Notice of Meeting
NACIMIENTO PROJECT COMMISSION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
THURS., NOV. 19, 2020 - 4:00 PM

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Chair: Wayne Petersen
Vice-Chair: Grigger Jones

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call, Quorum Count & Flag Salute)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT *Non-agenda items within Commission jurisdiction; subject to three-minute limit each.

III. MEETING MINUTES (Recommend Approval)
   A. Naci Commission, Aug 27, 2020

IV. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required):
   A. Utilities Division Manager’s Report
   B. First Quarter Operations Budget Report – FY 2020-21

V. PRESENTATIONS (No Action Required):
   A. An Introduction to the 1959 Agreement between SLO & Monterey Counties

VI. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS (No Subsequent Action by BOS Required): None
VII. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS (Action Subsequently Required by BOS): None

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DESIRED BY COMMISSION
     Next Commission Meeting: Feb. 25, 2021

ATTACHMENTS
1. Naci Commission Minutes – Aug. 27, 2020
2. Item IV.B – Staff Report
4. Item V.A – Staff Report

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NACIMIENTO PROJECT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2020

CLERK (District): Mark Chiaramonte
Via Web/Teleconference

QUORUM: YES
(5/5 Seats & Voting Share > 51%)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Voting Share %)
Paso Robles (33%): John Hamon
Templeton CSD (2%): Wayne Petersen (Chair)
Atascadero MWC (17%): Grigger Jones (Vice Chair)
City of SLO (28%): Andy Pease
District (20%): John Peschong

1. CALL TO ORDER
The special meeting of the Nacimiento Project Commission was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 4:00 P.M., with Wayne Petersen being in the Chair, and Mark Chiaramonte present as the Clerk via Web teleconference. Quorum established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
Minutes from May 2020 were presented and approved without changes. Approved by all as submitted.

4. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
A. Utilities Division Manager's Report – Report received and placed on file. M. Chiaramonte reported that there has been a change in the schedule for the repair to the North Salinas crossing due to state water annual shutdown and coordination with participants. Repair should start Nov 19th and continue through end of January 2021. Temporary repair is holding as planned. Operations are at capacity and deliveries are being made to participants.

5. PRESENTATIONS (NO ACTION REQUIRED): None.

6. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS (NO SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY BOS REQUIRED): None.

7. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS (ACTION SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED BY BOS):
A. Tesla Energy Storage Proposal – A. Secrest and representative from Tesla, C. Patrick, presented on the battery storage project for the intake pump at Rocky Canyon booster station. This project would be paid for by Tesla through the State's self generation incentive program. Reference Agenda Item VII.A for presentation. Commissioner concerns included; where the money is coming from, the warranty and their obligation to Tesla, how the storage will relate to future solar installation. Detailed financial information, including O&M costs and future savings, can be found in staff report on page 2. The Batteries have a 15-yr warranty and are expected to last 20-ys, there is no obligation to Tesla and after 10-ys the district can transfer O&M away from Tesla. The batteries will greatly
enhance the benefits of adding solar panels, especially in emergency situations, with no additional grid installation. After funds are awarded there are 250 days to back out of project which will provide time for Tesla to provide participants with case-study’s, references, and further modeling of cost savings. Commisioners approved the proposal be brought to the Board of Supervisors ensuring that if funding is awarded, the TSG & Commissioners will have final approval (two-step – first approval by TSG, then Commission) after Participants have had time for further evaluation with more information provided.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DESIRED BY COMMISSION:
The District is targeting November for an introduction/review on the 1959 Nacimento agreement with Monterey County.

The meeting was adjourned by W. Petersen at approx. 5:10 P.M.

Wes Thomson, Secretary
TO: Nacimiento Project Commission
FROM: Lynette O’Neil, Finance Division
VIA: Mark Chiaramonte, Utilities Division Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2020-21 First Quarter Operations Budget Update
DATE: November 19, 2020

Figures summarizing the Fiscal Year 2020-21 First Quarterly Operating Fund Budget are provided for your information. With 25% of the year elapsed, total expenditures and purchase order commitments are at 25.6% of budget. This includes Non-Routine projects and Capital Outlay projects that fluctuate during the fiscal year. More notably, annual Routine Operations and Maintenance efforts are a little lower than budgeted levels at 11.5% of the budget.

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[a] PG&E invoices for Variable Energy usage. Costs are billed to participants based upon actual usage, and are not included in Participants' Installment Billings or Final Billings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 781-5299 or via e-mail at loneil@co.slo.ca.us. Staff will be available to answer specific questions at the meeting.
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**Subtotal: Non-Routine Operations & Maintenance (non-capital accounts)**

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TO: Nacimiento Project Commission
FROM: Wes Thomson, P.E., SLO County FC&WCD
DATE: November 19, 2020
SUBJECT: An Introduction to the 1959 Agreement between the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency)

SUMMARY
This “introduction” seeks to highlight key components to the 1959 Agreement that provides for the District’s Nacimiento water supply and what factors impact the annual costs to the District for that benefit.

DISCUSSION
Nacimiento Water Rights Dispute
There were several notable events leading up to the 1959 Agreement:
- 1954 deal struck for the District to receive 20,000 AFY in exchange for waiving Monterey’s property taxes in San Luis Obispo County
- 1957 Construction of Nacimiento Reservoir was completed
- 1959 Clash over Water Rights

Eventually, the State stepped in to facilitate what is known as the 1959 Nacimiento Settlement Agreement:

“Following a series of unsuccessful attempts to negotiate their differences, the two Districts presented their arguments in a formal hearing before the State Water Rights Board in February, 1959. At the conclusion of the hearing, it appeared that neither District would be wholly satisfied with a decision in the matter by the State Water Rights Board, and the advantages of a compromise settlement became obvious to both parties. With encouragement and assistance from the State Water Rights Board and its staff, a comprehensive agreement which completely resolved the differences between the districts was negotiated and eventually approved by the two Boards of Supervisors in October, 1959.”

1959 Agreement
The settlement agreement stipulates that District & Agency share in San Antonio Dam Construction, and in return, Agency provides 17,500 AFY of water to the District. In addition, the District contributes to O&M Costs for San Antonio.

Summary of Amendments to the 1959 Agreement
Since 1959, there have been six amendments to the 1959 contract, summarized as follows:

Prior to completion of the construction of San Antonio Reservoir

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NACIMIENTO WATER PROJECT

- **1959 Amendment** – Clarified payment schedule and construction rate payment duration for the San Antonio Dam

After completion of the construction of San Antonio Reservoir – 1965
- **1967 Amendment** – Clarified meaning of terms relating to San Antonio dam construction payments
- **1970 Amendment** – Clarified measurement and delivery point of water at Nacimiento
- **1977 Amendment** – Authorized construction of inspection manhole at Nacimiento
- **1988 Amendment** – Preserved District rights following Agency hydro plant construction at Nacimiento
- **2007 Amendment** – Authorized new delivery point for District at Nacimiento and outlined Log Boom ownership

**District’s Cost Share for Nacimiento Water**
In general, these are the primary benefits and costs to the District:

Benefits to the District include:
- Nacimiento Water (up to 17,500 AFY)
- Increased property tax revenue because of recreational properties
- Recreation (Nacimiento)
- Log Boom Repair & Maintenance for Debris Catchment (Nacimiento)

*Ancillary Benefits for Nacimiento Reservoir – Not Addressed in the Contract
- Water quality protections from the Quagga Mussel Program (Nacimiento)

Costs to the District include:
- San Antonio Dam Operations & Maintenance (O&M) (see below for Cost Share Calculation)
- Debt service for San Antonio Capital Costs (paid off)

*Ancillary Costs for Nacimiento Reservoir – Not Addressed in the Contract
- Lakeside User Metering & Reporting
- Quagga Mussel Program

**San Antonio O&M Cost Share Calculation** (per Article 9)
*See Attachment 1 for illustration of the technical terms below.

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\text{Annual $ Contribution by District for San Antonio O&M} = \frac{(\text{San Antonio Unit Cost in $ per AF}) \times (\text{District Allocation of 17,500 AF})}{\text{(Total Storage – Silt Reservation) \times (Safe Yield)}}
\]

Where, \[
\text{San Antonio Unit Cost in $ per AF} = \frac{(\text{Conservation Storage}) \times (\text{San Antonio O&M Costs})}{(\text{Total Storage – Silt Reservation}) \times (\text{Safe Yield})}
\]

Where,
- **Conservation Storage** = San Antonio Conservation Storage at 293,000 AF
- **San Antonio O&M Costs** = As incurred by MCWRA, determined annually
- **(Total Storage – Silt Reservation)** = 323,000 AF for San Antonio Reservoir
**Total Storage** = Total storage capacity of San Antonio Reservoir is 335,000 AF

**Silt Reservation** = Silt reservation agreed to be 12,000 AF

**Safe Yield at San Antonio** = Safe seasonal yield of San Antonio Reservoir, per Table:

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**Other Notable Points to Understand**

*District’s Allocation “Set Aside”*

Of the District’s 17,500 AF that it can take annually from Nacimiento, 15,750 AF (or 90% of the 17,500 AF contract) was set aside for the Nacimiento Water Project (NWP), and 1,750 AF (the remaining 10% of the 17,500 AF contract) for “Lakeside Users” surrounding the Nacimiento Reservoir.

*Water Right for Nacimiento*

The Water Right for Nacimiento, appropriated to the Agency by the State (licensed issued in 1965), is unique in that it is subject to the 1959 settlement agreement. The right provides for irrigation, domestic, municipal & industrial, and recreational uses. Currently, the water right allows for the water to be used anywhere within the District but limited by area size. It is not clear what basis was used to establish these area limits, but the District and Agency are preparing a change petition (in consultation with the State Water Board) in hopes that the area limitations can be resolved in a timely manner.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Nacimiento Reservoir Storage Allocation Zones
Nacimiento Reservoir Storage Allocation Zones

Figure 1 shows pertinent Nacimiento Reservoir elevations and storage volumes.

Figure 1. Schematic of Nacimiento Reservoir Pools
**STORAGE POOL DEFINITIONS**

**Dead Pool**  
The storage between the bottom of the reservoir and elevation 670 feet, the invert of the Intake Structure of the LLOW. The volume of the Dead Pool is 10,300 acre-feet (AF) but water cannot flow by gravity out of the reservoir below elevation 670 feet.

**Minimum Pool**  
The storage above the Dead Pool, elevation 670 feet, and below the Conservation Pool (defined below), elevation 687.8 feet, is the Minimum Pool. The volume of this pool is 12,000 AF which is reserved for the sole use of the County of San Luis Obispo per the 1959 San Luis Obispo County Agreement¹.

**Minimum Recreation Elevation**  
At an elevation of 730 feet most of the boat ramps around the reservoir are useable and most private property owners have access to the reservoir. The Agency, to the extent possible, will keep this elevation in mind when making the release schedule and consider a goal each year of keeping the Reservoir above 730 feet until after Labor Day.

**Conservation Pool**  
The storage above the Minimum Pool, elevation 687.8 feet, and below the Flood Pool (defined below), elevation 787.75 feet, is used to store water for release to the Salinas Valley for groundwater recharge, operation of the SRDF, water supply, fish migration, and fish habitat requirements. The volume of the Conservation Pool is 289,013 AF. It is dedicated to storing winter inflow from the Nacimiento watershed for later release.

**Flood Pool**  
The bottom of the Flood Pool is the concrete spillway elevation of 787.75 feet. The top of the Flood Pool is the top of the raised inflatable spillway gates, elevation 800.0 feet, which is the maximum reservoir elevation (see below). During the winter, flood protection is provided by maintaining empty space within the Flood Pool to temporarily store flood water. The maximum Flood Pool storage volume is 66,587 acre-feet. The actual volume of the Flood Pool reserved for flood protection will vary based on factors such as current conditions, time of year, and forecasted weather. If conditions allow, winter inflow stored in this pool can be used for later release to the Salinas Valley for groundwater recharge, operation of the SRDF, water supply, fish migration, and fish habitat requirements.

**Maximum Reservoir Elevation**  
The top of the raised inflatable spillway gate system is at elevation 800 feet, 377,900 AF. This is the maximum reservoir elevation and is the level at which the reservoir is full.

**Top of Dam**  
The top of the Dam is at elevation 825 feet (the dam crest). The Agency has flood easements around the reservoir up to this elevation. The Agency requires that any construction of habitable structures, or structures that can be damaged by inundation, be above elevation 825 feet. Construction of any

¹ Article 11(j) of the October 19, 1959 Agreement (Appendix C).
structures, such as boat ramps, roads, or grading, that occurs below elevation 825 feet requires approval from the Agency prior to beginning work.

The maximum reservoir elevation reached under the Probable Maximum Flood Analysis is 823 feet, two feet below the dam crest (GEI Consultants, Inc., 2003).

REFERENCE
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