

11148500 Estrella River near Estrella, CA

Salinas River Basin

LOCATION.--Lat 35°43'02", long 120°38'21" referenced to North American Datum of 1927, in NW ¼ NW ¼ sec.36, T.25 S., R.12 E., San Luis Obispo County, CA, Hydrologic Unit 18060004, in Mt. Diablo meridian, on left bank, 0.2 mi downstream from mouth of Ranchito Canyon, 1.9 mi northwest of Estrella, and 3.8 mi southeast of town of San Miguel.

DRAINAGE AREA.--922 mi², not including Carrizo Plains.

SURFACE-WATER RECORDS

PERIOD OF RECORD.--Water year 1955-1996 (operated as a continuous-record streamflow site), 1997 to current year.

GAGE.--Datum of gage is 671.59 ft above NGVD of 1929.

REMARKS.--As the number of streams on which streamflow information is likely to be desired far exceeds the number of stream-gaging stations feasible to operate at one time, the U.S. Geological Survey collects limited streamflow data at sites other than stream-gaging stations. When limited streamflow data are collected on a systematic basis over a period of years for use in hydrologic analyses, the site at which the data are collected is called a partial-record station. Data collected at these partial-record stations are usable in low or flood-flow analyses, depending on the type of data collected.

In addition, discharge measurements are made at other sites not included in the partial-record program. These measurements are generally made in times of drought or flood to give better real coverage to those events. Those measurements and others collected for some special reason are called measurements at miscellaneous sites.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS
WATER YEAR OCTOBER 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

Date	Discharge, in ft ³ /s	Gage height, in ft
Dec 20, 2010	0.000	1.67
Jan 3, 2011	443	3.57
Jan 5, 2011	35.0	2.57
Jan 20, 2011	0.000	1.68
Mar 10, 2011	0.000	1.68
Mar 20, 2011	73.9	2.80
Mar 21, 2011	3,600	5.30
Mar 21, 2011	3,140	5.18
May 18, 2011	0.000	1.68
Aug 12, 2011	0.000	1.67
Sep 8, 2011	0.000	1.67

**MAXIMUM PEAK DISCHARGE
WATER YEAR OCTOBER 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

Date	Discharge, in ft ³ /s	Discharge qualification code	Gage height, in ft	Gage height qualification code
Mar 21, 2011	4,730	E	5.82	---

Discharge qualification code:

E - Only annual maximum peak available for this year