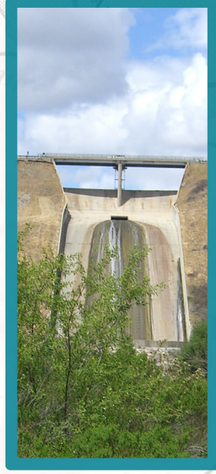
Thank you for your continued interest in our Project.



Did you know that Monterey County Water Resources Agency will be modifying the Nacimiento dam spillway?

Between April 2008 and October 2009, the dam spillway will undergo modification. This work is just a portion of the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) which aims to further address water resources management and protection within the Salinas Valley.

For more information please visit:
www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us/welcome_svwp_n.htm

Contact Us:

Please feel free to contact District staff with any further questions.

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Project Website:

www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/NacWP.htm

Participating Agencies:

-City of el Paso de Robles
-4000AFY
-Templeton CSD
-250 AFY
-Atascadero MWC
-2000 AFY
-City of San Luis Obispo
-3380 AFY
-CSA No. 10A (Cayucos)
-25 AFY

Project Cost Estimates:

Expenditures:	Estimated Project Cost:
Preliminary Engineering	$2.3 Million
Environmental	$8.8 Million
Design	$11.1 Million
Right-of-Way	$3.9 Million
Construction	$150 Million
TOTAL	$176 Million

Brief Introduction:
Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District created Nacimiento Reservoir in 1957 as a means of water conservation, flood control, and groundwater recharge for the Salinas River basin. Documentation since the 1930's indicated a saline water intrusion to the basin, resulting in unusable groundwater wells near the coast. Due to the high reliance on groundwater in the area, residents needed a solution to counteract the advancing saline water front. The Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs were proposed as surface water sources that could provide natural percolation of water back into the groundwater basin. These reservoirs balance groundwater pumping with the available basin freshwater, which allow for long term water resources management, as seen with the development of the Nacimiento Water Project (Project)[1].

In 1959, San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) obtained entitlement to 17,500 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Nacimiento by an Agreement with the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, now Monterey County Water Resources Agency, owner and operator of the reservoir and dam. The value of that local water resource became evident during the 1987- 1991 Central Coast drought and the District put in motion the steps leading to construction of a pipeline. In recent years, the District staff has worked with consultants to confirm the pipeline route, complete the Project design, and receive the necessary environmental permits. Project construction began in December 2007, while water delivery is scheduled for late 2010.

County's Current Water Supply:
Currently 80% of the County's water needs are met through groundwater, while the remainder comes from the existing surface water sources: Lopez Lake, Santa Margarita Lake, Whale Rock Reservoir, and the State Water Project.

Necessity for Additional Water:
As our local communities and agriculture continue to thrive and expand, our demand for additional water steadily increases. The County's entitlement from Lake Nacimiento stands as one of the leading sources for a reliable, efficient solution to the area's needs.

Current Project Status:
Nearly five decades ago, the District had the foresight to ensure supplemental water for future generations. Now communities throughout our County collaborate to build a 45-mile pipeline delivering water to Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, and San Luis Obispo with deliveries via exchange to Cayucos. The Nacimiento Water Project stands as the District's largest Public Works project embarked upon to date. Project costs are projected at $176-million, which includes construction of 45-miles of 12-to 36-inch diameter pipeline, three storage tanks, three pump stations, and the intake facility at the lake, design, environmental permits, right-of-way, construction management, and other district costs.

The Project is financed with revenue bonds, which the Participating agencies will pay back over a 30-year period. Ultimately, water users and new connection fees will pay the bulk of the debt service associated with project implementation.

After decades of preparation, the Project's construction is finally on the near horizon. The Project staff now includes Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. which will provide construction management for the Project's five general contractors and their subcontractors:

Spec	Description	Contractor
1	Intake	James W. Fowler Co.
2	Facilities	Mountain Cascade Inc.
3	Pipeline-North	Teichert Construction
4	Pipeline-Central	Whitaker Contractors
5	Pipeline-South	Southern California Pipeline Construction

With design complete, all but one environmental permit in hand, right-of-way acquisition well underway, and contractors mobilized, construction began in December 2007.

Groundbreaking Ceremony:
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On October 25, 2007, the District commemorated the momentous Project's beginning by breaking ground at the Intake site. The event signified the beginning of County residents' long-standing dream- a reliable, local water supply. Within a few years, the Project will bring the long-awaited water to our communities.

[1] Information regarding the Salinas Valley Water Project is based upon various documents shown as links on www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us/welcome_svwp_n.htm (SVWP website).