



# Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)

## Investigations

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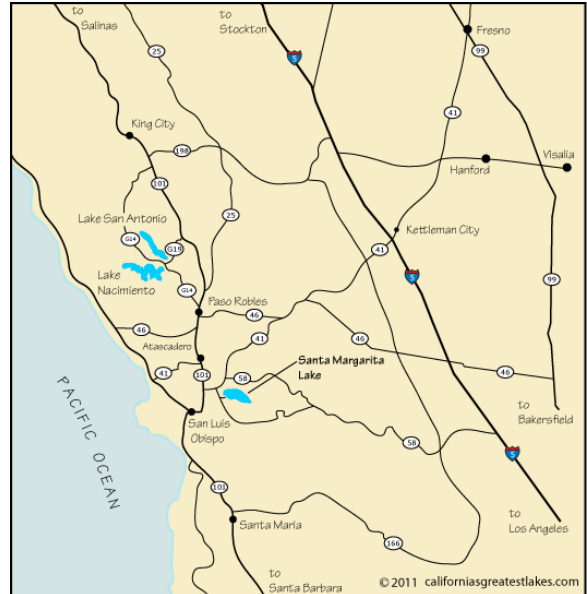
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### LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

The Salinas Dam is a water conservation dam located along the Salina River in San Luis Obispo County, California, approximately 9 miles southeast of Santa Margarita. Salinas Dam was built in 1941 as a potable water supply source for Camp San Luis Obispo during World War II. The dam and reservoir (4842 acres) were transferred to SPL without civil or military authorization in 1955. Four attempts to excess were unsuccessful. The County of San Luis Obispo holds an outgrant to operate the dam and reservoir for recreation and water supply, providing 19% of the potable water supply for the City of San Luis Obispo. This study will determine if Salinas Dam meets the criteria of a Section 216 Disposal and should be disposed of and excessed to the County of San Luis Obispo.

### AUTHORIZATION:

The Salinas Dam was built as an emergency action by the War Department in 1941 to supply potable drinking water for Camp San Luis Obispo.



### ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2021:

Continue Disposition Study

- Prepare real property transfer package (SF-118) for GSA processing.
- Continue to explore obtaining a delegated authority (USACE will be the disposal agent).
- Complete Phase I Environmental.
- Complete PA and Section 106 Cultural Resource work.

### FY 2022 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Complete disposal/transfer package and await guidance on delegated authority. Draft EA and disposal report based on guidance and direction of the alternatives.

### ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Our team is currently analyzing alternatives related to disposition of the Salinas Dam. Analysis of the condition of the dam was completed in March 2020. Preliminary results indicate that the dam meets federal safety standards and we are working with the state of California's Division of Safety of Dams to determine what fixes would be needed to meet state of California standards. Alternatives being considered include maintaining the dam within the USACE portfolio; reauthorizing the dam as a Civil Works asset; de-commissioning the dam, disposing of the dam through either GSA or transferring to a willing participant, and P3 opportunities. USACE is awaiting guidance on becoming disposal agent, which is deemed the best outcome for the transfer considering previous failed attempts by GSA. If delegation is not approved, Congressional support may be needed for other disposal options.

### CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:

Congressmen Carbajal (CA-24).

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### FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

	<u>FEASIBILITY</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$1,250,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,250,000
Allocation thru FY20	\$845,000
Allocation for FY21	\$79,000
President's Budget for FY22	TBD
House Report for FY22	TBD
Senate Report for FY22	TBD
Balance to Complete After FY22	\$326,000

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