Rainfall and Reservoir Updates - Final 2019-2020

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2018-19 Water Year Total Rainfall	2019-20 Water Year													
				July 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	26.2 (119%)	0	0	0	0	2.44	6.54	0.95	0	2.91	2.33	0.43	0	15.60	71%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	16.2 (101%)	0	0	0	0	0.86	6.67	0.48	0	4.56	1.56	0.32	0	14.45	90%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	20.6 (146%)	0	0	0	0	1.40	5.22	0.65	0	3.53	1.59	0.03	0	12.42	88%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	18.9 (111%)	0	0	0	0	1.69	3.67	0.47	0.04	3.35	1.61	0.24	0	11.07	65%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	24.7 (141%)	0	0	0	0	1.55	4.96	0.73	0.05	3.92	1.95	0.29	0	13.45	77%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	29.3 (122%)	0	0	0	0	2.01	4.18	0.66	0.08	4.57	2.56	0.28	0	14.34	60%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	35.3 (169%)	0	0	0	0	2.30	5.28	0.63	0	5.16	2.60	0.16	0	16.13	77%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	52.3 (131%)	0	0	0	0	2.92	12.33	1.06	0	5.56	4.57	1.33	0.36	28.13	70%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	26.6 (111%)	0	0	0	0	2.36	3.63	0.39	0	6.42	2.56	0.20	0.04	15.60	65%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	26.3 (125%)	0	0	0.01	0	2.52	4.77	0.63	0.18	5.24	2.72	0.48	0.12	16.67	79%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	16.9 (106%)	0.04	0.04	0	0	1.97	2.87	0.56	0	4.53	1.41	0.24	0	11.66	73%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	20.3 (113%)	0	0	0	0	2.13	4.09	0.91	0	4.57	1.77	0.40	0.04	13.91	77%

This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.

All units reported in inches.

Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)	
Nacimiento	July 30, 2020	747.1	787.75 - 800.0	141,065	37%	
Reservoir	August 13, 2019	768.5	(w/gates fully inflated)	221,075	59%	
San Antonio	July 30, 2020	710.9	780.0	83,350	25%	
Reservoir	August 13, 2019	729.8		129,830	39%	
Lopez	July 30, 2020	487.5	522.7	23,554	48%	
Reservoir	July 30, 2019	495.6		28,346	57%	
Salinas Reservoir	July 30, 2020	1,294.0	1300.7	19,226	81%	
(Santa Margarita Lake)	July 30, 2019	1,299.2		22,697	95%	
Whale Rock	July 30, 2020	203.9	218.3	32,293	83%	
Reservoir	July 17, 2019	208.6		34,795	89%	
Twitchell	July 30, 2020	543.6	651.5	4,293	2%	
Reservoir	August 12, 2019	566.0		19,082	10%	

Note 1: Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.

Note 2: In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report.

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Notes: Sites maintained by County staff are identified with red squares. Sites maintained by other agencies are identified with black circles. For more information, please contact Joe Betancourt, (805)781-2767.

A - Report generated at 11:00 AM. on 07-30-2020
B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.
C - Information not available at time of update
D - Missing Data