



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Water Resource Management Group

• Water Resource Management March Activities

Summary

The Water Resource Management Group March 2025 Monthly Activities

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Collaborate with Member Agencies, Water Agencies, and Associations, and Provide Leadership for Policy Development, Advocacy, Outreach, and Education

On March 12, 2025, staff presented on water supply conditions at the board of directors meeting for the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District.

On March 19, 2025, staff presented on regional water planning at the San Diego Council of Water Utilities, an association of board members and general managers of San Diego area water agencies.

Strategic Priority 5.1: "Grow and deepen collaboration and relationships among member agencies, interested parties, and leaders on the issues most important to them and toward mutual and/or regional benefits."

Implement Regional Conservation Program

Staff held a landscape professionals' class in partnership with So Cal Gas on water-efficient conventional gardens for 50 attendees.

Staff held a Water Efficient Landscape Dual Certification Program session in partnership with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District/Calleguas Municipal Water District and San Diego County Water Authority/City of Oceanside for 45 and 48 landscape professionals, respectively.

Staff developed technical memorandums documenting how Metropolitan could meet a portion or all of its system water creation obligation under its Lower Colorado River Basin Conservation and Efficiency Program "Bucket 2" agreements in 2024 and 2025. These technical memorandums facilitate Metropolitan's ability to meet system water creation obligations early, through other conservation actions now, ensuring that future conserved water is available to increase Metropolitan's reliability. These technical memorandums are one of the administrative actions necessary to fully implement the "Bucket 2" agreements. *Strategic Priority 3.2.8: "Increase outdoor water use efficiency."*

Ensure Access to Sufficient Water Supplies to Operate a Full Colorado River Aqueduct in Times of Drought

Staff met with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and San Diego County Water District to coordinate Quantification Settlement Agreement activities. This included sharing information needed to determine conservation activities and yields in 2024 and well as discussing planned activities in 2025. Collectively, the Quantification Settlement Agreement and the transfers and exchanges facilitated by the quantification provide Metropolitan with 400,000 – 500,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water

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each year. *Strategic Priority 3.2.1: “Advance multiple strategies toward sustainable Colorado River supplies toward broad agreement in long-term compact negotiations.”*

Staff attended a Water Education Foundation tour of Lower Colorado River facilities on March 12-14, 2025, and delivered presentations on the role of the Colorado River in Southern California’s water supply, Metropolitan’s conservation efforts, and potential future policy implications. The tour provided participants an opportunity to learn about the various municipal, agricultural, and tribal uses of Colorado River water throughout the Lower Colorado River. Day one of the tour included visits to Hoover Dam and Davis Dam and presentations by the Southern Nevada Water Authority, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Central Arizona Project. Day two included visits to the Mark Wilmer Pumping Plant, the Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant, the Palo Verde Irrigation District’s Diversion Dam, and the Imperial Dam. Also, on day two, tour participants met with representatives from PVID, IID, and the Quechan Indian Tribe to learn about their agricultural operations, use of Colorado River water, and habitat restoration efforts. The final stop of the tour was to learn about the agricultural and municipal use of Colorado River water in the Coachella Valley. *Strategic Priority 3.2.1: “Advance multiple strategies toward sustainable Colorado River supplies toward broad agreement in long-term compact negotiations.”*



Water Education Foundation tour of Lower Colorado River Facilities – March 12-14, 2025