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Honorable Debbie Arnold  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Release of Nacimiento Surplus Water for North County Benefit

Dear Chairperson Arnold,

September of last year, your Paso Basin Advisory Committee unanimously advised use of available surplus water from the Nacimiento Water Project for release into the Salinas River for the general benefit of North County water supplies.

In the five months since that recommendation, we have yet to see any authorization put forward for the Board of Supervisors' consideration.

Nacimiento water is available to put to regional use. Discharge permits are in hand for releases at three locations along the Salinas River. Using Flood Control General funds for actual water delivery is an advisable water management step, especially given the current drought conditions and the fact that the County may not carry over unused water from year to year. Thus, the Paso Basin Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors is:

1. To use available surplus water from the Nacimiento Water Project for release into the Salinas River for the general benefit of North County water supplies;
2. To allocate sufficient funding to make such releases; and
3. To monitor the results of releases as data points for ongoing/future similar actions.

On behalf of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee, I reiterate our advice that arrangements be made for Nacimiento releases now, so that water may flow once the pipeline is back in service.

Sincerely,

John Neil  
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts