



Notice of Special Meeting NACIMIENTO PROJECT COMMISSION

THURS., APRIL 24, 2025 – 4:00 PM

IN-PERSON LOCATION: (COMMISSIONERS MUST ATTEND IN-PERSON)

Templeton CSD, Board Meeting Room, 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA 93465
(805) 434-4900

VIRTUAL OPTION: (ONLY FOR AGENCY STAFF OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

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Meeting ID: 840 8119 0047 Passcode: 703641 Call in: 1-669-900-6833

AGENDA ITEMS & PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For more information: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Nacimiento-Project-Commission.aspx>
Public comments can be submitted to: Anna McKenna at AMcKenna@co.slo.ca.us

	Participant/District	Commissioner	(Alternate)
(Chair)	Atascadero MWC	Robert "Grigger" Jones;	John Neil
(Vice Chair)	City of San Luis Obispo	Emily Francis;	Jan Marx
	District	John Peschong;	Vicki Janssen
	City of Paso Robles	John Hamon;	Fred Strong
	Templeton CSD	Wayne Peterson;	Eric Mortensen

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Roll Call for Quorum Count
 - B. Flag Salute
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (For non-agenda items within Commission jurisdiction; three-minute limit each.)
- III. **MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Naci Commission, March 13, 2025
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.
- IV. **COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - A. NWP Operations Update with Reservoir Status
- V. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Nacimiento Water Operating Fund: Proposed Budget FY 2025-26
Staff Recommendation: Endorse Final NWP FY 2025/26 Budget and recommend approval by County BOS.
- VI. **ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
- VII. **DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**
 - A. May 22, 2025

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Item III.A Minutes from March 13, 2025
2. Item IV.A Delivery Report
3. Item V.A FY 2025-26 Operating Fund Proposed Budget Memo

CONTACT: *All Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations shall be promptly reviewed and resolved.*

Persons who require accommodation for any audio, visual or other disability in order to review an agenda, or to participate in the meeting per the ADA, are encouraged to request such accommodation 48 hours in advance of the meeting from County Public Works at (805) 781-5252.



MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

NACIMIENTO PROJECT COMMISSION

March 13, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Voting Share %)

Templeton CSD (2%): Wayne Peterson, Chair

Atascadero MWC (17%): Grigger Jones

City of SLO (28%): Michelle Shoresman (Alternate)

City of Paso Robles (33%): John Hamon

District (20%): John Peschong

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Voting Share %)

None

CLERK: Nola Engelskirger, District

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call for Quorum Count

A Special Commission meeting was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 4:00 P.M., with Commissioner Peterson serving as the Chair. Quorum established at 100% (minimum of 3/5 seats present with voting share > 51%).

B. Flag Salute

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident, Murray Powell, requested history of NWP pipeline cost, major repair projects and contracts. NEngelskirger provided additional system details and requested Mr. Powell's contact information to send additional information.

III. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A. Meeting minutes for August 22, 2024, were recommended for approval. No questions from the board, no public comments, and no further discussion by the Commission.

Motion for approval: Jones; Seconded; Francis; All approved.

B. Meeting minutes for October 3, 2024, were recommended for approval. No questions from the board, no public comments, and no further discussion by the Commission.

Motion for approval: Jones; Seconded; Francis; All approved.

IV. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Current NWP Operations with Reservoir Status & 2025 Outlook

Presented by Clerk

B. Second Quarter Operations Budget Report – FY 2024/25

Presented by Harold Wright

C. FY 2025-26 Operating Fund Proposed Budget

Presented by Harold Wright

D. Annual Conflict of Interest (COI) filing – “Form 700”

Presented by Clerk

E. 2025 Calendar of Activities

Presented by Clerk

V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve changes to Commission Rules of Procedures (1.A.) "The Commission shall meet quarterly in regular session on the fourth Thursday of the selected months, except in November, when the meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of the month. All regular meetings will be open sessions in the Chambers for the Templeton Community Services District or other agreed-upon location." (4/5 vote of the Commission).
Motion for approval: Grigger; Seconded; Hamons; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
- B. Annual Nomination & Election of Commission Officers
Motion for approval: Hamon; Seconded; Petersen; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
- C. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) take the following actions:
1. Approve the Nacimiento Water Project Flood Hazard Mitigation Project (WBS 310008);
Motion for approval: Hamon; Seconded; Francis; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
 2. Accept a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant, in the amount of \$950,610, for WBS 310008;
Motion for approval: Hamon; Seconded; Peschong; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
 3. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,247,805 using FEMA HMGP funds and increase appropriations to fund WBS 310008; and
Motion for approval: Hamon; Seconded; Francis; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
 4. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to apply for, accept, and manage federal and state funding to reimburse costs of water infrastructure resiliency planning, implementation, and construction and return to the Board before such formal acceptance.
Motion for approval: Hamon; Seconded; Petersen; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.
- D. Review and consider submitting a letter to Board of Supervisors advising opposition to the Shandon San Juan Water District application to appropriate water in Nacimiento Lake.
Potential actions:
1. Authorize Chair to sign letter
 2. Request for staff to submit letter to Board of Supervisors
- Motion for approval: Peschong; Seconded; Francis; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.*
- E. Review and consider submitting a letter of support for Monterey County Water Resources Agency's San Antonio Dam Low-Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project Funding request of \$1.8 million. Potential actions:
1. Authorize Chair to sign letter
 2. Request for staff to submit letter to Senator Padilla, Rep. Schiff, and Rep. Panetta.
- Motion for approval: Peschong; Seconded; Hamon; Role Call Vote. Passed Unanimously.*

VI. ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

None

VII. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2025 (Special Budget Meeting)

August 28, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:25 P.M

Meeting Secretary: Laura Holder



MEMORANDUM

TO: Nacimiento Project Commission

FROM: Public Works Finance Division

VIA: Nola Engelskirger, Water Utilities Division Manager

DATE: April 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Nacimiento Water Operating Fund: Proposed Budget FY 2025-26

The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Nacimiento Water Operating Proposed Budget is prepared by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District staff (Department of Public Works). The budget is based on the full allocation of 17,500 acre feet of Nacimiento Water.

The Proposed Budget is presented and reviewed at the following 24-25 meetings. Revisions may be made in accordance with Participant input.

- February 27: Distribution to the Commission.
- March 20: Presentation to the Technical Support Group (TSG) and Finance Committee for review and discussion.
- April 24: Presentation to the Commission and a formal vote of endorsement.
- June: District Board of Supervisors' budget hearings and budget adoption.

A summary of the FY 2025-26 budget by category is displayed in Table 1:

TABLE 1 By Category	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	Dollar Change	% Change
Operations and Maintenance				
Billable Routine	\$ 3,429,296	\$ 3,519,443	\$ 90,147	3%
Billable Non-Routine	289,271	349,514	60,243	21%
Total Billable O&M	\$ 3,718,567	\$ 3,868,957	\$ 150,390	4%
Billable Capital Outlay/Reserves	(*) 6,173,240	1,345,853	(4,827,427)	(78%)
Billable Debt Service	11,488,705	11,489,010	305	
Total Participant Billings	\$ 21,380,512	\$ 16,703,820	(\$ 4,676,732)	(22%)
Variable Energy [a]	2,326,361	2,503,871	177,510	8%

[a] Variable Energy is displayed as a reference amount only. Variable Energy is not included in installment billings to Participants, but rather billed quarterly based upon actual usage.

(*) Includes funding from City of SLO Reserves of \$1,300,000 and City of Paso Robles Reserves of \$1,084,226.

A summary of the FY 2025-26 installment billings by Participant is displayed in Table 2:

TABLE 2 Installment Billings by Participant [b]	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	Dollar Change	% Change
City of Paso Robles	(*) \$ 6,880,565	\$ 5,629,461	\$ (1,251,103)	(18%)
Templeton CSD	445,460	378,272	(67,189)	(15%)
Atascadero MWC	4,087,238	3,525,382	(561,856)	(14%)
City of San Luis Obispo	(**) 9,829,743	(***) 7,098,585	(2,731,157)	(28%)
CSA 10	37,987	14,465	(23,522)	(62%)
Bella Vista Mobile Home Park	9,488	3,597	(5,891)	(62%)
SMR Mutual Water Co	90,031	54,058	(35,973)	(40%)
Participant Installment Billings	21,380,512	16,703,820	(4,676,692)	(22%)

[b] Variable Energy is not included in installment billings to Participants, but rather billed quarterly based upon actual usage.

(*) Includes funding from City of Paso Robles of \$1,084,226.

(**) Includes funding from City of SLO Reserves of \$1,300,000.

(***) Includes Reserve payback from City of SLO of \$494,188.

VARIANCE DISCUSSION

Total Installment Billings to Participants (Table 2):

Total billings to participating agencies Decreased from the prior year by \$4,676,692 or 22%. The increase is explained below within the budget categories.

Billable Routine Operations and Maintenance and Variable Energy (Table 1):

Routine Operations and Maintenance billings are \$90,147 higher than the prior year budget. This variance is relatively flat compared to prior year, some of the routine O&M elements have decreased but were offset by increases in other elements. Notable budget decreases were recognized in the Master Water Contract with Monterey County (\$235,577), Quagga Mussel program (\$25,361), Engineering labor costs (\$24,358), ISF equipment contribution (\$14,000), and a decrease in Water Rights (\$11,881). Notable budget increases are recognized under CWOH \$163,884, Environmental Labor \$19,505, Water Quality Lab \$32,683 and O&M efforts for the Naci units (General through T-11) \$151,725.

While the Variable Energy budget is not included in the installment billings to Participants, we include the budget/estimate in the table for reference. Budgetary/estimated amounts are higher by \$177K or 8% than the prior year budget based upon requested deliveries to the participating agencies and related energy pumping costs and the water line being down due to storm damage.

Billable Non-Routine Operations and Maintenance (Tables 1 and 3):

Non-Routine billings are \$60,243 higher than the prior year budget due to changes in the following projects, based on 5-year Capital Improvement Plan reviewed with the Technical Support Group at both the November and December monthly meetings.

TABLE 3	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	Dollar Change
<u>Billable Non-Routine O&M</u>			
MISC. FIBER OPTIC REPAIR (BILLABLE)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
5 YR INTAKE INSPECTION	0	0	0
5 YR PIPELINE CLOSE INTERVAL SURVEY & ACTIONS	0	0	0
SANTA MARG. CREEK BRIDGE PIPE RELOCATION	132,980	0	(132,980)
SCADA	56,292	249,515	193,223
UNANTICIPATED NON ROUTINE PROJECT	100,000	100,000	0
Subtotal	\$289,272	\$349,515	\$60,243

c.f.: carry forward remaining budget from prior year to continue the project

Billable Capital Outlay and Reserves (Tables 1 and 4):

Capital and Reserve billings budget increased by \$394,188 from the prior year budget. This was primarily due to the reduction of the unanticipated non-routine capital projects budget and reserve payback of \$494,188 from the City of San Luis Obispo.

Capital Outlays decreased by \$8.3M due to budgeting for the Permanent Repair of the Naci Pipeline at \$8,292,000, Intake Pump #4 rebuild \$156,600 and SYPS Isolation valve at \$62,640 not billed in FY 2025-26.

TABLE 4	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	Dollar Change
<u>Billable Capital Outlay</u>			
- UNANTICIPATED NON-ROUTINE CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ (100,000)
INTAKE PUMP #4 REBUILD	156,600	78,225	(78,375)
SYPS ISOLATION VALVE	62,640	0	(62,640)
23 STORM NACI PIPELINE REPAIR	8,292,000	52,150	(8,239,850)
TEMP REPAIR – YELLOMINE	0	31,290	31,290
CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES	490,000	984,188	494,188
Subtotal	\$9,201,240	\$1,245,853	\$(7,955,387)

Not shown above is \$200,000 of capital outlay, funded from reserves, which is budgeted annually as a contingency should a mid-year emergency expenditure become necessary.

Billable Debt Service (Table 1):

Debt service payments reflect the payment schedule from the 2018 bond refinancing. Billable debt service is essentially flat from the prior fiscal year.



TO: Nacimiento Project Commission
FROM: Anna McKenna, Utilities Division Engineer
DATE: April 24, 2025
SUBJECT: NWP Delivery Report

NWP DELIVERY REPORT

Attachment 1 is the draft monthly summary of NWP deliveries through February 2025 for the 2024 Nacimiento "Water Year" (Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025).

NACIMIENTO RESERVOIR DATA & OPERATIONS SYSTEM

Attachments 2, 3 & 4 are provided as a reference for your planning purposes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. District's NWP Delivery Report (Draft).
2. MCWRA Reservoir Data.
3. MCWRA Reservoir 2025 Release Schedule.
4. MCWRA Reservoir Pool Schematic (from "Nacimiento Dam Operation Policy," 2018).

NWP Delivery Report – March 2025 (DRAFT)

Deliveries^{1, 2, 5}

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	TOTAL
Paso (T2)	398.56	212.36	84.08	125.66	96.52	121.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1038.90
Ops Water													0.00
TCSD (T4)	33.33	31.44	20.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.81
Ops Water													0.00
AMWC (T6)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ops Water													0.00
SMR (T9)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ops Water													0.00
SLO (T11)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.90	0.00	0.00	8.90
Ops Water													0.00
TOTAL	432	244	104	126	97	122	0	0	0	9	0	0	1132.61
Cumulative	432	676	780	905	1002	1124	1124	1124	1124	1133	1133	1133	
Intake Meter	422.92	239.67	104.75	126.14	96.62	121.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1111.14
Variance (UW)	8.97	4.13	(0.63)	(0.48)	(0.10)	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.90	0.00	0.00	21.47
Ops Water ⁴	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Requests^{1,3}

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	TOTAL
Paso (T2)	658	544	172	178	161	274	265	658	636	658	658	636	5498
TCSD (T4)	24	23	9	8	22	24	23	24	23	24	24	23	250
AMWC (T6)	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	500	500	2250
SMR (T9)	0	7.3	7.3	7.3	7	7	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	80
SLO (T11)	315	305	315	315	295	315	305	315	305	315	315	305	3720
TOTAL	1247	879	503	509	485	620	600	1004	1471	1504	1504	1471	11798
Cumulative	1247	2126	2629	3138	3623	4243	4843	5847	7319	8823	10327	11798	

NOTES

1. All table values listed are in units of acre-feet (AF).
2. Deliveries are based on monthly reporting provided by County Operations.
3. Requests based on latest schedule request submitted for project "Water Year 2024-25" deliveries. WY = Oct thru Sep.
4. "Ops Water" is water sent through the turnout for O&M needs and not counted against Participants' Delivery Entitlement.
5. Deliveries interrupted due to January storms; extended outage for Participants downstream of RCPS (impacting SMR and SLO).

NACIMIENTO WATER PROJECT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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4/17/2025

Monterey County Water Resources Agency
DAM AND RESERVOIR - DAILY DATA (provisional)
April 5, 2025 through April 11, 2025

San Antonio	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11
Percentage of Capacity (%)	72	72	72	72	72	72	
Elevation (feet)	761.35	761.35	761.4	761.4	761.4	761.4	
Depth (feet)	161.35	161.35	161.4	161.4	161.4	161.4	
Storage (acre-feet)	242040	242040	242260	242260	242260	242260	
Lake Surface Area (acres)	4339	4339	4342	4342	4342	4342	
Length of Lake (miles)	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	
Releases (cfs)	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Rainfall Past 24 Hours (in.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rainfall Total to Date (in.)	7.16	7.16	7.16	7.16	7.16	7.16	7.16
Total Rain to Date Last Year (in.)	14.23	14.27	14.27	14.27	14.27	14.27	14.27
Total Rain Last Season (in.)	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.67

Nacimientto	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11
Percentage of Capacity (%)	68	68	68	68	68	68	
Elevation (feet)	776.9	776.85	776.75	776.7	776.6	776.55	
Depth (feet)	161.9	161.85	161.75	161.7	161.6	161.55	
Storage (acre-feet)	258335	258103	257638	257405	256940	256708	
Lake Surface Area (acres)	4633	4631	4626	4623	4618	4616	
Length of Lake (miles)	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	
Releases (cfs)	264	266	268	272	273	273	
Rainfall Past 24 Hours (in.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rainfall Total to Date (in.)	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32	7.32
Total Rain to Date Last Year (in.)	15.54	15.66	15.66	15.66	15.66	15.66	15.66
Total Rain Last Season (in.)	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.15

Notes: Elevation referenced to NGVD 29. Data are 7:00 AM values from real time provisional USGS water surface elevation gauge sites. Full data sets can be accessed via the following links:

[Nacimientto Elevation](#)

[San Antonio Elevation](#)

Current Releases: The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) is currently making releases from both reservoirs to support fish habitat downstream of the dams and downstream migration of Steelhead in accordance with Agency water rights licenses and permits.

[Reservoir release schedule approved by MCWRA Board of Directors](#)

The Nacimientto Dam Operation Policy provides a detailed description of the regulations, requirements, and other considerations that inform our reservoir operations.

[Nacimientto Dam Operation Policy](#)

2024 Reservoir Release Schedule

Adopted

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	70	60	10	767.4	755.1
Feb	97	87	10	771.5	756.1
Mar	441	430	11	791.3	763.6
Apr	631	621	10	795.6	766.9
May	360	323	37	792.0	767.5
Jun	445	350	95	787.7	766.7
Jul	574	340	234	782.5	764.8
Aug	647	348	298	777.0	760.9
Sep	502	345	157	771.2	755.9
Oct	276	266	10	765.3	753.1
Nov	70	60	10	760.5	752.6
Dec	70	60	10	759.1	752.2
Jan				757.9	752.0

Updated

Month	Combined Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Releases (cfs)	San Antonio Releases (cfs)	Nacimiento Elevation (ft)	San Antonio Elevation (ft)
Jan	70	60	10	767.4	755.1
Feb	97	87	10	771.5	756.1
Mar	441	430	11	791.3	763.6
Apr	809	799	10	795.6	766.9
May	372	362	10	792.2	768.6
Jun	353	343	10	788.7	768.8
Jul	483	393	90	784.3	768.2
Aug	527	396	131	778.6	766.3
Sep	482	357	125	772.6	763.9
Oct	228	101	127	767.2	761.9
Nov	79	69	10	765.1	759.9
Dec	79	69	10	764.1	759.6
Jan				763.3	759.4

Note: Table on left shows the Reservoir Release Schedule approved at the April 15, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. Table on the right is final as of January 10, 2025. Bold text indicates actual values. The approved Reservoir Release Schedule includes estimated monthly release values to meet the goals of dam safety, flood protection, groundwater recharge, operation of the SRDF, water supply, fish migration, fish habitat requirements, agriculture, and recreation while complying with water rights, permits, and existing agreements. Salinas River conditions are dynamic, and the reservoir releases required to meet downstream goals can vary based on watershed and climatic conditions. The Release Schedule is updated throughout the year with actual releases and updated estimates to reflect these changing conditions.



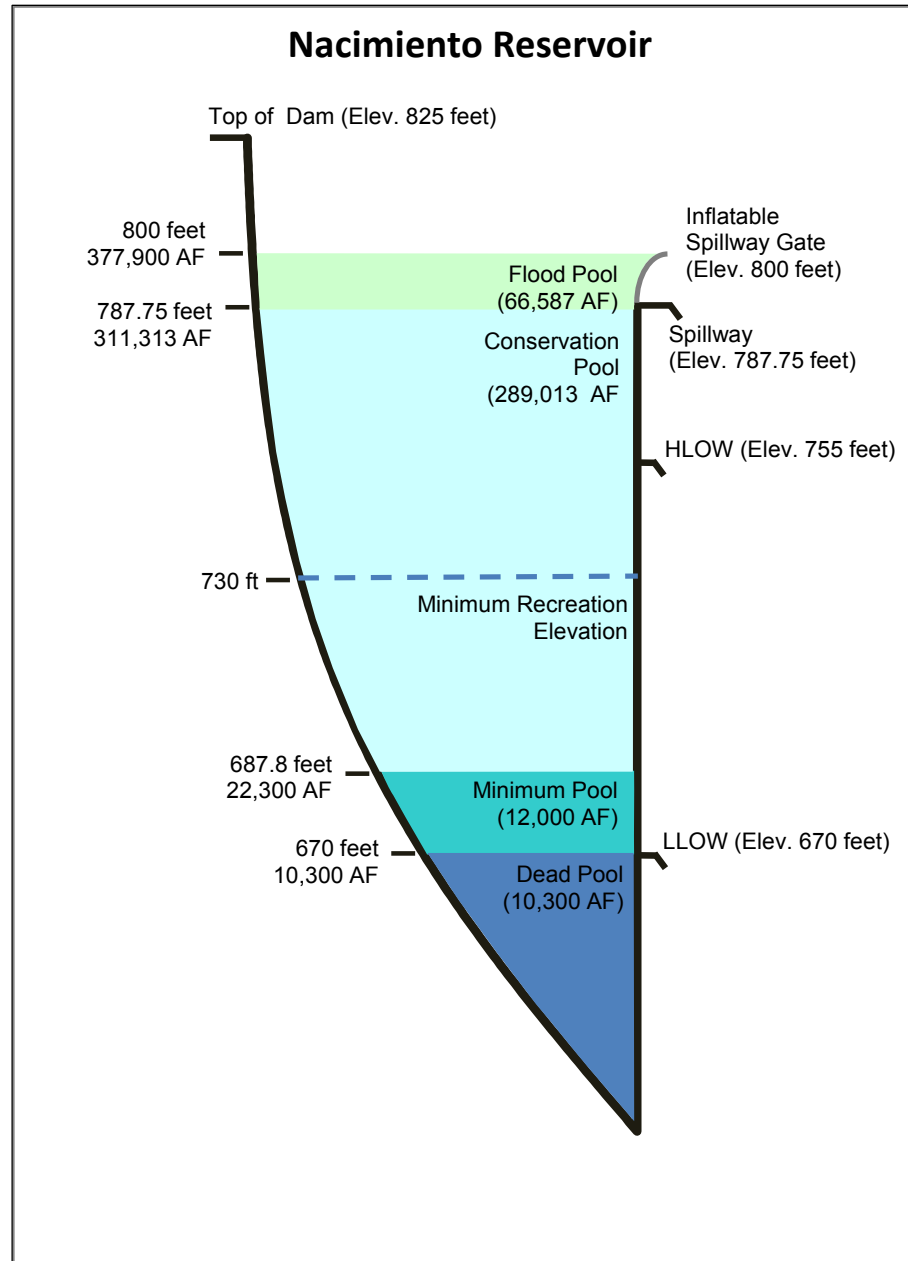


Figure 1. Schematic of Nacimiento Reservoir Pools