

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Department of Public Works

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SALINAS RIVER "LIVE STREAM" HAS ENDED - SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works has confirmed the end of the "live stream" event for the Salinas River. On Friday, February 28, 2025, officials identified a dry section at Graves Creek, located between Salinas Reservoir and the confluence with the Nacimiento River.

Consequently, in accordance with the 1973 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) "Live Stream" Ruling, the discovery signifies the termination of the "live stream" as of Friday, February 28, 2025, and all inflow into the Salinas Reservoir will now be released at the dam into the Salinas River.

The Salinas River originates from the Salinas Reservoir Dam (Santa Margarita Lake), a key water source for the City of San Luis Obispo. This year's rainfall generated a natural "live stream" flow in the Salinas River, facilitating water storage in the reservoir between February 14, 2025, and February 28, 2025. The Salinas Reservoir is at 89.34% capacity.

For questions regarding the Salinas River "live stream," please contact Public Works Program Manager, Laura Holder at (805) 781-5135.

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