



Legislation, Regulatory Affairs & Communications  
Committee

# Proposal to Upgrade Metropolitan Room at Vista del Lago Water Education Center

Item 6a

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Vista del Lago  
Water  
Education  
Center  
Upgrades

## Subject

Vista del Lago Water Education  
Center Upgrades

## Purpose

Provide information on Metropolitan's  
room at the Vista del Lago Visitor Center  
and present an opportunity to update the  
information and exhibits

## Next Steps

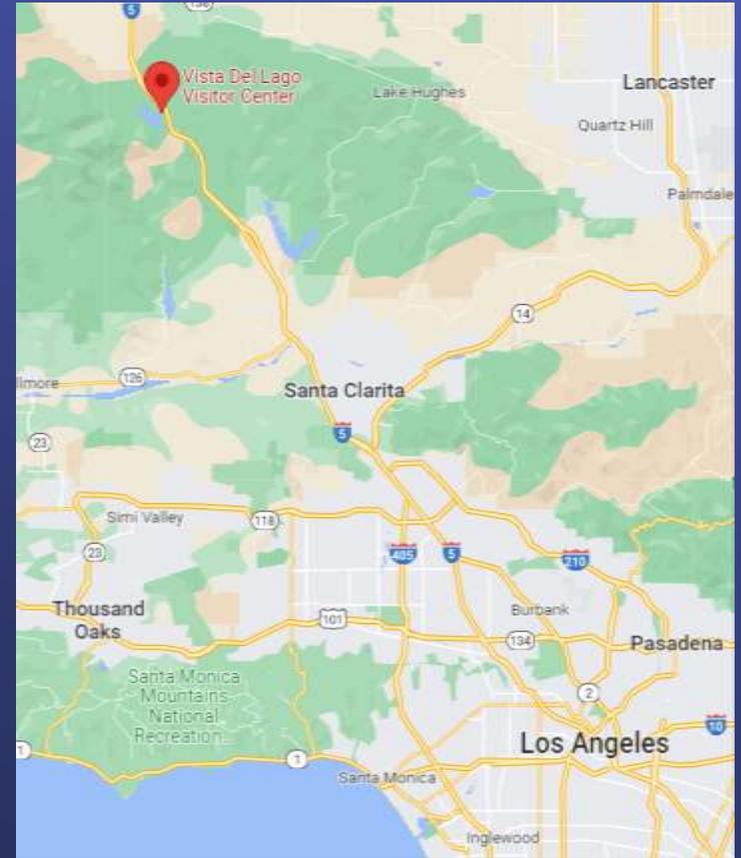
Provide direction to staff

# Vista del Lago Visitor Center

Overview

## Facts

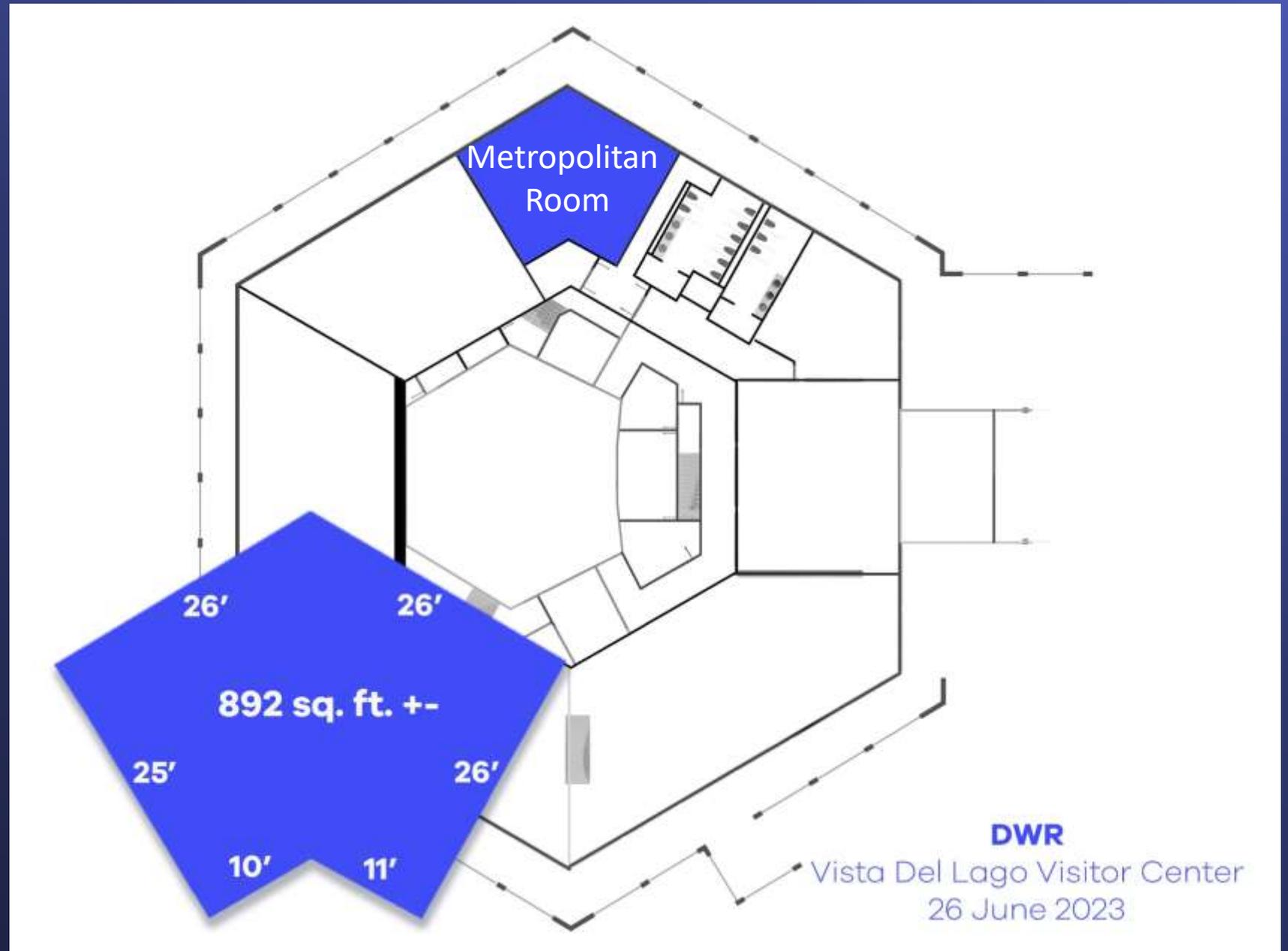
- State's largest water education facility (owned and operated by DWR)
- Constructed in 1993 at Pyramid Lake
- Features exhibits, theater, school program and tours
- Average of 150,000+ visitors annually



# Water Education Displays, Exhibits



Metropolitan Room  
Vista del Lago



Metropolitan Room

# Vista del Lago

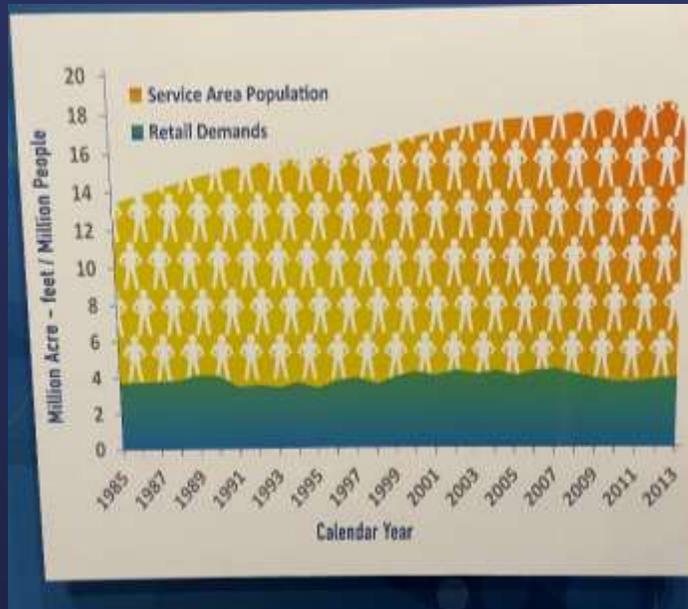
## Metropolitan Room

- Metropolitan's only educational display center that is open to the general public
- Current displays in Metropolitan Room are many years old. Need updating to reflect GM/Board priorities



Vista del Lago

# Metropolitan Room



# DWR Plans to Upgrade the Center

DWR Upgrades

## Vista del Lago

- Exhibits to be fabricated and installed 2025-2026
- Multi-million dollar investment of multimedia and interactive displays



Water Replenishment District's Albert Robles Center, Pico Rivera

# Opportunities for Metropolitan

## Use Vista del Lago to Share Messages



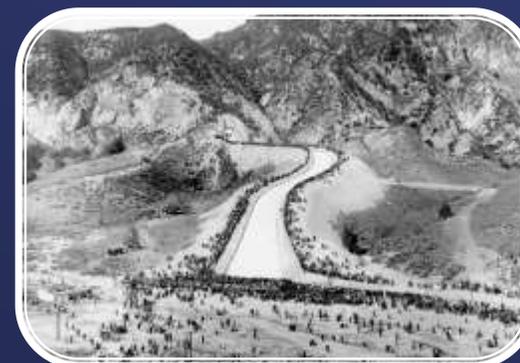
Climate adaptation



Pure Water Southern  
California



Conservation and  
water efficiency



Fourth Aqueduct



Call to Action

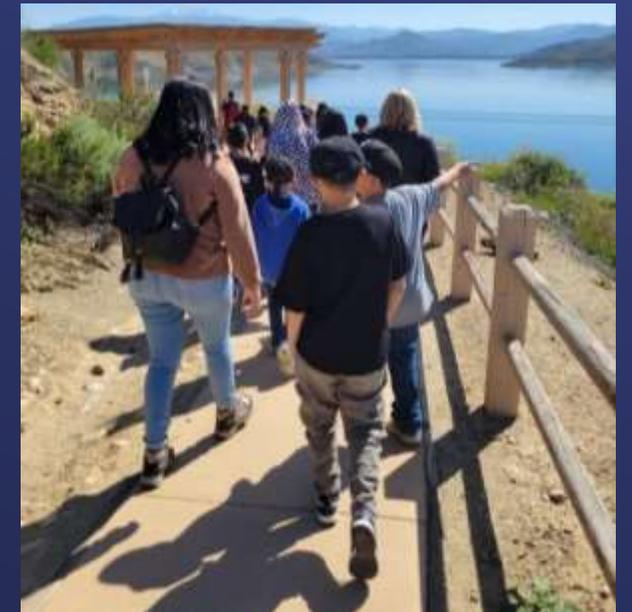
# Future Opportunities to Integrate with other Educational Displays, Outreach

Exhibits  
May Be  
Replicated  
Elsewhere

- Diamond Valley Lake
- Pure Water Southern California
- Field Trips and other Outreach



Learning Center at  
Pure Water Southern California



Student Field Trips at DVL

Your Input Requested

# Board Direction for Metropolitan Room

## Options

1. Upgrade room to multimedia approach
  - consistent with DWR plans (\$1-1.2 m)
    - \$60,000 for pre-design
    - \$140,000 for design in early 2025
    - \$800,000-\$1 million for production/installation in FY 2025-26
    - Represents a 10+ year investment in education
2. Maintain low-cost investment
  - Use in-house resources to update photos and static exhibits

Metropolitan Room at  
Vista del Lago

## Next Steps

- With board direction, staff will continue planning efforts to upgrade Metropolitan Room and coordinate with DWR
- Return to Committee with updates and for approval to award contract consistent with the Board-approved budget



