Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2022-23 Water Year Total Rainfall	2023-24 Water Year													
				July 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	40.77 (185%)	0.01	0.11	0.15	0.03	2.53	5.00	4.45	6.00	4.28	2.07	0.26 A		24.89	113%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	28.65 (179%)	0	0.15	0.17	0.10	0	4.18	3.55	5.59	3.12	2.02	0.08 ^C		18.96	118%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	28.86 (205%)	0	0.02	0	0	1.97	4.82	3.14	5.93	2.99	2.25	0.08 A		21.20	150%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	28.87 (170%)	0	0.04	0	0	0.75	3.15	2.48	4.53	2.56	1.78	0.15 A		15.44	91%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	37.58 (215%)	0	0.09	0	0	1.15	4.62	3.47	7.48	3.70	2.23	0.13 A		22.87	131%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	47.95 (200%)	0	0.12	0	0	1.14	5.26	3.05	6.42	4.88	3.59	0.27 A		24.73	103%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	51.37 (246%)	0	0	0.03	0	0.57	5.86	3.44	9.10	5.98	3.25	0.18 ^A		28.41	136%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	96.60 (242%)	0	0.55	0.43	0.16	5.08	20.96	13.75	15.96	10.40	3.98	0.91 A		72.18	180%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	53.16 (222%)	0	0	0.16	0.03	1.51	5.09	4.44	5.26	4.25	3.27	0.23 A		24.24	101%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	48.38 (230%)	0	0.01	0.16	0	1.32	5.82	3.59	8.23	5.92	3.42	0.40 A		28.87	137%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	26.86 (168%)	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.73	4.70	1.88	5.23	2.65	2.77	0.15 A		18.35	115%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	38.76 (215%)	0	0.07	0.27	0.02	0.99	5.76	2.49	7.09	3.75	3.49	0.27 A		24.20	134%

This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.
All units reported in inches.

Reservoir Update

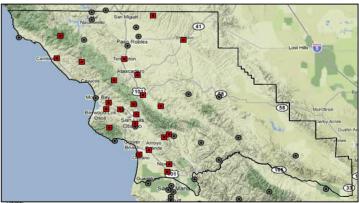
Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)	
Nacimiento	May 22, 2024	789.30	787.75 - 800.0	319,375	85%	
Reservoir	May 31, 2023	796.95	(w/gates fully inflated)	355,855	94%	
San Antonio	May 22, 2024	768.75	780.0	276,100	82%	
Reservoir	May 31, 2023	759.15		232,588	69%	
Lopez	May 22, 2024	522.59	522.7	49,467	100%	
Reservoir	May 31, 2023	522.62		49,407	100%	
Salinas Reservoir	May 22, 2024	1,303.85	1300.7	22,507	94%	
(Santa Margarita Lake)	May 31, 2023	1,300.67		23,891	100%	
Whale Rock	May 22, 2024	216.00	218.3	38,966	100%	
Reservoir	May 31, 2023	216.00		38,967	100%	
Twitchell	May 22, 2024	578.89	651.5	31,561	16%	
Reservoir	May 31, 2023	621.20		103,600	53%	

Note 1: Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.

Note 2: In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity

and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report.

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A - Report generated at 2:00 PM on 05-29-2024
B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.
C - Information not available at time of update
D - Missing data
E - Planned maintenance outage; data to be included in future update.