

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: November 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Ongoing Updates

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached 2026-27 current report.
- b) **Drought Updates.**
 - o 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 Prioritization¹ 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:
Los Osos Basin	<p>Los Osos Area Subbasin (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"> The regular BMC meeting for October 21, 2026 has been canceled. On October 21, 2026, the BMC published the Final 2027 BMC GMO Recommendation Letter and distributed it to the email list. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letter is available here: Los Osos Basin Management Committee 2027 Growth Rate Recommendation Letter - Los Osos Groundwater Basin The next BMC meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026 at 12:30pm. <p>Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the Los Osos Basin Management Committee website: https://www.losososbmc.org/.</p>
Atascadero Basin	<p>Atascadero Basin 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</p>

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

	<p>(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"> • The EC meeting scheduled for October 21, 2026, was cancelled. • The next EC meeting date has not been scheduled. <p>For more information or to view meeting material, visit: www.AtascaderoBasin.com</p>
Santa Maria Basin	<p>No Updates.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</p>
Paso Basin	<p>Paso Basin 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 (PRAGA) 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"> • The next PRAGA regular meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026. <p>For more information or to view meeting materials, please visit: www.pasoroblesaga.org/</p>
Cuyama Basin	<p>Cuyama Basin 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"> • The Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee met on October 29, 2026, and November 4, 2026, respectively, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of 2027 Meeting Calendar ○ Update on Increased Water Use Assessment for Areas Outside the Central Management Area ○ Adopt the Amended Allocation Exchange Policy ○ Direction on Variance Pool Concept ○ Direction on Penalty Fee Structure ○ Update on Approach for Groundwater Quality Data Collection ○ Direction on Priority Projects for Grant Opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are proposed for January 7, 2027, and January 13, 2027, respectively. <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p>
San Luis Obispo Basin	<p>No updates.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</p>
Adelaida Area	<p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has 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.</p> <p>The project includes five general work tasks to be completed over several years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compile and review existing hydrologic and geologic data (completed 2021) 2. Collect new groundwater and surface water data (completed 2024) 3. Conduct an integrated analysis of the hydrogeologic system (in progress) 4. Produce interpretive investigation reports & data releases (in progress) 5. Conduct public outreach and engagement (ongoing) <p>The project is anticipated to conclude in 2027 with the publication of an interpretive USGS report and presentation of findings. Data collected by USGS as part of the project is publicly available in the USGS Water Data for the Nation (WDFN) database and can be accessed through the interactive map on the USGS project website: USGS project website</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy</p>

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:
Zone 1/1A Arroyo Grande Creek Channel	<p>Flood Control Zone 1/1A 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"> 1. Waterway Management Plan (WMP): 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. In accordance with the 2026 Annual Work Plan, the District continues to complete woody debris management, supplemented by hazardous tree removals and hand labor vegetation management in preparation for storm season. The engineering consultant team continues to provide biological monitoring, updating hydraulic models, and is preparing for regulatory agency submittal of the 3-year Project-wide Habitat Assessment Report due in mid-November.

2. Zone 1/1A and Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Programs Funding

Project: 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. In tandem with District Staff, the consultants are working to identify the existing and historical costs associated with levee operations, maintenance and necessary improvements for review. Study updates will be shared at the next Zone 1/1A meeting in December. **Arroyo Grande Creek**

Levees Project: 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. This study is running 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. The existing conditions hydraulic model has been developed. Next steps will be conducting field surveys to fine-tune the hydraulic model and the development of the Tier 2 EcoFIP model to support the development of nature-based solutions

3. Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project: 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. Refer to the previous update.

	<p>4. Levee Operations Emergency Response Planning: A presentation was shared at the last WRAC meeting which highlights Zone 1/1A annual storm preparation activities, improvement projects completed since the 2023 storms, and highlighted work in preparation for the upcoming El Nino season. The District will host a community meeting in Oceano which will be posted on the Zone 1/1A website for interested community members to join.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A</p>
<p>Zone 9 San Luis Obispo Creek</p>	<p>Flood Control Zone 9 provides flood control data and planning for the area encompassing San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries. City and County staff are currently planning an update to the Waterway Management Plan, installation of new stream gages and more.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The San Luis Bay Drive stream gage with USGS was installed September 24, 2026. To view gage data, please visit https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-11142010/#period=P7D&dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&showMedian=true&showFieldMeasurements=true The City and District will be hosting our annual Flood Readiness Event at November 5th Downtown SLO Farmer's Market. The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 9, 2026, 1:30 PM, at the SLO Vets Hall Lounge Room, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9</p>

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

On September 15, 2026, DWR and the District finalized Amendment 1 for the Prop. 1, Round 2 Implementation Grant.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

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

Disinfection Byproducts Reduction Project	\$492,930	In Progress	Heritage Ranch CSD
Groundwater Cleanup Project – TW-3 Well Equipping and Treatment	\$507,070	In Progress	City of San Luis Obispo

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f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

November Update:

The project continues in programming development. Supply and demand data from 2020-2025 from the State has been audited, supplemented with other sources (i.e. Basin Annual Reports, 2025 UWMPs, etc.). We look forward to sharing more information when ready regarding Urban, Small System, Rural and Agricultural water supply and demand at the County, Water Planning, Watershed and community geographic areas.

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)

- Current 2026 SWP Water Supply & Demand:

<u>2026 SWP Supply</u>		
The current SWP allocation % (and date) set by DWR:	<u>45%</u>	Allocation since 5/15/2026.
The Table A water amount based on the current SWP allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A" contract translates to:	<u>11,250 AF</u>	Table A water
<u>Estimate of "Carryover" water</u> in storage at San Luis Reservoir <u>on January 1, 2026</u> (the start of the new SWP delivery year) was:	<u>9,110 AF</u>	Carryover water
Other District SWP water stored water outside the District:	<u>350 AF</u>	Additional Storage
Total Project water available to the District:	<u>20,710 AF</u>	Total Supply
Total surplus water for potential temporary transfer in 2026 (BOS authorized, 9/29/2026)	<u>Up to 9,000 AF</u>	Potential Transfer
<u>2026 SWP Demand</u> (as of 10/20/2026)		

Total Project water scheduled for delivery to the District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's 4,830 AF capacity share):	<u>3,382 AF</u>	Scheduled Deliveries
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- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2027. Additional information, as it becomes 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) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

We are in the process of revamping the Planning Dept. water updates.

i) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Rainfall and Reservoir Report

Generated: 10/29/2026 15:00

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 2019 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 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 ³	Station	Water Year 2026-27 ^{1,2}														Average Annual ⁴	Water Year 2025-26	
		July 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27	Apr 27	May 27	Jun 27	Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg		% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	Hog Canyon	0.01	0	0	0.87									0.88	6%	16	86%	13.7
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0	1.06									1.06	3%	40	96%	38.2
	Shandon	0.06	0	0	*									0.06	1%	12	108%	12.9
	Templeton	0	0	0	1.09									1.09	6%	18	80%	14.4
	Creston	0	0	0	1.06									1.06	9%	12	126%	15.1
	Atascadero	0	0	0	0.98									0.98	5%	18	95%	17.1
	Santa Margarita	0	0.01	0.01	1.28									1.30	5%	24	103%	24.6
1 San Simeon / Cambria	Salinas Dam	0.03	0	0.01	1.44									1.48	7%	22	112%	24.6
	San Simeon	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.84									0.94	4%	24	76%	18.2
	Santa Rosa at Main	0.02	0	0.02	0.96									1.00	5%	22	76%	16.6
	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.09	0.06	0.05	1.44									1.64	5%	30	62%	18.5
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Morro Toro	0	0	0	*									0.00	0%	28	85%	23.9
	Canet	0.02	0.03	0.03	2.77									2.85	13%	22	86%	19.0
	Camp San Luis	0	0	0	2.17									2.17	11%	20	112%	22.3
	Los Osos Landfill	0.06	0.01	0.02	2.87									2.96	16%	18	113%	20.3
	Davis Peak	0	0.04	0	2.72									2.76	15%	18	109%	19.6
3 SLO / South County	South Portal	0.01	0.05	0.02	1.89									1.97	7%	28	95%	26.7
	SLO Reservoir	0	0.03	0	1.05									1.08	5%	24	101%	24.1
	Gas Company	0.01	0.01	0	1.43									1.45	7%	22	93%	20.4
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0	1.46									1.46	5%	30	75%	22.5
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0.01	0	1.66									1.67	8%	22	102%	22.5
	Lopez Dam	0.03	0.04	0	1.63									1.70	9%	20	119%	23.9
	Lopez WTP	0.04	0.03	0.04	1.03									1.14	6%	20	103%	20.5
	Arroyo Grande	0.01	0.02	0.02	1.41									1.46	8%	18	105%	18.9
	Los Berros	0	0.08	0.04	1.22									1.34	7%	20	107%	21.4
	Oceano	0.01	0.01	0.01	1.34									1.37	9%	16	97%	15.5
	Nipomo East	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.83									0.88	5%	18	105%	18.9
	Nipomo South	0.02	0	0	1.02									1.04	7%	14	114%	15.9

Non-County Rain Stations

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Station	Water Year 2025-26 ^{1,2}														Average Annual	Water Year 2025-26	
			July 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27	Apr 27	May 27	Jun 27	Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg		% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0.02	0	0	0.84									0.86	6%	15.23	109%	16.6
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0	1.31									1.31	7%	17.56	69%	12.0
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Dam	*	*	*	*									*	*	16	*	*

Reservoirs

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Facility	Spillway Elevation ⁵	Data Date	Pool Elevation ⁵	Capacity	Storage [acre-feet]	Max Storage [acre-feet]
North County	Monterey County Water Agency	Nacimiento Reservoir	787.75 - 800.00 (gate-dependent)	10/29/2026	741.60	33%	124,280	377,900
				10/30/2025	745.10	36%	134,960	
		San Antonio Reservoir	780.00	10/29/2026	737.75	46%	153,863	335,000
				10/30/2025	742.55	51%	169,748	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake ⁶	1303.59	10/29/2026	1299.14	86%	19,282	22,320
				10/30/2025	1298.14	84%	18,640	
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00	10/29/2026	201.2	79%	30,904	38,967
				10/30/2025	205.9	86%	33,344	
SLO / South County	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	10/29/2026	509.89	78%	38,574	49,476
				10/30/2025	511.63	81%	39,976	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.50	10/29/2026	*	*	*	194,971
				10/30/2025	*	*	*	