



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SALINAS RIVER “LIVE STREAM” HAS ENDED – SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – JUNE 8, 2017 –**

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017 the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works confirmed a dry section of the Salinas River, south of Graves Creek at the north end of Atascadero.

The Salinas River flows from the Salinas Reservoir Dam (Santa Margarita Lake). In accordance with the 1973 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) “Live Stream” ruling, Wednesday’s discovery of the dry section of the Salinas River ends the “live stream” discovered on Friday, January 6, 2017. All inflow into the lake is now being released at the dam.

The Salinas Reservoir serves as a primary water supply source for the City of San Luis Obispo. This year’s rain created a natural “live stream” water flow in the Salinas River, allowing water to be stored in the Salinas Reservoir. However, because the “live stream” no longer exists, the County will resume releasing water from the reservoir to the Salinas River, which is common practice under the 1973 SWRCB “Live Stream” ruling.

For questions regarding the Salinas River “live stream,” please contact Public Works Program Manager, Andrea Montes at (805) 781-1046.

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