

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

SLO City/County Library Community Room  
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Wednesday, June 3, 2026  
1:30 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference:

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Call-in information: 1 (669) 900 6833, Meeting ID: 886 4725 0277, Passcode: 181580

*Note: Members must be physically present in order to count toward the quorum and cast votes.*

**WRAC Agenda**

1.	Introductions & Welcome	1:30pm
2.	Approval of May 6, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2026/2027 and Consider Actions	1:40pm
4.	Discuss Committee's Approach to Review of DESAL Plan and Board Communication	2:25pm
5.	Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. Drought Updates c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Flood Control Zones e. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) f. Master Water Report (MWR) Update g. State Water Project (SWP) h. Desalination i. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances j. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	2:45pm
6.	Future Agenda Items	2:55pm
7.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:00pm
8.	Adjourn Meeting	3:05pm

The agenda packet and attachments are available online at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac)

Next Regular Meeting:           September 2, 2026, 1:30 pm  
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995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. [bclark@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:bclark@co.slo.ca.us)

**Purpose of the Committee:**

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

*Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated January 23, 2024*

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## MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn  
Vice Chairperson: Christine Mulholland  
Secretary: Brendan Clark

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **May 6, 2026** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The video recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

### 1) **Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**

T. Burhenn called the meeting to order. 17 voting Members were present, constituting a quorum.

### 2) **Approval of April 1, 2026, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

*Item start time ~ 00:04:30*

T. Burhenn introduced the item and opened the floor for questions or comments from the Committee.

**MOTION:** Approve the April 1, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes

**MOTION BY:** E. Greening

**SECOND BY:** C. Mulholland

<b>MOTION CARRIES</b>	AYES: 16	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 1	ABSENT: 0
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### 3) **Receive Presentation on the DESAL Plan**

*Item start time ~ 00:04:55*

T. Burhenn introduced the item, and the DESAL Plan Project Team presented an update on the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study and progress to date.

Presentation section 1: The Project Team provided an overview of the project background, objectives, scope, future water supply demand projections, and the evaluation of screened alternatives.

E. Greening asked for clarification regarding Nacimiento water exchanges with Templeton and whether alternatives exist to pumping water over the mountains. L. Holmes responded.

D. Chipping asked about the constraints analysis and whether it is necessary to locate the subsurface intake farther offshore. L. Holmes responded.

M. van Ryn asked about the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and state park properties identified in Alternative D and the permitting process required to proceed with a project in those managed areas. L. Holmes responded.

C. Mulholland commented on the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and potential project restrictions, raised concerns regarding energy demand and brine disposal, and referenced alternative desalination technologies and desalination efforts underway in Norway and San Diego. L. Holmes responded.

E. Eby asked if there is a brine delusion requirement and if those numbers are available today. L. Holmes responded.

M. van Ryn asked whether population growth projections were considered in the analysis. L. Holmes responded.

D. Crater asked why the alternative sites are limited to using existing outfalls, including those with no current flow. L. Holmes responded.

J. Edwards commented on the California Coastal Commission's review of the CalAm and Carlsbad desalination projects and asked whether established Coastal Commission policies are being considered as part of the screening methodology for this study. L. Holmes responded.

Presentation Section 2: The Project Team provided an overview of community engagement and outreach efforts conducted throughout the study.

S. Gault asked whether industry professionals or representatives from other counties had provided comments or engaged with the project team. C. Berg responded.

D. Chipping asked how the costs of a scaled-down desalination facility similar to the Carlsbad facility would compare if constructed on the Central Coast. C. Berg responded.

C. Mulholland asked about the size of the on-land facilities and whether potential locations had already been considered in the analysis. L. Holmes responded.

D. Crater asked how the partner agencies have been engaged and if they are funding any portion of the current project phase. A. Ford responded.

J. Marx commented on the City of San Luis Obispo's prohibition on wheeling water and noted the City's surplus supply of recycled water as a consideration in the analysis and future decision making. L. Holmes responded.

C. Mulholland commented on the historical significance of the City of San Luis Obispo's decision to prohibit wheeling water.

E. Greening asked about the report review process and schedule, and expressed concerns regarding timing constraints and opportunities for the WRAC to review the content before the study is submitted to the Board of Supervisors. L. Holmes responded.

Presentation Section 3: The Project Team provided an overview of high-level cost estimates, potential efforts that may follow completion of the feasibility study, and anticipated next steps.

An unidentified attendee asked about the State's requirements for exhausting other water supply sources before desalination is considered and how that determination is made. L. Holmes responded.

E. Eby asked how survey participants are selected and whether members of the public can sign up to participate. L. Holmes responded.

E. Greening asked whether desalinated water would receive centralized treatment, noted the importance of understanding environmental considerations associated with different treatment methods, and asked how pipeline construction standards would be considered. L. Holmes responded.

Advisory Committee members and staff discussed the possibility of holding a special meeting to further discuss the study, the timing of the report's submission to the Board of Supervisors, and the potential formation of an ad hoc subcommittee to review the report and provide comments prior to Board consideration to receive and file.

#### **4) Ongoing Updates**

*Item start time ~ 01:29:23*

- a) Rain & Reservoir Report  
No comments.
- b) California Drought Monitor Summary  
No comments.
- c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts  
No comments.
- d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comments.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

No comments.

h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

No comments.

i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comments.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comments.

**5) Future Agenda Items**

No comments.

**6) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

E. Greening commented on challenges facing the Colorado River system and expressed concern about the potential health and environmental impacts of prolonged periods of above-average temperatures associated with climate change.

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT</b>														
District 1	Melanie Blankenship	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Elizabeth Covert	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
District 2	(Vacant)	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Neal MacDougall	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
District 3	Jim Marderosian	M	/	/	/	X			/	/	/	/	/	/
	Matthew Watkins	A	/	/	/	X	O		/	/	/	/	/	/
District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	David Crater	A	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	(Vacant)	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>AT-LARGE</b>														
Agriculture At-Large	Jon Winstead	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Patricia Wilmore	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Agriculture At-Large	Mary van Ryn	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Jason Yeager	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Development At-Large	(Vacant)	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Tim Walters	A	/	/	/	/	O		/	/	/	/	/	/
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Dolores Howard	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	(Vacant)	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Sara Gault	A	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>RCDs</b>														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Dominic Roques	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Linda Chipping	A	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Tom Mora	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>OTHERS</b>														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Jaime Hendrickson	A	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Mike Schwartz	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Camp SLO	(Vacant)	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Jubilee Satele	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Paul Clark	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	(Vacant)	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Golden State Water	Matt Cook	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Mark Zimmer	A	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Ray Shady	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Hilary Graves	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>CITIES</b>														
City of Arroyo Grande	Aileen Loe	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Jim Guthrie	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
City of Atascadero	Seth Peek	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Nick DeBar	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
City of Grover Beach	Jules Tuggle	M	/	/	/	/	O		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Robert Robert	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
City of Morro Bay	Zara Landrum	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Cyndee Edwards	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Kirk Gonzalez	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Stacy Inman	A	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
City of San Luis Obispo	Jan Marx	M	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Michael Boswell	A	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>CSDs</b>														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	(Vacant)	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cambria CSD	Jim Green	M	/	/	/	O	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Tristan Reaper	A	/	/	/	O	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Doug Groshart	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Ron Munds	A	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Ray Dienzo	A	/	/	/	/	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
Oceano CSD	Allene Villa	M	/	/	/	O	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Peter Brown	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
San Miguel CSD	Kelly Dodds	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Tamara Parent	A	/	/	/	O	O		/	/	/	/	/	/
San Simeon CSD	(Vacant)	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	(Vacant)	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Templeton CSD	Jeff Britz	M	/	/	/	X	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Lori Azeem	A	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>STAFF</b>														
Public Works	Brendan Clark	Staff	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Joey Steil	Staff	/	/	/	X	X		/	/	/	/	/	/
	Jenny Williamson	Staff	/	/	/	O	O		/	/	/	/	/	/

Notes: M=Member; A=Alternate Member, O=attended virtually, \*=Special Meeting



**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)  
GUEST LIST 2026**

NAME	AFFILITATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AJ Maul	County of SLO	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Angela Ford	County of SLO	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Anthony Cemo	Carollo	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Carolyn Berg	Koble Collaborative	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Eric Johnson	Cambria CSD	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Gustav King	Student	/	/	/		X		/	/				
James Sofranko	District 4	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Jeff Edwards	Resident	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
John Hollenbeck	Hollenbeck Consulting	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Josh Porter	County of SLO	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Karen Dean	Cambria CSD	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Louis Lefebvre	Carollo	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Lydia Holmes	Carollo	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Mathew Scrudato	County of Santa Barbara	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Melissa Pasa	County of SLO	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Nick Teague	City of SLO	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Rachael Lee	CivicSpark	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Shelly Cone	County of SLO	/	/	/	X			/	/				
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company	/	/	/	X	X		/	/				
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Vincent Trezza	Carollo	/	/	/		X		/	/				
Wes Thompson	County of SLO	/	/	/		X		/	/				



**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Nick Teague, Water Resources Division Manager**

**DATE: June 3, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3: Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2026/2027 and Consider Actions**

### **Recommendations**

Receive a presentation (Attachment 1) from Public Works Department Staff on the proposed Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 budget request and consider taking related actions.

### **Discussion**

The proposed FY 2026/27 budget for “Flood Control Zone General” is being prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016 (Attachment 2) and is in the form of an updated 5-year plan. The detailed financial information will be provided to the WRAC for review separately when available. Attachment 3 provides a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. In the past, the WRAC has opined on whether it supports the proposed budget, sometimes through an ad-hoc subcommittee.

The annual budgeting practices have continued, including:

- Requesting funding consistent with 5-year plan rather than on solely a case-by-case basis
- Providing information on regional commitments and services, organizational needs and specific efforts in water planning areas
- Designation of two reserves – one to isolate \$3.1M for emergencies and one to isolate the balance of reserves that are available for special projects and/or additional priorities


The following is of note this year:

- Zone General reserves are being used as a cash flow loan to pay for Zone 1/1A storm damage repairs and other mitigation activities required by the permits. It is anticipated that Zone General reserves will be reimbursed when FEMA and Cal OES provide funding and after an anticipated Prop 218 process, at which time it will be accounted for in the budget.

Please note that the proposed budget may be subject to modification to address any unanticipated needs prior to Board budget hearings that are scheduled for June 8-10, 2026.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. FCD Policy
3. FCD Work Programs



**Proposed Flood Control District FY 2026/27 Budget**


Water Resources Advisory Committee  
June 3, 2026


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### Overview

- Budget Management Policy
- Priority Efforts
- FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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## The Budget Management Policy calls for funding activities that support the following:

- Understanding Conditions
- Establishing Sustainability Goals
- Identifying Opportunities
- Supporting Solution Start-Up



*Existing Needs, Resiliency, and the Future*



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## The Budget Management Policy calls for the following funding priority order:

First Funding Priority:

Existing **regional** programmatic services and commitments

Second Funding Priority:

District **financing needs** and other County-provided services related to water resources

Third Funding Priority:

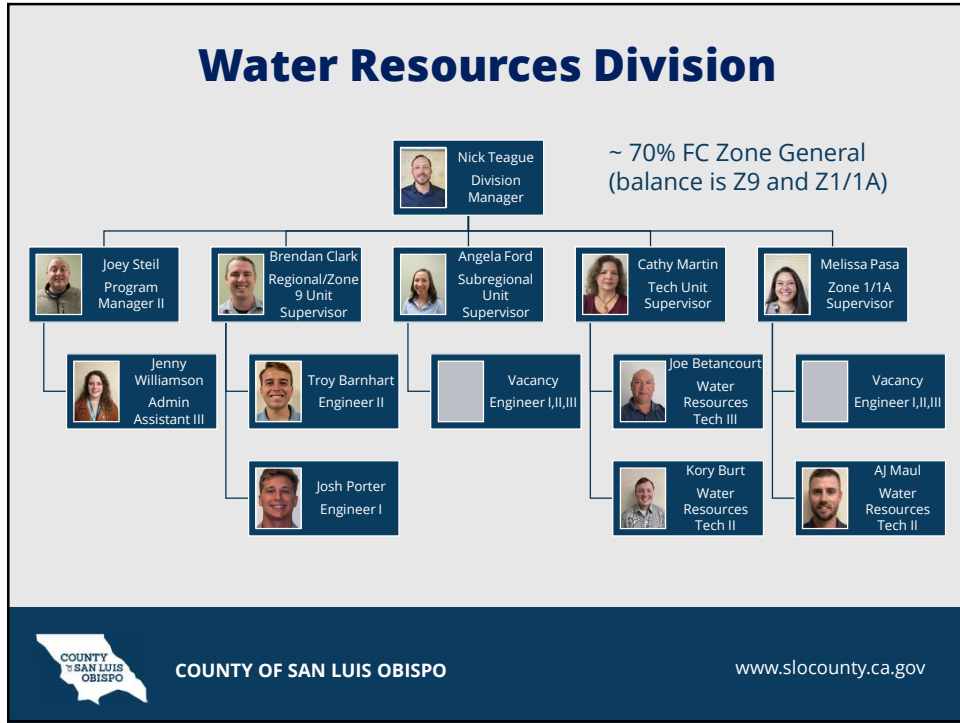
Other **sub-regional** projects and programs



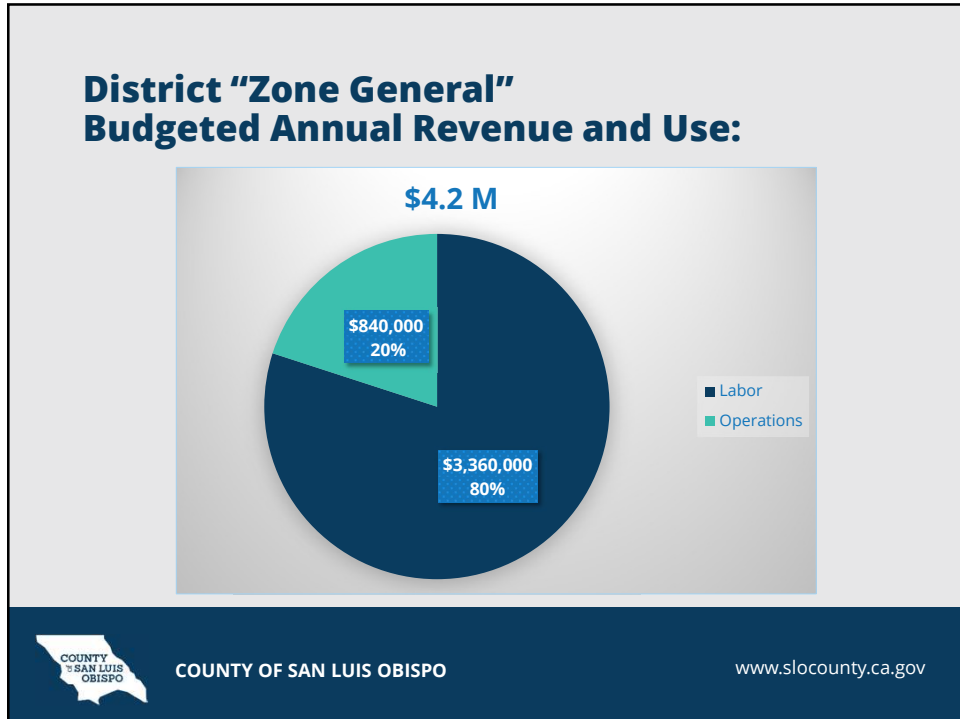
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## Priority Efforts



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### The following slides summarize efforts for Fiscal Year 2026/27 based on:

- Existing contractual obligations and commitments
- Board of Supervisors direction
- Grant eligibility requirements
- Organizational needs



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## Ongoing Regional Services and Commitments

- **Countywide Hydrologic Data Collection**
  - Over 50 rain and stream level sites
  - Over 150 volunteer groundwater wells
  - Grants for new stream gage sites in Tar Spring Creek and SLO Creek
- **Initiatives**
  - Developing a program for understanding flow at key sites
  - Groundwater level reporting tool in unmanaged basins



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## Ongoing Regional Services and Commitments (cont'd)

- **Regional Water Supply Efforts**
  - Master Water Report and Data & Information Management System
  - Integrated Regional Water Management Program
  - Salinas Dam Local Ownership Feasibility Planning
  - Desalination Project Opportunities Planning
- **Initiatives**
  - Monitoring opportunities under Prop 4



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## Ongoing Regional Services and Commitments (cont'd)

- **Flood Planning Efforts**
  - Countywide Stormwater Resources Plan/Drainage Studies
  - Monitoring grant opportunities under Prop 4 and other sources
  
- **Coordination/Administrative Activities**
  - Budget planning, WRAC, interagency discussions, public requests, conservation program contributions, etc.



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## Organizational Needs

- Cash Flow for Zones of Benefit/County System Needs
  - Zone 1/1A Arroyo Grande Creek Channel
  - Potentially others
  
- Grant Pass-Through Accounting
  - Integrated Regional Water Management Grants
  - LPDM Grant



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## Other Subregional Projects/Programs

- Adelaida Study Next Steps



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## FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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## Several documents have been provided to communicate budget information and work efforts.

- Budget Summary and 5-Year Plan
- Budget Management Policy
- Description of District Work Programs



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## Budget Notes

- Still anticipating FEMA and Cal OES reimbursement for ~\$5M
  - Storm damage loans
- Conservative approach to expenses
  - Assumes fully staffed and maximum pay step
  - 5% increase per year in expenses vs. 3% in revenue
- Continuing to look for grants to reimburse costs for labor, consultant-led studies and equipment



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## A Regional Resiliency Reserve has been established to support:

- Special studies/grant cash flow/local match
  - Drainage and groundwater area studies
  - Supply enhancement and flood management project alternatives studies
- Cash-flow loans for other County efforts
  - Currently Zone 1/1A for cash flow
  - For compliance with permits until Prop 218 is passed
- Future cost match for regional infrastructure partnerships

One-time money



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**Thank You!**

Please send comments to: [nteague@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:nteague@co.slo.ca.us)

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*of the*

## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold,  
and Chairperson Lynn Compton

**ABSENT:** None

### RESOLUTION NO. 2016-281

#### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND RESERVES

The following resolution is now offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 68-223 which established a policy regarding surveillance of potential drainage problems within the District and the manner in which any necessary remedial measures (planning, design, construction, financing and maintenance of drainage facilities) would be funded (1968 Policy); and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the objects and purposes of the District set forth in the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, the District provides services that extend beyond drainage and flood control services, including, without limitation, services related to the prevention of waste or diminution of the water supply in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to being narrowly focused, the 1968 Policy contains provisions, particularly provisions related to financing, that have not been updated to reflect changes in law, including, without limitation, Proposition 218; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the District has determined that the 1968 Policy should be replaced with an updated policy that reflects the broad range of services provided or anticipated to be provided by the District to help achieve sustainable water resources in all areas of the District and that is consistent with public financing laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, that the District General Fund budget and reserves shall be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The District shall use available funds for services intended to result in the following:
  - a. Development of a common understanding of conditions (e.g. regional data collection, technical studies);
  - b. Definition of sustainability goals (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program implementation);
  - c. Identification of feasible solutions to meet goals (e.g. feasibility studies); and
  - d. Facilitation of the initial implementation of identified solutions (e.g. District zones of benefit)
2. In its determination of the manner in which various services falling within Section 1 will be funded through the development of the annual District General Fund budget, the District shall allocate funding in accordance with the following priority order:
  - a. Existing regional programmatic services and commitments;
  - b. District financing needs and other County-provided services related to water resources; and
  - c. Other projects and programs that come forward through the IRWM project solicitation and grant application process or are otherwise identified by regional and/or sub-regional stakeholder groups and are financially supported by entities other than the District (e.g. cost-shared, grant-funded or otherwise cost-recoverable area-specific services such as basin characterizations/models and drainage studies).
3. When a long-term solution(s) is identified for implementation, such as an infrastructure project, management of a shared source of supply or management of flood and/or storm waters, use of the annual District General Fund budget shall be limited to facilitating services related to its initial implementation, including institutional structure formation (e.g. creation of a zone of benefit of the District) and funding processes (e.g. establishment of a fee, assessment or tax), preliminary project

development and cash flow/start-up costs. If such services become funded, the District shall seek reimbursement (e.g. from a successfully formed and funded zone of benefit of the District) to the extent possible.

4. The annual District General Fund budget shall be developed and managed in a manner that builds reserves in times while needs beyond existing regional programmatic services are still being identified so that funding is available when services to address such needs are ready for implementation.
5. For annual budgeting and emergency preparedness purposes, the minimum threshold for District reserves shall be \$3,100,000.
6. This policy shall supersede the 1968 Policy.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Mecham, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Lynn Compton  
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tommy Gong

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Jandy Currens  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL  
County Counsel

By: /s/Erica Stuckey  
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 14, 2016

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,        }  
County of San Luis Obispo,    }    ss.

I, Tommy Gong, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tommy Gong  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens  
Deputy Clerk



San Luis Obispo County  
Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
Zone General  
Work Programs

A. Management Program

Efforts in this program include supporting the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), District strategic planning and budgeting efforts, public and partner engagement and inter/intra-department coordination. Staff has created a multi-department water “superteam” that meets monthly to discuss key interrelated water management efforts such as community plan development, groundwater sustainability plan implementation, data collection and organization efforts and other projects and programs with water resources implications. Its mission is to influence and create consistency amongst water-related policies and programs for the purpose of achieving sustainable communities in alignment with the County’s values.

a. Water Conservation Education

A condition of obtaining an IRWM grant includes compliance with AB 1420, which requires implementation of certain conservation best management practices (BMPs) by wholesalers. Certain BMPs are best implemented by the District on a regional basis, while others should be addressed in the Lopez Zone 3 Funds. For example, BMPs 1.11, 2.1, 2.2 – Conservation Coordinator, Public Information and School Education should be implemented regionally, while BMP 1.13– Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs and BMP 1.2 – System Water Audits, Leak Detection/Repair are specific to the wholesale operations. In addition to labor, funding is included to cover the cost of outreach materials and programs, and supporting the Resource Conservation Districts’ mobile lab irrigation audit programs.

b. Public and Partner Engagement

This effort includes communicating about program and project activities through meetings, web postings and other methods; tracking and communicating about water-related grant opportunities; and supporting the effort to improve storage of and access to water-related data and information.

## B. Regional Program

### a. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program

IRWM Program efforts include implementing and updating the Plan, coordinating with the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), monitoring State and funding area activities relevant to IRWM, administration of the implementation and planning grant agreements with the State and project proponents, and the development of implementation grant applications. The District is the lead agency for the program in accordance with State regulations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the RWMG member organizations. Participation in the IRWM Program has resulted in over \$32M in grant awards for local needs.

### b. Master Water Report and Regional Resiliency Planning

This effort includes updating the compilation of analyses that communicates the current and projected future ability of water supplies to meet demands on a county-wide basis. A data and information system will be developed and maintained and updated on a regular basis to ensure that these analyses can be kept up to date which will support timely decision making. The reporting system will also include information on the status of resiliency project implementation and the potential for future strategies to address needs, and address county-wide drought planning requirements.

### c. Stormwater Resources Plan Program

This effort includes maintaining the countywide stormwater resources plan, which identifies stormwater strategies, programs and projects. Stormwater projects need to be in the plan to qualify for applicable State grants.

### d. Flood Mapping

This effort includes coordinating with FEMA, and local entities implementing projects that may influence the floodplain, to keep local floodplain maps updated.

## C. Technical Program

Overall, the Program, as described below, includes ongoing Hydrologic Data collection and management efforts, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation

Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance efforts and a contract with the US Geological Survey to share the cost of 3 stream gauges. The data is used by entities charged with water resource management and technical analysis, including the State, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and other local entities.

Hydrologic Data Management. This includes processing and entering all historical hydrologic data into the data management software and web interface, developing standardized reports for the data to support water conditions reporting efforts, and utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to report and organize the information. Other efforts include trouble shooting data errors as well producing guidance manuals for the overall program.

Groundwater Data. This includes groundwater data collection efforts in unmanaged areas which involves groundwater level measuring, records management, and both field and office work related to groundwater sites and the associated data.

Stream Data. This includes stream data collection efforts including stream calibrating, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to stream gauging sites and the associated data.

Precipitation Data. This includes rain data collection efforts including rain gauge maintenance, management, and rainfall/intensity analysis, and both field and office work related to rain sites and the associated data.

Office Technical Support. This includes technical support of computer software and equipment related to the automated collection and reporting of groundwater data, stream data, or precipitation, and other office-related efforts such as maintenance and enhancement of the SLOCountyWater website.

CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) Stations. This includes working on existing CIMIS station maintenance efforts.

#### D. Subregional Program

##### a. Water Supply Studies

Work efforts under this component include studying the feasibility of specific water

supply strategies such as stormwater capture, desalination and optimizing the use of Salinas Reservoir to meet needs in various areas of the county.

b. Groundwater Studies

Work efforts under this component include coordination with stakeholders in unmanaged groundwater basins/areas to understand conditions by conducting technical studies.

c. Watershed Studies

This allocation supports general drainage and flood control efforts in 25 watersheds including responding to constituents, investigating drainage issues, programs, and flooding problems for all County areas, consistent with the Board of Supervisors adopted policy on surveillance of drainage and flood control problems. Efforts to update drainage studies are anticipated to involve consideration of integrated water management objectives of supply enhancement and water quality improvement. The intent of the program is to provide the technical support needed should communities wish to pursue grants and/or establish Zones of Benefit that would fund maintenance, design, and implementation of watershed/drainage/flood management projects.

Zones of Benefit

The following is a brief description of the various funding efforts for the established Zones of Benefit. Please note that Water Resources Division staff are assigned to support Zone 1/1A and Zone 9, which may impact the availability of staff for District Zone General efforts.

- a) *Zone 1/1A* - This zone's budget includes annual vegetation and maintenance for the 3.5 miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee system.
- b) *Zone 3* - This budget includes all tasks related to Lopez dam maintenance, the Lopez water treatment plant, water deliveries, and associated water distribution system.
- c) *Zone 4* - Funding transferred to Santa Barbara County for the maintenance of the Santa Maria levee system.
- d) *Zone 9* - Funding for the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed. The City

- of San Luis Obispo and County coordinate on vegetation and sediment management of San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries as well as project development of flood control improvement projects such as the Mid-Higuera By-Pass project.
- e) *Zone 16* – Provides for maintenance of thirty-five (35) drainage basins throughout the District.
  - f) *Zone 18* – Funding for maintenance of the Cambria detention basin. The basin was constructed with FEMA grant funding and is required to have separate funding for its maintenance and environmental compliance measures.

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: June 3, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Ongoing Updates**

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached 2025-26 current report.
  - *Note: Be advised that the April 2026 and Year-to-Date values for the SLO County FCWCD Rain Stations were incorrectly tabulated on the 5/1/2026 Rainfall and Reservoir Report. This report correctly displays the April 2026 preliminary data and current Year-to-Date totals.*
- b) **Drought Updates.**
  - No updates.
- c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization<sup>1</sup> that designates each groundwater basin and subbasin (collectively, basins) as high, medium, low or very low priority. Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for each high or medium priority basin.

**Basin Updates:**

Basin	Update:
<b>Los Osos Basin</b>	<p><b>Los Osos Area Subbasin</b> (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8). The fringe areas of the Los Osos Area Subbasin are not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR very-low prioritization. The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) oversees implementation of the Los Osos Basin Plan for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The regularly scheduled BMC Meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 was cancelled.</li> <li>• There is a Special BMC scheduled for Friday, May 29th at 1:30pm regarding the following items:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation of the Draft 2025 Annual Monitoring Report</li> <li>○ Approval of 2025 Annual Operating Budget Closeout</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the Los Osos Basin Management Committee website: <a href="https://www.losososbmc.org/">https://www.losososbmc.org/</a>.</p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>

<p><b>Atascadero Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Atascadero Basin</b> is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee (EC) elected to develop, and submit to DWR, a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. The GSP was submitted on January 30, 2022 and approved by DWR on April 14, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EC met on May 6, 2026, regarding Periodic Evaluation Preparation.</li> <li>• The next EC meeting date has not been scheduled.</li> </ul> <p>For more information or to view meeting material, visit:  <a href="http://www.AtascaderoBasin.com">www.AtascaderoBasin.com</a></p>
<p><b>Santa Maria Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Santa Maria Area Subbasin</b> (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin. The adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin are managed by the Northern Cities Management Area, Nipomo Mesa Management Area, and Santa Maria Valley Management Area. The County is implementing wellhead improvements at coastal monitoring well cluster 11N/36W-12C (Dunes Well 12C). The main purpose of the work is to raise the wellhead, which is covered by dune sand, and to re-equip the well with new pumps for water quality monitoring.</p> <p>The Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo GSA is the GSA for the non-adjudicated fringe areas of the basin within the County. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas. However, only the priority of the non-adjudicated fringe areas was assessed, which include the Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area in San Luis Obispo County and other fringe areas in Santa Barbara County.</p> <p><b>Arroyo Grande Subbasin</b> is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the County and City of Arroyo Grande as GSAs in the basin have prepared a GSP.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin</a> or <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</a></p>
<p><b>Paso Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Paso Basin</b> is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, San Miguel CSD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA, entered into an agreement to develop and implement a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC). In April 2025, the County of San Luis Obispo GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA formed the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (Paso Authority) through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which supersedes the PBCC and is the new governing body of Paso Basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Paso Authority held a regular meeting on April 22, 2026, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review Frequently Asked Questions on the Fee Study</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hearing to Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-001 to Establish FY 2026-27 Groundwater Sustainability Fee and Authorize Collection of Charges</li> <li>○ Update on Fallowed Land Registry Program</li> <li>○ Direction on Gap Funding</li> <li>● The next Paso Authority regular meeting is scheduled for <b>June 22, 2026</b>.</li> </ul> <p>For more information or to view meeting materials, please visit:  <a href="http://www.pasoroblesaga.org/">www.pasoroblesaga.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Cuyama Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Cuyama Basin</b> is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Cuyama Basin GSA was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is an independent agency governed by a Board of Directors for Cuyama Basin. An amended GSP was submitted to DWR on July 20, 2022 and on March 3, 2023, DWR issued a recommended “approval” of the GSP. The final approval with proposed corrective actions was received on May 25, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee met on <b>April 30, 2026</b>, and <b>May 6, 2026</b>, respectively, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Potential Areas of Overdraft Outside the Central Management Area</li> <li>○ Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on GSA Response to DWR’s Additional Information Request Regarding their Review of the Amended 2025 GSP and Periodic Evaluation</li> <li>○ Approval of FY 2026-2027 Budget and Cash Flow</li> <li>○ Approval of Consultant Task Orders for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</li> <li>○ Report on 2025 Basin-wide Groundwater Use, 2025 CMA Allocation Compliance, and CMA Groundwater Allocation Exchange</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are proposed for <b>June 25, 2026</b>, and <b>July 1, 2026</b>, respectively.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.cuyamabasin.org">www.cuyamabasin.org</a></p>
<p><b>San Luis Obispo Basin</b></p>	<p><b>San Luis Obispo Basin</b> is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo GSAs, in coordination with other basin stakeholders, formed the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) to develop and submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the SLO Basin to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline. The GSP was approved by DWR on April 27, 2023, and per the GSC MOA, the GSC terminated on March 18, 2024. DWR recommended four corrective actions and the County GSA and City GSA will be addressing these ahead of the next GSP periodic evaluation due January 26, 2027. Moving forward, the County GSA will work with local stakeholders to receive relevant feedback on the implementation of the GSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>No meetings are currently scheduled at this time.</b></li> </ul> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin">https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</a></p>
<p><b>Adelaida Area</b></p>	<p>The <b>Adelaida Area</b> is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has</p>

	<p>been coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on a hydrogeologic study to increase understanding of the groundwater conditions, availability, and sustainability in the fractured rock area. Currently, the USGS is working to integrate and analyze the hydrogeologic system using data gathered in the initial study tasks, which commenced in 2019, to produce an interpretive report that is anticipated in 2027.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy">https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy</a></p>
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**d) County Flood Control Zones**

The San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District is a resource to help individuals and communities in San Luis Obispo County identify and address flooding problems with the purpose *"to provide for control, disposition and distribution of the flood and storm waters of the district and of streams flowing into the district..."*

Updates by Zone:

Zone	Update:
<p><b><u>Zone 1/1A</u></b> <b>Arroyo Grande Creek Channel</b></p>	<p><b>Flood Control Zone 1/1A</b> includes the maintenance and operations of the Arroyo Grande Creek and Los Berros Diversion Channels to provide flood protection within the Zone located near the City of Arroyo Grande and the community of Oceano.</p> <p>The following are updates to on-going District staff activities for Zone 1/1A:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Waterway Management Plan (WMP):</b> The Arroyo Grande Creek Channel WMP and associated environmental documents are the District’s maintenance procedures, activity and schedule allowances to maintain storm flow conveyance while simultaneously enhancing water quality and sensitive species habitat. Since the last WRAC meeting, the 2026 Annual Work Plan is now publicly available on the Flood Zone website. Our levee response team, in partnership with CivicSparks, hosted a native planting site work day on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Briefings on these two items will be provided at the next Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee Meeting, referenced below. Upcoming maintenance activities include weed and vegetation management via various work crews.</li> <li><b>2. Zone 1/1A and Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Programs Funding Project:</b> This is an effort to update the Prop 218 Assessments from 2006 for the Zone 1/1A Program and to evaluate watershed-scale and other options to fund and implement other programs in the watershed that may impact the success of efforts in the Zone 1/1A area. A consultant Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in January 2026, proposals were received and reviewed by the selection committee. The County is working with the top-ranked firm to finalize the contract and anticipates to begin the funding assessment in June. Upcoming work</li> </ol>

	<p>includes evaluating existing and historical costs associated with levee operations, maintenance, and necessary improvements.</p> <p><b>3. Arroyo Grande Creek Levees Project:</b> This is a scoping study, federally funded under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), to support the District’s AG Creek channel flood protection efforts through an alternatives analysis to evaluate feasible flood mitigation solutions to improve flood protection for properties surrounding the channel. The Board awarded a \$918k A/E Contract to Verdantas, Inc. on May 19, 2026 to begin this flood alternatives study. This study is anticipated to run parallel with the funding project, previously summarized, to capture long-term maintenance and improvement plans for both Zone 1/1A and other watershed-scale projects for potential funding opportunities.</p> <p><b>4. Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project:</b> This project aims to improve connectivity between the Meadow Creek and Arroyo Grande Creek lagoons and enhance steelhead rearing habitat by excavating pools and incorporating engineered wood structures to increase habitat complexity, in accordance with the US Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion issued for the WMP. The District has selected a preferred alternative for the Project which was developed in collaboration with the Project science panel composed of agency and academic technical environmental specialists and engineers. The 30% design includes replacing the existing Sand Canyon Flap Gates with a tide gate and creation of complex habitat pools within lower Meadow Creek Lagoon. This report is available under the Plans &amp; Reports section of the Zone 1/1A website (linked below). The Project science panel continues to review and discuss environmental monitoring goals and objectives in preparation of moving to the environmental documentation phase of this Project.</p> <p><b>5. Levee Operations Emergency Response Planning:</b> The District is continuing to perform emergency response planning activities, including plan review and updates, staff training, managing response materials, maintaining field gages, and securing emergency response contracts.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 3:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Sheriff’s South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street, Oceano, CA.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A">https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A</a></p>
<p><b>Zone 9</b> <b>San Luis</b> <b>Obispo Creek</b></p>	<p><b>Flood Control Zone 9</b> provides flood control data and planning for the area encompassing San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries. City and County staff</p>

	<p>are currently planning an update to the Waterway Management Plan, installation of new stream gages and more.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 10, 2026, 1:30 PM, at the SLO Vets Hall Lounge Room, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9">https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9</a></p>
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**e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)**

On January 27, 2026 the Board directed staff to submit an amendment request to DWR to replace Central Coast Blue, Phase 1 with two projects, the City of SLO’s Groundwater Cleanup Project and the Heritage Ranch CSD’s Disinfection Byproducts project. This has been submitted to DWR for inclusion into our agreement. Once this amendment is approved by DWR, the table below will be updated.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

<b>Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)</b>	<b>\$2,797,000</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
<b>Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)</b>	<b>\$10,401,000</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
<b>Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017</b>	<b>\$877,563</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
<b>Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1</b>	<b>\$2,782,130</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
<b>Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2</b>	<b>\$3,782,129</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	
Grant Administration	\$132,374	In Progress	Flood Control District
Indirect Potable Reuse	\$1,200,000	In Progress	City of Morro Bay
Central Coast Blue, Phase 1	\$1,000,000	TBD	City of Pismo Beach
Master Water Report Information System	\$549,755	In Progress	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$600,000	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Water Reliability Projects	\$300,000	In Progress	San Miguel CSD

For questions, contact:  
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**f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update**

June Update:

County staff and the consultant team are planning the expansion of the Master Water Report Data and Information Management System (DIMS) to the rest of the County after having started with the Morro Bay Watershed. Focus areas have been developing and refining methodologies for integration with SMGA annual reports, the Planning Department’s annual housing projections, vulnerability scoring related to SB-552 and the 2021 Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan and updating the approved to environmental water demand.

Background:

On June 7, 2022, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to develop the Master Water Report Update and Information System. Board Item: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14655>

For more information, please visit the project website:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Master-Water-Report-and-Data-Information-System.aspx>

**g) State Water Project (SWP) (Note: SWP Allocation Increased to 45%, 5/15/26)**

**- Current 2026 SWP Water Supply & Demand:**

<b>2026 SWP Supply</b>		
<b>The current SWP allocation %</b> (and date) set by DWR:	<b>45%</b>	<b>(5/15/2026)</b>
<b>The Table A water amount</b> based on the current SWP allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A" contract translates to:	<b>11,250 AF</b>	<b>Table A water</b>
<b>Estimate of "Carryover" water</b> in storage at San Luis Reservoir on <u>January 1, 2026</u> (the start of the new SWP delivery year) was:	<b>9,109 AF</b>	<b>Carryover water</b>
<b>Other District Surplus</b> SWP water stored water outside the District:	<b>350 AF</b>	<b>Additional Storage</b>
<b>Total Project water available</b> to the District:	<b>20,709 AF</b>	<b>Total Supply</b>
<b>2026 SWP Demand</b> (as of 1/1/2026)		
<b>Total Project water scheduled</b> for delivery to the District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's 4,830 AF capacity share):	<b>3,540 AF</b>	<b>Scheduled Deliveries</b>

- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next regular SWSAC meeting is set for Friday, May 29, 2026. More information, once available, will be posted to the SWSAC website: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>

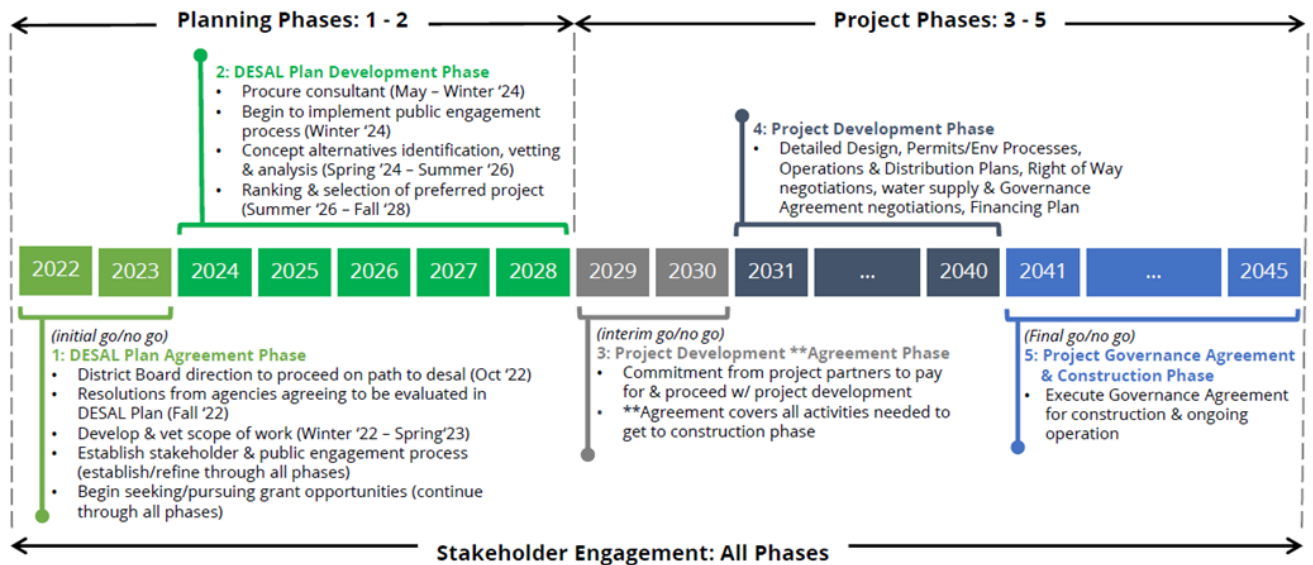
**h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)**

Desalination, the process of turning seawater into fresh drinking water, can offer a safe, long-term, droughtproof water supply. With support from a USBR WaterSMART grant, the District is collaborating with partner agencies, engaging stakeholders, and working with Carollo Engineers to develop the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study (Study), a planning effort to explore the potential for a regional desalination project in San Luis Obispo County.

The District hosted two Community Engagement Sessions in April to share progress and gather feedback from community members on the Study. This work effort, which began last year, will conclude later this year with a DESAL Plan Feasibility Study report that identifies a short-list of the most feasible project alternatives. It is anticipated that a public draft of the report will be posted to the DESAL Plan website (see below) in July for public comment and the DESAL Plan project team will present to the WRAC in August.

For more information, including the locations/areas identified for further study, previous DESAL Plan presentations, to join the DESAL Plan email list, submit public comments, and view project materials as they become available, please visit the County's DESAL Plan webpage at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL>

## ***Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan*** **DESAL Plan\***



### **i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances**

The County Department of Planning & Building's website for the water conservation programs in Nipomo Mesa, Paso Basin, and Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/department-services/agriculture,-water,-and-energy/water-programs/countywide-water-conservation-program>

#### **Current Los Osos Happenings**

On December 16, 2025, Planning staff presented an annual review of the County Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) allocation and a recommendation for 2026 Los Osos growth rate to the Board of Supervisors. The Board voted to approve a growth rate of 0.4% (25 new dwelling units). Timelines for permitting and additional information can be found on the Planning and Building website at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/grid-items/communities-villages/los-osos>.

On May 1, 2026, the County began accepting applications for development in Los Osos for a limited number of properties on the Waitlist to Build based on the approved growth rate. Details on the process can be found at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/grid-items/communities-villages/los-osos>

#### **Nipomo Mesa**

**Offset Programs.** The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the County's water offset fees at a 1:1 ratio to fund the Cash for Grass program, available for both residential and

commercial uses. Funding is currently limited for the rebate programs and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants in the Nipomo CSD service area may pay the CSD's supplemental water fee to meet the County's offset requirement. For more information, visit: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-\(NMWCA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx)

### **Paso Basin**

**Offset Programs.** In the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, there are funds available for the Cash for Grass program, available to both residential and commercial property owners.

The Ag Offset ordinance requires property owners to verify that new and expanded irrigated commercial crops are not increasing their existing water use on-site, based on a 5 year look back period, with a 5 AFY exemption for sites that do not have existing irrigation and are outside of the area of severe decline. For more information, visit:

[https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-\(PRGWB\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-(PRGWB).aspx).

### **Los Osos**

In order for the Community of Los Osos to develop, two programs need to be running: the Allocation Program and the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan (LOHCP). Those who own vacant lots can work towards obtaining a Title 19 Retrofit-to-Build certificate (available at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/forms-documents/water-conservation-forms-and-documents/los-osos-basin-retrofit-on-sale-program/title-19-logwb-retrofit-to-build-requirement>). This certificate does not expire and is tied to the parcel it is applied for. This certificate is not a requirement to apply but is a requirement prior to permit issuance.

**Guide to Planning Information for Development in Los Osos.** This website is currently the best resource for FAQ concerning what type of development is currently allowed within Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/grid-items/community-engagement/communities-villages/los-osos>

### **Offset Requirement.**

For all development projects that use water in Los Osos, a retrofit to build water conservation certificate is required prior to construction permit issuance. The retrofit-to-build program within the community of Los Osos allows property owners to retrofit plumbing fixtures, washers and/or hot water recirculation pumps within and outside the prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits to offset water use for new development at a 2:1 ratio. Program information is available at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Los-Osos-Groundwater-Basin-Plumbing-Retrofit-to-Bu.aspx>

### **Los Osos Community Plan:**

On June 13, 2024, the California Coastal Commission issued suggested modifications to the Estero Area Plan and the proposed Los Osos Community Plan, including a maximum residential growth rate of 1% for the sustainable buildout of Los Osos if groundwater production remains below sustainable

yield, based on the best available science. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to accept the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications.

The Los Osos Community Plan (LOCP) can be found here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/forms-documents/plans-and-elements/community-plans/los-osos-community-plan/cert-los-osos-community-plan>. The LOCP is part of the County's General Plan and is not included in the County's Local Coastal Program. The LOCP provides a greater level of specificity for the community of Los Osos.

Excerpt from Chapter 1.1 Purpose of the LOCP:

*"The purpose of this [LOCP] is to establish a vision for the future of Los Osos that will guide growth and development over the next 20 years...This plan is intended to be the community's plan...Continued community involvement is needed to achieve the vision."*

Please contact [waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us) for further information or questions.

**j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information**

# San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

## Rainfall and Reservoir Report

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### Notes

- All data from automated sensors and preliminary (subject to verification and/or revision).
- All rainfall data in inches.
- \* denotes data not available at time of generation.
- 1 SLO County FCWCD defines each Water Year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30.
- 2 Rainfall data for month of generation is partial (only to time of generation).
- 3 Water Planning Areas as defined by 2018 County IWRM update.
- 4 Per County Standard Drawing H-1, calculated over 42 year period from WY1955-56 to 1997-98.
- 5 Elevation datums vary; refer to operating agency materials for detail.
- 6 Salinas Reservoir was resurveyed in April 2024, with max storage decreasing from 23,843 in 1991. In late May 2024, the elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation assumptions.
- 7 n/a (no elevation) is reported for Twitchell when the pool elevation is below 535 feet.

### SLO County FCWCD Rain Stations

WPA <sup>3</sup>	Station	Water Year 2025-26 <sup>1,2</sup>												Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg	Average Annual <sup>4</sup>	Water Year 2024-25	
		July 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26				% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	Hog Canyon	0	0	0.72	1.54	3.46	2.65	1.49	3.00	0	0.84	0		13.70	86%	16	40%	6.3
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0.47	3.00	7.17	6.54	7.29	8.51	0	5.20	0.04		38.22	96%	40	87%	34.9
	Shandon	0	0	0.96	1.75	3.28	2.72	1.25	2.23	0	0.74	0		12.93	108%	12	55%	6.6
	Templeton	0	0	0.25	1.50	2.89	3.63	1.22	3.80	0.02	1.09	0		14.40	80%	18	52%	9.4
	Creston	0	0	0.11	1.67	3.11	3.62	1.71	3.77	0	1.07	0		15.06	126%	12	26%	3.1
	Atascadero	0	0	0.24	1.45	2.84	5.32	1.73	4.26	0	1.30	0		17.14	95%	18	50%	9.1
	Santa Margarita	0	0	0.42	1.94	4.46	6.11	3.13	6.51	0.01	2.06	0		24.64	103%	24	55%	13.1
1 San Simeon / Cambria	Salinas Dam	0.01	0	0.38	2.03	4.26	6.67	2.60	6.66	0.02	2.00	0		24.63	112%	22	68%	14.9
	San Simeon	0.02	0.01	0.38	1.23	4.68	2.34	3.11	4.32	0.01	2.12	0.02		18.24	76%	24	51%	12.1
	Santa Rosa at Main	0.03	0	0.50	1.49	3.74	1.72	3.43	3.73	0	1.98	0		16.62	76%	22	60%	13.2
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.08	0	0.43	1.83	4.86	2.47	2.29	4.45	0	1.99	0.07		18.47	62%	30	45%	13.4
	Morro Toro	0	0	0.35	2.60	4.10	5.68	3.15	5.83	0.01	2.20	0		23.92	85%	28	68%	19.2
	Canet	0.09	0.02	0.70	1.87	3.34	4.26	2.16	4.77	0	1.77	0.01		18.99	86%	22	51%	11.3
	Camp San Luis	0.04	0	0.59	1.58	4.53	5.12	2.95	5.91	0.04	1.58	0		22.34	112%	20	73%	14.5
3 SLO / South County	Los Osos Landfill	0.17	0.08	0.61	1.75	3.80	4.53	2.27	5.21	0	1.87	0.01		20.30	113%	18	67%	12.0
	Davis Peak	0.12	0	0.39	1.42	4.65	3.23	3.11	4.57	0.03	2.05	0		19.57	109%	18	78%	14.1
	South Portal	0.13	0.03	0.56	1.70	6.22	5.38	3.78	6.24	0.02	2.63	0.01		26.70	95%	28	76%	21.4
	SLO Reservoir	0.02	0.01	0.51	1.66	5.86	4.83	2.74	5.65	0.01	2.84	0.01		24.14	101%	24	61%	14.6
	Gas Company	0	0	0.40	1.69	4.83	3.89	2.69	4.96	0.04	1.90	0		20.40	93%	22	58%	12.8
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0.51	1.34	5.28	5.36	2.60	5.00	0	2.37	0		22.46	75%	30	52%	15.5
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0	0.71	1.56	4.60	5.93	2.57	4.84	0.05	2.27	0		22.53	102%	22	67%	14.7
	Lopez Dam	0	0	0.55	1.60	5.52	5.76	2.70	5.29	0	2.47	0		23.89	119%	20	76%	15.2
	Lopez WTP	0	0	0.57	1.34	5.10	4.74	2.30	4.01	0.02	2.44	0		20.52	103%	20	52%	10.4
	Arroyo Grande	0.01	0	0.56	1.39	5.21	3.57	2.65	3.15	0.01	2.37	0		18.92	105%	18	52%	9.3
3 SLO / South County	Los Berros	0.16	0.08	0.55	1.53	5.52	4.61	2.56	4.02	0.01	2.28	0.04		21.36	107%	20	66%	13.2
	Oceano	0	0	0.55	1.21	4.13	3.01	1.92	2.60	0	2.11	0		15.53	97%	16	57%	9.1
	Nipomo East	0	0.09	0.94	1.76	4.91	3.65	2.07	3.59	0	1.84	0.01		18.86	105%	18	63%	11.3
	Nipomo South	0	0.02	0.58	1.36	4.31	2.80	1.77	3.41	0	1.66	0		15.91	114%	14	58%	8.1

### Non-County Rain Stations

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5 North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0	0	0.15	1.47	3.03	4.03	1.86	4.70	0	1.11	0		16.35	117%	14	69%	9.7
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0.32	*	2.80	6.56	2.07	5.19	0.01	1.96	0		18.91	108%	17.56	69%	12.0
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Dam	0	*	*	*	*	1.76	1.74	2.95	0.02	2.38	*		*	*	16	*	*

### Reservoirs

WPA <sup>3</sup>	Operating Agency	Facility	Spillway Elevation <sup>5</sup>	Data Date	Pool Elevation <sup>5</sup>	Capacity	Storage [acre-feet]	Max Storage [acre-feet]
North County	Monterey County Water Agency	Nacimiento Reservoir	787.75 - 800.00 (gate-dependent)	5/26/2026	769.05	59%	223,415	377,900
				5/26/2026	770.20	60%	228,370	
		San Antonio Reservoir	780.00	5/26/2025	752.70	62%	206,560	335,000
				5/26/2025	759.90	70%	235,775	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake <sup>6</sup>	1303.59	5/26/2026	1303.56	99.9%	22,299	22,320
5/26/2025	1302.04	95%	21,227					
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00		*	*	*	38,967
SLO / South County	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	5/26/2026	514.99	86%	42,767	49,476
				5/26/2025	517.91	92%	45,283	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir <sup>7</sup>	651.50		*	*	*	194,971



**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: June 6, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Future Agenda Items**

Anticipated Topics for 2026:

- DESAL Plan
  - Potential WRAC Special Meeting in August.
- Master Water Report
- Salinas Dam
- Update discussions from agencies/other member groups

Areas of Interest – Future

- Considering Recreational use of water resources as part of the District's policies.
- Update on policies and studies related to groundwater in fractured rock
- Update on Salinas Reservoir Dam Project
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- City and/or Sector panel discussions
- Nursery & landscape panel discussion

**Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated January 23, 2024**

**Administration:** The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.