

#### Animals

Before written history, prehistoric animals like the mammoths and the saber tooth came to drink at springs like this where water was available even during the dry season.

# Salinan People

For thousands of years before the missions were built in California the Salinan people came to the spring for water.



The De Anza Expedition group passes through Atascadero along the Salinas river.

# 1700 1710 1720 1730 1740 1750 1760 1770 1780 1790 1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850 1860 1870 1880 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 Today

#### Plant Life

Communities and species of plants benefit from the constant water supply from the spring.

# **History Surrounding Adobe Springs**

# **March 1776**



## 1812

The adobe structure is built as the southernmost outpost of Mission San Miguel.

#### 1913

Estrada eventually sold the ranch to Jason Henry, who sold it to E.G. Lewis in 1913. Atascadero Mutual Water Company was incorporated August 13, 1913. Today AMWC is responsible for meeting the water requirements of more than 30,000 people.





1769-1833

Missions are built and established.



#### 1845

Pedro Estrada is granted ownership of 39,225 acre Mexican land grant known as Rancho La Asuncion y Atascadero.





## **Atascadero Land Preservation Society**

ALPS acquired the 5 acre parcel featuring Adobe Springs. Plans to provide environmental and historical education opportunities for schools and the general public are underway.