



One Water and Adaptation Committee

Adopt Metropolitan's (1) 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and (2) Water Shortage Contingency Plan and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California

Item 7-5

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Item 7-5 Metropolitan's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Subject

Adopt Metropolitan's (1) 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and (2) Water Shortage Contingency Plan and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Purpose

Adoption of Metropolitan's (1) 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and (2) Water Shortage Contingency Plan and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Items for Adoption



2025 Urban Water Management Plan

- Demonstrates Metropolitan's water supply reliability under UWMP planning conditions, including normal and dry water years



2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Metropolitan's efficient management and planned actions to respond to water shortage conditions

2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Urban Water Management Plan

- Required under UWMP Act (filed every 5 years)
- Demonstrates reliability under standardized UWMP planning conditions
- 2025 cycle; deadline July 1, 2026
- **No new requirements for wholesalers**

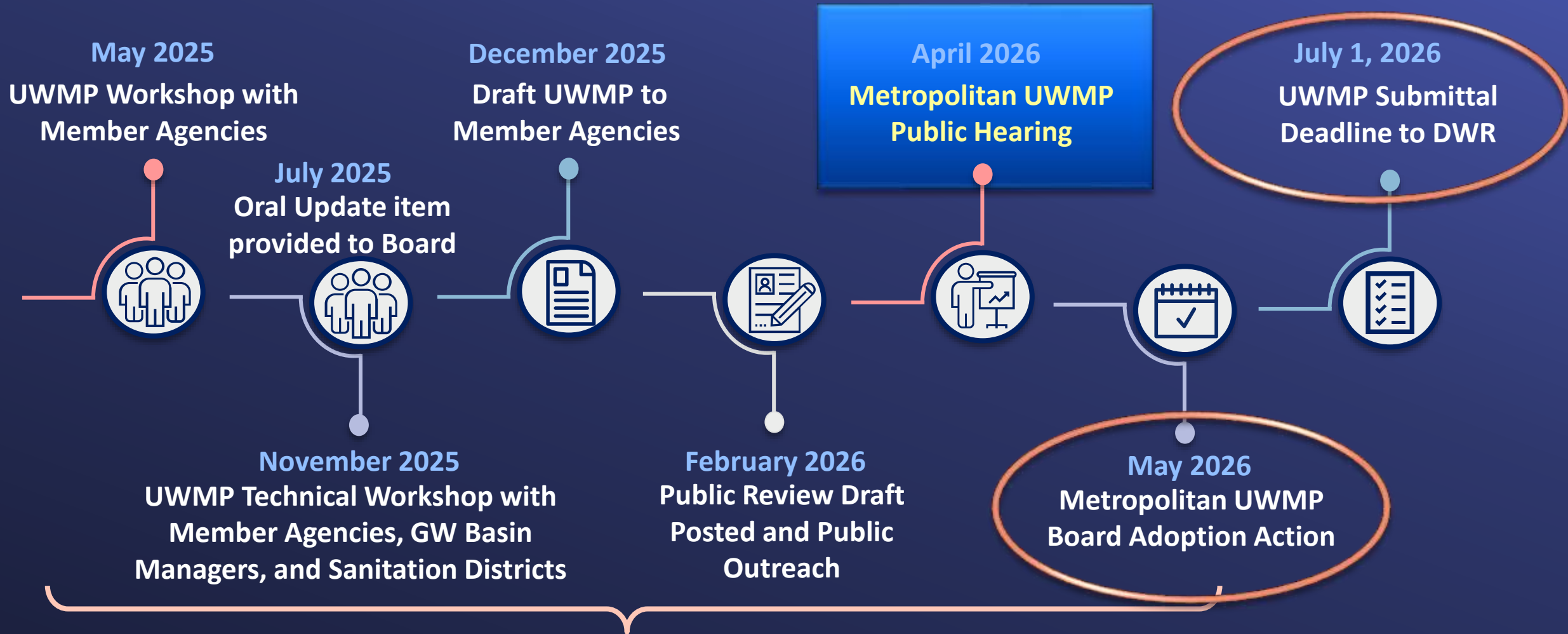


Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Required element of UWMP; standalone document
- Defines response actions during water shortages
- Updated with 2025 UWMP; separate board adoption
- Same public notification and hearing process
- **No new WSCP requirements**



Timeline for MWD's 2025 UWMP and WSCP



Ongoing Internal Work and Check-Ins at Member Agency Managers Meetings

April 13, 2026 Public Hearing

Public Hearing Comments

- Oral comments received from:
 - Los Angeles Waterkeeper
 - Questions from OWA committee members
- Written comments received from:
 - Los Angeles Waterkeeper
 - No Data Center SGV Coalition
- Metropolitan's response to the comments:
 - Responses during the public hearing
 - Provided response letters to written comments
 - Comments provided did not identify legal deficiencies or errors in the data and methodology and did not require changes to the draft UWMP or WSCP

April 13, 2026 Public Hearing

Comment Topics and Key Considerations

- Comments covered several topics:
 - Conservation in the UWMP
 - Colorado River uncertainties
 - Diversified supply portfolio should emphasize local supplies, include Pure Water Southern California, and not justify growth
 - Human Right to Water State Policy
 - Data Centers as an emerging demand
- Key Considerations
 - UWMP projections assume only programs and projects sufficiently defined or committed
 - Metropolitan addresses deeper uncertainties through IRP and CAMP4W planning
 - Metropolitan's UWMP covers events up to 2025

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Board Director
comment

Public Hearing Comment Topics

- Comment: How is conservation accounted for in the UWMP?

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- Response:
 - Conservation is incorporated in total demands on Metropolitan (Chapter 2 and Appendices 1 and 6)
 - The UWMP analysis includes:
 - Existing active conservation installations through 2025, and
 - Code-based conservation through 2050
 - UWMP projections do not quantify new active conservation after 2025 or assume compliance with the retailer Urban Water Use Objectives
 - Conservation programs are described and emphasized as part of Metropolitan's commitment to reliability and a diversified portfolio

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Public Hearing Comment Topics

- Comment: Does supply from the Colorado River assume potential changes to the Colorado River operations and reliability?
- Response:
 - The UWMP relies on current planning assumptions and does not incorporate unadopted future operating frameworks
 - The 2025 UWMP acknowledges the risk and uncertainty of the Colorado River hydrologic conditions and operations
 - Long-term planning efforts in the IRP and implementation through CAMP4W address this type of uncertainty

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L.A. Waterkeeper

Public Hearing Comment Topics

- Comment: Diversified supply portfolio should emphasize local supplies, include Pure Water Southern California, and not justify growth
- Response:
 - The UWMP reflects a diversified portfolio intended to maintain reliability under a range of conditions consistent with UWMP requirements
 - Projects that are not sufficiently defined or committed are discussed qualitatively but are not included in quantified supply projections. This approach reflects a reasonable level of certainty for reported supplies.
 - Supply development is used to meet anticipated needs, not to justify growth. Demand projections are developed independently using SCAG and SANDAG regional growth forecasts

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No Data Center
SGV Coalition

Public Hearing Comment Topics

- Comment Topic: Human Right to Water State Policy
- Response:
 - Metropolitan recognizes the State's Human Right to Water (HR2W) policy; however, the UWMP does not establish policies, rates, or priorities regarding the HR2W, and the UWMP Act does not require this
 - The UWMP is prepared in compliance with the UWMP Act and evaluates regional water supplied under specified planning conditions
 - The UWMP reflects Metropolitan's role in planning for reliable regional supplies consistent with statutory requirements

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L.A. Waterkeeper
and No Data
Center SGV
Coalition

Public Hearing Comment Topics

- Comment Topic: Data Centers
- Response:
 - Metropolitan recognizes the increase in attention of potential for water demands associated with data centers and other emerging industries
 - As a regional wholesaler, Metropolitan does not evaluate or differentiate among specific end uses of water in its water provision; however, it does coordinate with member agencies to evaluate information as it becomes available
 - Local land use decisions are made by local governments and reflected through regional planning processes led by SCAG and SANDAG

Summary of Metropolitan's Draft 2025 UWMP and Draft 2025 WSCP

- Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP satisfy all UWMP Act requirements
- Draft plans prepared in coordination with appropriate agencies
- Draft plans posted for public review
- Notification requirements completed for the Public Hearing
- Submission on track to meet July 1 deadline



2025 Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Board Options

- Option #1
 - a. Adopt Metropolitan's 2025 UWMP and its corresponding resolution for submittal to the State of California.
 - b. Adopt Metropolitan's WSCP and its corresponding resolution for submittal to the State of California.
- Option #2

Direct staff to make changes to the 2025 UWMP and WSCP based on policy direction, and to resubmit the 2025 UWMP and WSCP, and their corresponding resolutions, to the Board for adoption and submittal to the State of California at a later date.

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Staff Recommendation

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