FINANCING:

None

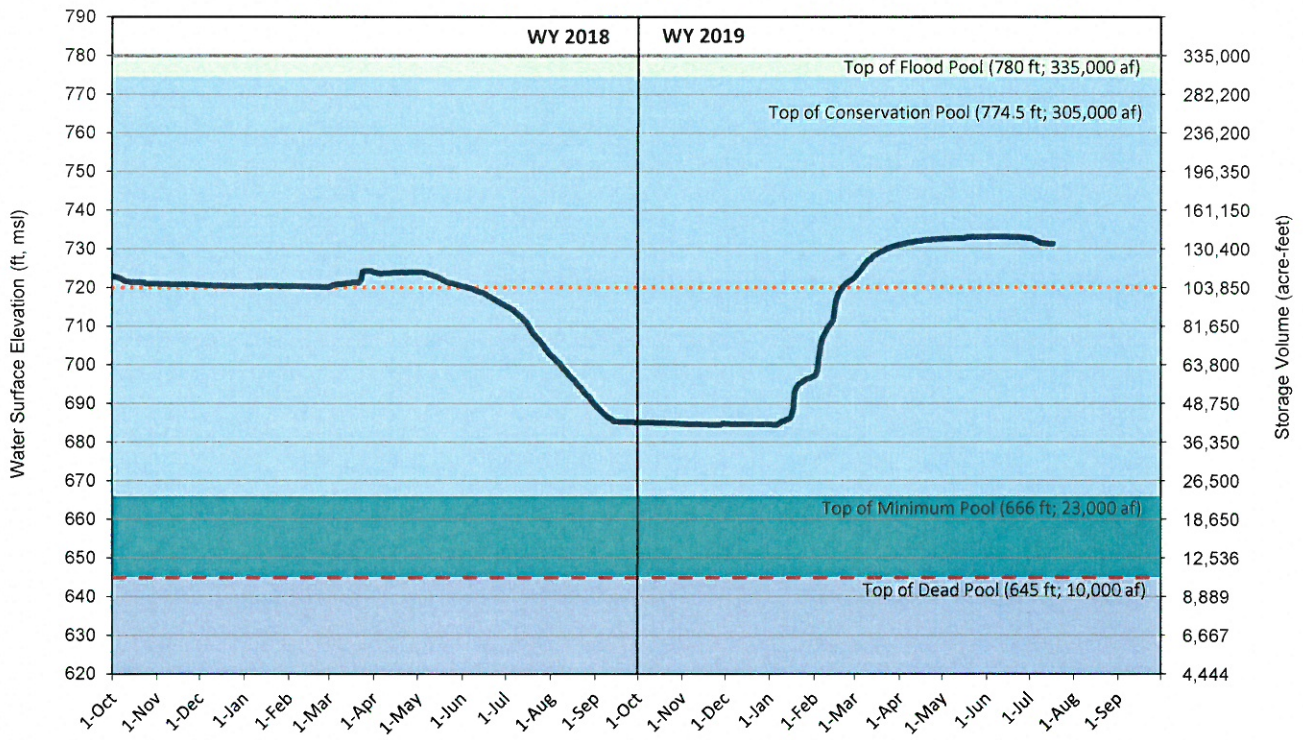
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Reservoir Elevation and Storage

Nacimiento Reservoir



San Antonio Reservoir



- Dead pool
- Minimum Pool
- Conservation Pool
- Flood Pool
- Minimum Recreation Elevation
- Low Level Outlet Works
- Nacimiento High Level Outlet Works
- Reservoir Elevation
- Spillway
- - - Raised Nacimiento Spillway Gate

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Elevation/Storage/NWP Diversions - Estimated after June 1

RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2019

	NACIMIENTO										SAN ANTONIO					
	Combined Releases (cfs)*	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)**	Reservoir Releases (cfs)*	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	NWP Orders (ac-ft)	NWP Diversions (ac-ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Storage (%)	Elev. (ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)**	Reservoir Releases (cfs)*	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Storage (%)	Elev. (ft)
	1/1/2019	70	4,304	268	60	3,689	497	403	41,480	11%	704.4	154	10	615	41,687	12%
2/1/2019	78	4,306	397	68	3,751	717	256	121,850	32%	740.8	223	10	555	59,050	18%	697.0
3/1/2019	81	4,957	1,112	71	4,342	986	434	262,985	70%	777.9	609	10	615	110,075	33%	722.5
4/1/2019	231	13,773	1,591	221	13,178	962	407	325,700	86%	790.5	907	10	595	133,398	40%	731.1
5/1/2019	394	24,246	2,229	378	23,231	1,668	363	318,850	84%	789.2	1,332	17	1,016	137,850	41%	732.6
6/1/2019	482	28,693	2,806	472	28,098	2,107	433	298,400	79%	785.2	1,785	10	595	139,500	42%	733.1
7/1/2019	589	36,225	2,732	531	32,674	2,111		270,288	72%	779.5	1,806	58	3,550	138,600	41%	732.8
8/1/2019	662	40,731	2,376	652	40,116	1,961		233,666	62%	771.4	1,477	10	615	132,869	40%	730.9
9/1/2019	664	39,531	1,780	385	22,909	1,882		188,827	50%	760.5	988	279	16,622	130,395	39%	730.0
10/1/2019	70	4,304	1,187	60	3,689	1,572		161,964	43%	753.2	637	10	615	112,327	34%	723.4
11/1/2019	70	4,165	603	60	3,570	832		155,314	41%	751.3	334	10	595	110,740	33%	722.8
12/1/2019	70	4,304	371	60	3,689	456		150,204	40%	749.8	209	10	615	109,634	33%	722.3
TOTALS:		209,541	17,451		182,938	15,751	2,296	145,620	39%	748.4	10,463		26,603	108,698	32%	722.0

* Mean daily flow for the month in cubic feet per second.

** Future Evap. Losses estimated from long term pan evaporation data at Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs and replaced with calculated values once available.

- NOTES:**
1. Nacimiento Reservoir storage capacity 377,900 acre feet.
 2. San Antonio Reservoir storage capacity 335,000 acre feet.
 3. Reservoir Operations Committee may make release considerations for fish spawn and holiday periods to benefit recreation.
 4. Shaded areas represent periods when elevations could be influenced by inflow/runoff, releases may include flood control releases.
 5. Preliminary Schedule assumes no inflow to reservoirs after April 1st.
 6. "NWP Diversions" are San Luis Obispo County - Nacimiento Water Project conveyance facilities diversions. Max. allowable diversions for water year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) are 15,750 ac-ft.
 7. NACIMIENTO "NWP Diversions" do not include lakeside water use which is estimated at approximately 1,750 acre feet per year.