

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City/County Library Community Room

995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo

Wednesday, November 5, 2008
1:30 p.m.

1. **Introductions and Determination of a Quorum**
2. **Approval of October meeting minutes**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Member Report – Cambria CSD**
5. **Conservation and Open Space Element – Review of Water Resources Section**
6. **Ongoing Updates:**
 - a. **Santa Margarita Ag Cluster EIR**
 - b. **Invasive Mussels**
 - c. **Land Application of Biosolids Ordinance**
 - d. **District Efforts Update**
7. **Future Agenda Items**

--- Adjourn by 3:00 pm ---

Next Regular Meeting: **December 3, 2008 1:30 pm**
 City/County Library Community Room
 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Visit Water Resources on the Web at: www.slocountywater.org

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated March, 6, 2007

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008

Approximately 1:30 pm; Chairperson Winn called the meeting to order.

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of September Meeting Minutes – The September 3, 2008, WRAC meeting minutes were approved upon a first by Member Buel, second by Member Mulholland, and a unanimous vote with one abstention.
- 3) Public Comment – (Materials submitted during public comment are available under the WRAC link at www.slocountywater.org. Audio from the meeting is unavailable due to recording error.) Member Greening requests an update on the result of the letter sent to Board of Supervisors members requesting input on whether the WRAC should consider the water resources impacts resulting from the land application of biosolids at a meeting with Chairperson Winn responding that only one Supervisor has responded so far. Member Hyman speaks to a public information campaign that says pharmaceuticals should not be flushed down the drain; AWWA and California EPA websites are mentioned as good references for information on the issue. Alternate Member Lien speaks to the October 21st Board item regarding the institution of an outdoor conservation measure ordinance and questions why that particular Board item was not considered by the WRAC. Discussion ensues on how to best incorporate that topic into future meetings. Member Greening speaks to a workshop on October 13th at the Grace Church Gym at 1 pm regarding the 2050 Plan and water issues. John Snyder speaks to Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation issues including upcoming hearings and information from Nipomo CSD agendas and newspaper articles. Member Hyman speaks to the idea of conserving water in a way that relates to its use with a brief discussion ensuing. Alternate Member Chipping brings the Laetitia Vineyard Agricultural Cluster Project draft EIR to the attention of the WRAC and suggests that it or the issues associated with this type of project be discussed at a future WRAC meeting. Member Buel informs the WRAC that the governor did not sign AB 2270, which would have allowed agencies to develop water softener removal programs. Alternate Member Lien informs the WRAC of an upcoming Partners in Water Conservation meeting at the San Luis Obispo City Utilities office on October 14th at 9:30 am and a sustainable landscapes tour in Atascadero on October 11th.
- 4) Transfer of Development Credit (TDC) Program and its Relationship to Water Resources – Discussion ensues regarding water resources considerations in developing a TDC program, including whether water is truly saved and impacts to areas with an identified level of severity for supply. CEQA implications and the concept of alternative forms of credit are discussed. Under general consensus, the WRAC will wait for the final TDC Program report before formally considering the topic.

5) Ongoing Updates

- a. Santa Margarita Ag Cluster EIR – Members discuss the tentative denial issued by the Planning Commission on September 25th and their direction to staff to come back with findings of denial on October 9th, and the possibility that the decision will be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. Doug Filipponi speaks to the Santa Margarita Ranch’s response to a water rights complaint. Discussion ensues regarding the information contained in the response, its applicability to WRAC requests submitted with public comment on the EIR, and how requests from entities commenting on the EIR are handled.
 - b. IRWM – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the governor signed the funding bill for the IRWM program and that DWR will be implementing the program again shortly.
 - c. Master Water Plan – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that a Request for Qualifications will be distributed soon in order to solicit consultants to help develop the Plan.
 - d. Invasive Mussel Species – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, updates the WRAC on coordination with Monterey County. Discussion ensues regarding the lack of inspection programs implemented by Monterey County, the threat to Nacimiento Lake and the Nacimiento Water Project, and the success of inspection programs at Santa Margarita and Lopez Lakes. Member Mulholland moves to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that San Luis Obispo County take action in setting up preventative measures for Nacimiento Lake, with a second by Member Winholtz. Upon discussion, the motion is amended to include commendation of County Parks’ inspection programs and acknowledgement of the potential budget impact to San Luis Obispo County. Motion passes unanimously.
 - e. State Water – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the transfer of excess State Water allocation is still in effect and that worst-case initial projections for next year’s State Water allocation are around 15%.
- 6) Future Agenda Items – Cambria Member Report; Conservation Element; Resource Management System.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:15 pm.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2008

Organization	Representative		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul**	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cambria CSD	Jim Adams	M			X	X	X	X		X			
	Robert Reasons	A						X					
	Bob Gresens	Staff	X										
Heritage Ranch CSD	John D'Ornellas	M	X			X				X			
	Debbie Fransen	A											
Los Osos CSD	John Schempf	M	X			X		X	X		X		
	Steve Senet	A	X	X		X	X						
	George Milanes	Staff	X							X			
	Margret Falkner	Staff											
Nipomo CSD	Bruce Buel	M	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Ed Eby	A	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Oceano CSD	Patrick O'Reilly	M	X						X				
	Phil Davis	A											
Templeton CSD	Paul Sorensen	M					X	X		X			
	Laurie Ion	A											
San Simeon CSD	John Russell	M									X		
	Charles Grace	A											
City of Arroyo Grande	Chuck Fellows	M		X	*	X	X			X	X		
	Jim Guthrie	A											
City of Atascadero	Steve Kahn	M											
	David Athey	A											
City of Grover Beach	Chuck Ashton	M		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Bill Nicolls	A											
City of Morro Bay	Betty Winholtz	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
	Dylan Wade	A						X			X		
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M			*		X						
	Doug Monn	A											
	Iris Prieststaff	Staff			X								
City of Pismo Beach	Kris Vardas	M											
	Dennis Delzeit	A	X	X		X	X	X					
	Les Evans	NA								X	X		
City of San Luis Obispo	Christine Mulholland	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Alan Settle	A											
	Ron Munds	Staff											
	Gary Henderson	Staff	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
District 1	Steve Sinton	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
District 2	Bill Garfinkel	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	*		
District 3	Marilee Hyman	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
District 4	Michael Winn	M	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X		
District 5	Dan O'Grady	M	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	*	X		
Ca Mens Colony	John Kellerman	M	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		
	Gerald Elwood	A											
Camp SLO	John Reid	M			X	*		X		X	X		
	Nicole Balliet	A				*							
Cuesta College	Edralin Maduli	M											
	Terry Reece	A			X								
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M				X							
	Jaime Lien	A			X			X	X	X	X		
Golden State Water	Mark Zimmer	M			X		X	X					
	Dan Dorlack	A											
Agriculture at Large	Ray Allen	M	X	X	X	X				X			
	Mike Broadhurst	A	X		X	*	X	X		*	X		
County Farm Bureau	Joy Fitzhugh	M	X	X	X	X	X	*		X	*		
	Jackie Crabb	A						X	X		X		
Environmental at Large	Sue Luft	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Eric Greening	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	David Chipping	A	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
	Sue Harvey	A			X				X	X	X		
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
	Kathie Matsuyama	A											
Upper Salinas RCD	Tom Mora	M											
	Bill Bianchi	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Gidi Pullen	Staff					X						
Public Works Staff	Courtney Howard	Staff	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		
	Paavo Ogren	Staff		X			X						
	Dean Benedix	Staff			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Sylas Cranor	Staff	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
	Glen Priddy	Staff					X						
	Mark Hutchinson	Staff					X	X					
	John Hollenbeck	Staff								X	X		
Planning Staff	James Caruso	Staff			X		X			X			
	Martha Miller	Staff			X								
Parks Staff	Don Melin	Staff					X						
Env. Health Staff	Laurie Salo	Staff											
	Leslie Terry	Staff	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ag. Com. Staff	Megan Lillich	Staff	X		X	X		X		X	X		
	Michael Isensee	Staff	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		

M= Member; A= Alternate; NM=New Member NA= New Alternate 0 = No nomination received as of 8/11/08

*To be confirmed at a future BOS meeting

**Special Meeting

* = Notified of Absence/Conflict

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

2008

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Maria Lorca		X										
John Snyder		X	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Marti Johnson	Planning&Cons League	X							X			
G&G Taylor		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Dawn Williams	League of Women Voters	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
Alan Volbrecht	CSA 23 - Santa Margarita	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
David Blakely			X	X								
Shawn Roberts	Fugro		X									
George Sullivan	Public Interest			X								
John Marshall	CMC			X								
Mike Seibert	CMC			X								
Miranda Joseph	Public Interest			X								
Marla Jo Bruton					X							
Richard Sadowski					X							
Al Barrow	CASE				X							
Richard Wimmer	Public Works Dept				X							
Patrick Sparks	AES, Inc.				X							
Doug DeBord	AES, Inc.				X							
Tom Murphy	AES, Inc.				X							
Otto Schmidt					X							
Lisa Schicker	Los Osos CSD				X							
Dennis Gibbs	Santa Barbara FC&WCD				X							
Malcolm McEwen	Boyle Engineering					X		X				
Mary Michael	Pismo Beach Resident					X						
Mary Bianchi	UC Coop Ext					X	X					
Doug Filipponi	Santa Margarita Ranch							X		X		
Steve Cole									X			
Monica Hunter	Planning and Cons. League								X			
Maria Kelly	Los Osos				X					X		
Dean Thomas	RWQCB									X		

SLO COSE Water Resources Chapter Excerpts for WRAC 11/5/08

MAJOR ISSUES

water supply
groundwater monitoring and management
water quality
water conservation
water resource management
flood management.

Water Supply

- Conflicting demands on a limited supply of water mean difficult policy choices are necessary to guide the future of water use in the county.
- Changing land uses in the county mean changes in water use and availability. Securing adequate water supply for agricultural land uses is a priority of this General Plan.
- The challenge of reserving surface water, particularly water from state water contracts, for land uses within urban limit lines and cities, as opposed to rural development taking surface water.
- Securing water supply to ensure the county's ecological health.

Groundwater Monitoring and Management

- Protecting the quantity and quality of the groundwater resources is critical to a reliable water supply.
- Groundwater overdraft due to lack of sufficient water supply relative to user demand is a significant and growing problem for the county.
- Limited availability of groundwater data for public use hinders groundwater management decisions.

Water Quality

- An increase in the amount of impervious surfaces from development has led to adverse water quality impacts from urban runoff.
- Increased water usage within the county threatens water quality, as evidence of seawater intrusion appears countywide.

Water Conservation

- Conserving the county's limited water supply is one method to reduce the strain on local water sources.
- Water conservation programs in the county vary by community and are not coordinated.

Water Resources Management

- Will the County have adequate infrastructure to manage water resources in the future?
- More water resource data is needed to make resource management decisions.
- Dedicated water management programs at the County level are needed to adequately manage water resources. Providing such programs requires additional funding.

SLO COSE Water Resources Chapter Excerpts for WRAC 11/5/08

Flood Management

- Resolution of flood management problems requires an integrated and broad solution perspective.
- Existing flood control regulations and standards do not always provide the appropriate level of flood protection for every situation and are often one dimensional in perspective (i.e., only drainage or flood control).

Goals, Policies, and Implementation Strategies

Goal 1: Improve regional water supply reliability and security (IRWM).

Policy WR 1.1

The County shall continue to coordinate with water suppliers and water managers to identify water management strategies and issues to project and protect our water use in the future.

Policy WR 1.2

The County shall support the expansion of desalination opportunities. (IRWM)

Policy WR 1.3

The County shall be a leader in the use of reclaimed water. The County shall expand reclaimed water use (numerical goal) (IRWM)

Policy WR 1.4

The County shall implement interagency projects including emergency inter-ties between systems, jointly developed facilities, water exchanges, and other methods of enhancing reliability through cooperative efforts over the development of new supplies. (IRWM)

Policy WR 1.5

The County shall protect water sources for water-dependent species and the continuity of riparian communities.

Policy WR 1.6

The County shall give priority to agricultural operations in groundwater resources management. Agricultural water supplies should be protected from competition by incompatible development through land use controls. (GM9 and AGP11)

Policy WR 1.7

Surface water shall only be used to serve development within urban lines.

Policy WR 1.8

The County of San Luis Obispo shall expand public services incrementally to serve contiguous development and will discourage the formation of small sewer and water systems serving fringe urban development outside of Urban Reserve Lines or Urban Service Lines.

General Plan amendments - Level of Severity II or III for Water Supply.

**SLO COSE Water Resources Chapter
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Policy WR 1.13

The County shall prohibit a net increase in non-agricultural water usage in water basins that are certified as Level of Severity II or III for Water Supply.

Groundwater Monitoring and Management

Goal 2: Manage groundwater as a limited, valuable, and shared natural resource to ensure ecological health of watersheds and natural systems and for the continued production of food and fiber.

Policy WR 2.1

The County shall develop countywide groundwater quality assessments, including monitoring, management, and education of groundwater quality issues.

Policy WR 2.2

The County shall support monitoring and reporting programs for groundwater basins in the

Policy WR 2.3

The County shall require all well permits to be consistent with the adopted groundwater management plans.

Policy WR 2.4

The County shall encourage groundwater recharge, including new groundwater recharge opportunities, with high-quality water.

Policy WR 2.5

The County shall encourage Groundwater Banking Programs.

WATER QUALITY

Goal 3: Protect and improve source water quality for the health of all county residents, visitors, and natural communities.

Policy WR 3.1

The County shall comply with all federal and state water policies and standards, including the federal Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination

Policy WR 3.2

The County shall protect watersheds, groundwater and aquifer recharge areas, and natural drainage systems.

Policy WR 3.3

The County shall protect and improve groundwater quality from point and non-point source pollution.

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Policy WR 3.5

The County shall pursue opportunities to participate in programs or projects for water quality restoration and remediation with agencies.

Policy WR 3.6

The County shall continue support of and partnerships with the Resource Conservation Districts.

Policy WR 3.7

The County shall encourage the use of best practices for irrigation.

Policy WR 3.8

The County shall collaborate with private and nonprofit land managers, Resource Conservation Districts, recreation providers, and other stakeholders to prevent pollution or contamination of potable water sources, such as Lake Nacimiento and Lopez Lake.

WATER CONSERVATION

Goal 4: Ensure that use of water resources corresponds to the scarcity of the resource and its value for the county.

Policy WR 4.1

Measurable goal for water conservation by 2020.

Policy WR 4.2

The County shall support water pricing structures to encourage conservation by individual water users. (WRM8)

Policy WR 4.3

Use of conservation rate structures.

Policy WR 4.4

The County shall be a leader in water conservation efforts.

Policy WR 4.5

implement programs for reuse of treated wastewater, particularly in landscaping, irrigation, parks, and public facilities. (WPC5)

Policy WR 4.6

The County shall promote the use of supplementary water such as reclaimed sewage effluent and water from existing impoundments to prevent overdraft of groundwater.

Policy WR 4.7

The County shall encourage the use of graywater systems, rainwater cachelments, and other water reuse methods.

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Policy WR 4.8

The County shall require Low Impact Development (LID).

Policy WR 4.9

The County should support efforts of the Resource Conservation Districts, California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly), the University of California Cooperative Extension, and others to research, develop, and implement more efficient irrigation techniques. (GM11) (Also, AGP10)

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Goal 5: Manage water resources using the best possible tools and methods available.

Policy WR 5.1

The County shall employ a watershed management approach.

Policy WR 5.2

The County shall evaluate ongoing research on long-term changes in climate and precipitation patterns in the county.

Policy WR 5.3

The County should assist water suppliers in assuring that proposed water supplies and facilities are consistent with adopted general plans.

Policy WR 5.4

The County shall continue to support cooperative, interregional water planning efforts such as the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and the Water Master Plan.

Policy WR 5.5

The County shall implement interagency projects including emergency inter-ties between systems, jointly developed facilities, water exchanges (i.e., water wheeling).

Policy WR 5.6

The County shall coordinate water resource management plans with other conservation planning efforts.

Policy WR 5.8

The County should coordinate with cities and watershed managers to identify collaborative mitigation strategies.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHO: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

WHEN: Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. (All items are advertised for 9:00 a.m. To find out the agenda placement contact the County Administrative Office the Thursday afternoon before the scheduled hearing date).

WHAT: Hearing to consider an appeal by SANTA MARGARITA RANCH LLC of the Planning Commission's disapproval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (Tract 2586) and Conditional Use Permit for a three phase Major Agricultural Cluster Subdivision to divide a 6,195 acre area consisting of three parcels into 111 residential parcels (1.0 to 2.5 acres in size), four open space parcels (approximately 3,633 acres), and one 2,417-acre remainder parcel (not proposed for development at this time). Phase One encompasses 1,518 acres and consists of 40 residential cluster lots (44.8 acres); one dwelling unit at the Ranch Headquarters on Parcel 42; 40-foot wide private residential easement (4.0 acres); 40-foot wide private agricultural and residential easement (8.7 acres), 22-foot wide paved road; water service improvements including a water tank, looped service main, and service lines to residential parcels; underground wire utilities; 41 individual on-site septic systems and leachfields; and, an open space parcel of approximately 1,469 acres. Phase Two encompasses 1,201 acres and consists of 42 residential clustered lots (49.8 acres); 40-foot wide private residential easement and 30-foot wide driveway easements (7.8 acres); 40-foot wide private agricultural and residential easement (5.9 acres); 18-foot wide paved road; water service improvements including a looped service main and service lines to residential parcels; underground wire utilities; 42 on-site septic systems and leach fields; and, a permanent open space parcel of approximately 1,144 acres. Phase Three encompasses 1,057 acres and consists of 29 residential clustered lots (33.1 acres); 40-foot wide private residential easement and 30-foot wide driveway easements (4.2 acres); 40-foot wide private agricultural and residential easements (4.5 acres); 22-foot wide paved road; water service improvements including a looped water main and service lines to residential parcels; underground wire utilities; 29 individual on-site septic systems; and, a permanent open space parcel of approximately 1,019 acres. The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located south of the community of Santa Margarita. The site is in the Salinas River planning area.

County File No: TRACT 2586, S030115U

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 070-094-003, 070,095,002, 070-251-016

Supervisorial District: 5

Date Accepted: June 9, 2004.

WHERE: The hearing will be held in the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1055 Monterey St., Room #D170, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA. The Board of Supervisors Chambers are located on the corner of Santa Rosa and Monterey Streets. At the hearing all interested persons may express their views for or against, or to change the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: You may contact **Bill Robeson, Project Manager**, in the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, California 93408 (805) 781-5600.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION: Also to be considered at the hearing will be the Environmental Document prepared for the item. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the initial study, found that there is evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was prepared (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) for this project. The FEIR addresses potential impacts on: agricultural resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; drainage, erosion, and sedimentation; geologic stability; land use; public safety; public services; recreation; noise; transportation and circulation; visual resources; and water and wastewater. Mitigation measures were identified to address these impacts. Overriding considerations maybe necessary based on significant and unavoidable impacts. Anyone interested in commenting or receiving a copy of the Environmental Document should submit a written statement. Comments will be accepted up until completion of the public hearing(s). You may contact **Trevor Keith, EIR Project Manager**, in the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, California 93408 (805) 781-5600.

****If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this public notice or in written correspondence delivered to the appropriate authority at or before the public hearing****

DATED: Oct. 23, 2008

JULIE L. RODEWALD, COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER



By Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk

TO: Water Resource Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, SLO County Water Resources Engineer
DATE: November 5, 2008
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6.b: Invasive Mussel Species

County staff will be meeting with Monterey County in November in order to prepare for the Board-requested stakeholder/staff/Board representative inter-county meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

The monitoring report for October is attached. No invasive mussels were detected.

Also attached is a summary of the boat inspections for October at Santa Margarita Lake.

**San Luis Obispo County Regional Invasive Mussel Monitoring Program
Monthly Summary Report for October 2008**

Monitoring Site Inspections

Reservoir	Agency	No. of sites	Were all sites inspected?	Any confirmed positives?
Lopez Lake	CDFG	1	Yes	No
Lopez Lake	SLO Co. PWD	3	Yes	No
Lopez Terminal	SLO Co. PWD	1	Yes	No
Salinas	CDFG	1	Yes	No
Salinas	SLO Co. PWD	2	Yes	No
Nacimiento	CDFG	1	Yes	No
Nacimiento	SLO Co. PWD/OSCA	1	Yes	No
Nacimiento	HRCSD/SLO Co. PWD	1	Yes	No
Nacimiento	Mo. Co. Parks/SLO Co. PWD	1	Yes	No
Nacimiento	Mo. Co. Parks/MCWRA	2	Yes	No
San Antonio	CDFG	1	*	---
San Antonio	Mo. Co. Parks	1	Yes	No
Lake Cachuma	SB Co. Parks	10	Yes	No
Information compiled on 10/29/08. * Field report not received as of summary report date.				

General notes on monitoring site inspections

1. A site inspection may include inspection of an artificial substrate and/or a surface survey (docks etc). At some sites a fairly extensive inspection is performed, at others it may be more limited.
2. For more information about invasive mussel monitoring at Lake Cachuma, contact Liz Mason-Gaspar, Park Naturalist, Santa Barbara County Parks Department, 805-688-4515, lmason@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Notes on October 2008 Monitoring

1. California Dept. of Fish and Game staff inspected nearly all sites at Lopez, Salinas, and Nacimiento Reservoirs on October 15 & 16 along with local agency staff (SLO Co.

PWD, SLO Co. Parks, MCWRA, Mo. Co. Parks). This was a valuable learning opportunity for local agency staff and strengthened local monitoring efforts.

2. Monitoring at Whale Rock Reservoir will begin in November.

3. MCWRA submitted the following comments on their activities during October:

a. Mo. Co. Parks Dept. and MCWRA staff met with Nacimiento area boat clubs on 10/8 seeking ideas for managing private, unmonitored access to the reservoir. There are more than 50 private launch sites. Reps offered to help distribute educational information provided by MCWRA and Monterey County Parks. They also urged legislative efforts by the two counties to deal with already infested lakes.

b. MCWRA has made additional samplers to broaden sampling at both reservoirs [Nacimiento and San Antonio]. It has provided two additional prototype samplers to CDFG for evaluation at San Justo Reservoir.

c. MCWRA has obtained additional signs for posting at launch ramps.

SUMMARY OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES BOAT INSPECTIONS
 SANTA MARGARITA LAKE RECREATION AREA
 September 29th – October 27th, 2008

Vessels Entering and Inspected	572
Vessels Returning with Tag	444
Vessels Cabled on Departure	470
Decontaminated	154
Rejected	3

Returning Tags: Boats with Lopez Lake or Santa Margarita Lake wire clear tag attached to boat and trailer. These boats have not been removed from trailer since last visit to lake and are not subject to inspection or decontamination.

Rejected boats are not permitted to enter the park and are not counted in the “Boats Entering Park” category.

Reasons for rejection:

Water in bilge/hull	2
Water in live well/bait tank	1
Internal ballast system	0
Debris on boat hull	0
Refused inspection	0

As of 10/28/08 no mussel species have been located on any vessel entering Santa Margarita Lake.

Information compiled directly from boat inspection forms.

Prepared by Stuart Rawlings, Park Ranger II- Santa Margarita Lake
 October 28, 2008.