

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## LEG Committee

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M. Ramos

## **Legislation and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**February 10, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Monday, February 10, 2025  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:00 a.m. LEG  
12:00 p.m. Break  
12:30 p.m. EOP  
03:00 p.m. OWS**

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**1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for January 14, 2025 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4236](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 2A \(01142025\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on proposal to increase local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts [21-4259](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Update on Eastern Municipal Water District's proposed amendment to the MWD Act to allow alternate board members [21-4260](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-4237](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 6c Federal Legislative Matrix](#)  
[02102025 LEG 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-4238](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 6d Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities [21-4239](#)

**Attachments:** [02102025 LEG 7a External Affairs Activities](#)  
[02102025 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ETHICS, ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**January 13, 2025**

Chair Pressman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members present: Directors Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jung, Lewitt, McMillan, Phan, Pressman, Ramos, and Sutley.

Members absent: None

Other Board Members present: Armstrong, Dennstedt, and Garza

Committee Staff present: Brower, Kasaine, Rubin, H. Rodriguez, Salinas, H. Torres, and Wisdom.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

None

Chair Pressman announced agenda was rearranged, item 6c will be presented first.

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- c. Subject: Update on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Department Heads Evaluation Process, Next Steps for 2024-2025
- Presented by: Barry Pressman, Chair, Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- Eleanor Allen, Catapult for Change

Director pressman introduced the item as well as Eleanor Allen, a consultant working with the Ad Hoc committee. Ms. Allen gave an overview of the scope of work and expected outcomes for the department head evaluation process. She explained the two tasks developed. First task, Department head collaboration which include three workshops in February and March. Second task, Department head evaluations.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for October November 19, 2024 (copies submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant to approve the consent calendar item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jung, Lewitt, McMillan, Phan, Pressman, Ramos and Sutley.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 0 absent

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (Continue)**

a. Subject: Equal Employment Opportunity Statistical Report

Presented by: Jonaura Wisdom, EEO Officer

Ms. Wisdom gave an overview of the EEO Statistical Report. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the board of the 2024-year overview of EEO statistics regarding complaints.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Pressman

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

b. Subject: Non-Discrimination Plan Results for fiscal year 2024

Presented by: Cinthya Lupian, EEO Manager  
Brenda Martinez, Unit Manager DEI

Ms. Lupian gave an overview of the Non- Discrimination program. The discussion items include Program, Legal requirements, Utilization & underutilization, EEO categories, NDP results, Concurrence process, and Partnership. Ms. Martinez explained the Workforce Development Priorities. Which include Community engagement, K-12 career pathways, Work readiness and Training.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Erdman
2. Cordero
3. Ortega
- 4.

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

Agenda was reorder to hear items 7 prior to item 6e.

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Subject: Ethics Officer's Report on monthly activities  
Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas gave a status update on pending ethics office investigations and contracts since November 2024 the ethics office has not initiated any new investigations or contracts. Currently there is one open investigation which is expected to be completed within the regular six-month timeline. There were six complaints received in December that were deferred to corresponding departments. Mr. Salinas gave a reminder to directors for the annual form 700 and announced Ethics issued their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly newsletter.

- b. Subject: Equal Employment Opportunity  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

Chair Pressman announced reports for Equal Employment Opportunity and Safety, Security, and Protection activities are posted online.

- Subject: Human resources Activities  
Presented by: Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager

Mr. Brower started off by recognizing all those involved in helping with the wildfire situation, specifically those employees leading the efforts on behalf of the district along with the EOC team, and all Bargaining units.

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (Continue)**

- e. Subject: Update on labor negotiations. [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager, and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees.]]

Presented by: Gifty Beets, Human Resources Section  
manager

In closed session, the committee heard the item. No action was taken.

d. Subject: 2024 Ethics Survey Results

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas gave an overview of the 2024 Ethics survey results. Survey was conducted in November of 2024 and had a total participant amount of 1,124 responses. 54% of participants have been with the district for 10 years or less, 26% 11-20 years and 20% of participants 21 years and more.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega

#### **FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM

Barry Pressman  
Chair



Legislation and Communications Committee



# Update on proposal to increase local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts

Item 6a

February 10, 2025

# CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

## Subject

Report on the CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

## Purpose

To educate the Board on an alternative to pursuing legislation following the Board's request to pursue legislation to increase Metropolitan's threshold for public bidding on construction contracts

# CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

## CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

Established in 1983 to promote uniform cost accounting standards and bidding procedures for construction work initiated by public agencies

Voluntary program available to all public agencies who have “opted in”

Allows for increased thresholds for public bidding on construction contracts

# CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

## Key Provisions

Currently, Metropolitan has a public bidding threshold of \$25,000. It may award public works contracts below this threshold without bidding, while requiring public bidding for contracts of \$25,000 or higher.

CUPCCAA raises the threshold as follows:

Under \$75,000	Negotiated Contract or Force Acct
\$75,000 220,000	Informal Public Bidding
Over \$220,000	Formal Public Bidding

CUPCCAA thresholds are adjusted for inflation.

CA Uniform  
Public  
Construction  
Cost  
Accounting  
Act

## Requirements for Metropolitan Adoption

“Opting in” requires:

- Board adopted resolution stating Metropolitan elects to comply with the provisions of CUPCCAA, under Public Contracts Code 22030
- Board adopted policy to comply with the informal bidding requirements of the Act (i.e. prequalified contractors list and notice inviting bids)

Board has discretion to “opt out” at any time.

CA Uniform  
Public  
Construction  
Cost  
Accounting  
Act

## CUPCCAA Governance and Enforcement

Governed and enforced by the CA Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission, under the State Controller's Office

Supported by the Construction Industry Force Account Council, a non-profit coalition of construction industry, contractors and labor unions that conducts investigations, reports findings to the Commission and advises public agencies on CUPCCAA compliance.

# CA Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

## Conclusion

Staff review of the CUPCCAA policies and procedures has determined that compliance with the Act would not pose an undue burden to our operations while providing benefits in the form of increasing our threshold for public bidding and streamlining execution of construction contracts.







Legislative and Communications Committee



# Update on Eastern Municipal Water District's proposed amendment to the MWD Act to allow alternate board members

Item 6b

February 10, 2025

# Eastern MWD Legislative Proposal

## Subject

Report on legislative proposal sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District

## Purpose

To educate the Board on active legislation affecting the Metropolitan Water District Act and its Board of Directors.

Eastern  
MWD  
Legislative  
Proposal

## Summary

Author: Assemblymember Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks)

Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District

Summary: Amends the Metropolitan Water District Act to allow for the appointment of alternate board members to the Metropolitan Board of Directors.

Five-year sunset which would expire January 1, 2031.

# Eastern MWD Legislative Proposal

## Purpose

For member agencies with more than one representative, any individual representative may cast the entirety of the weighted votes allotted to that member agency. But agencies with only one member lose their entire vote when their representative is absent.

This bill would allow each member agency that only has one representative to appoint an alternate board member. The alternate shall serve for the limited purpose of participating in a meeting of the Board when the primary board member will be absent.

Eastern  
MWD  
Legislative  
Proposal

## Specific Provisions

Participation of the alternate does not include assuming any board officer positions.

Alternate participation requires 5 business days advanced notice.

The member agency is responsible for additional costs related to alternate participation.

Eastern  
MWD  
Legislative  
Proposal

## Additional Considerations

The alternates will not have any roles or responsibilities separate from the standing board members.

The addition of alternates does not change the weighted vote structure of the Board.

Eastern  
MWD  
Legislative  
Proposal

## Legislative History

AB 885 (Calderon) – 2008

Sponsored by: Central Basin MWD

This bill would have authorized a member public agency to appoint a proxy to attend, participate, and vote at a meeting if its representative appointed or selected pursuant to existing law cannot attend the meeting.

Vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger

Eastern  
MWD  
Legislative  
Proposal

## Next Steps

Agendize action item for March 2025 Legislative and Communications committee and board meeting.





**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Federal Legislative Matrix: 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session  
February 10, 2025**

Topic	Bill/Author	Status	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on MWD
Endangered Species Act Oversight	<p><b>H.R. 831 (Calvert, R-CA)</b></p> <p><b>S. 291 (Padilla, D-CA)</b></p>	<p>1/31/25: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>01/29/25: Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p><b>Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2025</b></p> <p>Establishes an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP).</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Based upon 2025 Legislative Priorities and Principles, adopted December 2024.</p>	<p>This innovative program addresses the needs of threatened and endangered species and provides reliability for water deliveries and hydropower production. The bill will allow the Bureau of Reclamation to hold the non-federal funds for the LCR MSCP in an interest-bearing account. The interest collected will be reinvested in LCR MSCP projects, contributing to the continued success of this program and helping offset the impact of inflation.</p>



Legislation & Communication Committee

# Report on Activities From Washington, D.C.

Item 6c

February 10, 2025

Report on  
Activities  
from  
Washington,  
D.C.

**Subject**

Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

**Purpose**

To provide a legislative update.

# The Honorable Lee M. Zeldin

Legislation & Communications Committee

EPA  
Administrator





# The Honorable Doug Burgum

Legislation & Communications Committee

Interior  
Department  
Secretary



# Letter to Colorado River Basin States Representatives

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 22, 2025

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Dear Colorado River Basin States Representatives,

As the United States Senators for the seven Colorado River Basin States, we place great value on a seven-state consensus agreement regarding management of the Colorado River in 2026 and beyond. We all know the stakes: the drought conditions that confront us are top of mind for you, us, and all of our constituents. We recognize that negotiating any agreement in the Colorado River Basin is a difficult task, and appreciate all of the work that you have done and will do. We understand that a framework for agreement must be developed within a matter of months for it to be properly analyzed by the Department of the Interior and finalized before current agreements expire. We encourage you to meet frequently, to foster a collaborative effort.

We recognize that development of a consensus agreement will require substantial effort and may require legislation for implementation. We stand ready to work with you to ensure necessary authorities are granted by Congress.

We invite you to provide a joint briefing in the months to come to describe what a seven-state agreement could look like and to discuss any legislative action that may be necessary to put that consensus plan into action. We look forward to building on our continued partnership to ensure Colorado River Basin States have the tools needed to avert the worst of the drought crisis that faces us, and to successfully manage our water resources for generations to come.

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Sincerely,

  
Mark Kelly  
United States Senator

  
Michael S. Lee  
United States Senator

  
Martin Heinrich  
United States Senator

  
Cynthia M. Lummis  
United States Senator

  
John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator

  
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United States Senator

  
Alex Padilla  
United States Senator

  
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Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator

  
Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senator

  
John Gallegos  
United States Senator

  
John Barrasso  
United States Senator

  
John Curtis  
United States Senator

# Executive Orders

- Mandatory directives to Federal Agencies
- Have the force of law
- Policy Tool for Presidents
- Often used in first 100 days



# Status of Federal Fund Disbursement



# President Trump's Actions on the Bay-Delta



Memorandum



Executive Order



Truth Social Post

# New House Congressional Delegation Members



**George Whitesides (D-27)**  
Armed Services; Science,  
Space & Technology



**Luz Rivas (D-29)**  
Natural Resources; Science,  
Space & Technologies



**Laura Friedman (D-30)**  
Transportation &  
Infrastructure; Science,  
Space & Technology



**Gil Cisneros (D-31)**  
Armed Services;  
Small Business



**Derek Tran (D-45)**  
Armed Services;  
Small Business



**Dave Minn (D-47)**  
Natural Resources;  
Oversight & Government  
Reform







Legislation and Communications Committee

# Report on Activities from Sacramento

Item 6d

February 10, 2025

# Report on Activities from Sacramento

## Subject

Report on Activities from Sacramento

## Purpose

To provide an update on relevant state legislative issues

# Sacramento Legislative Calendar

## Legislative Calendar

Feb 21: Last day for bills to be introduced

# 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the Legislature

## Sacramento Legislative Highlights





# Legislative Update: Wildfire Response

## Sacramento Legislative Highlights



# Sacramento Legislative Highlights

## Legislative Update

### Metropolitan Sponsored Bill

- Surface Mining and Reclamation Act Exemption

### Bills of Interest

- AB 263 (Rogers): Scott River: Shasta River: watersheds
- AB 362 (Ramos): Water policy: California tribal communities
- SB 72 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets







## External Affairs

- External Affairs Monthly Activities Report for January 2025

## Summary

This report provides a summary of External Affairs’ group activities for January 2025.

## Purpose

Informational

## Detailed Report

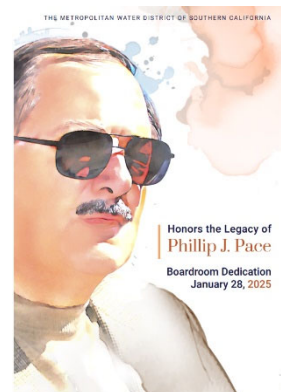
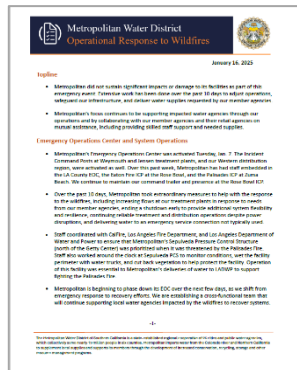
## Highlights

External Affairs staff in media services, community outreach, and legislative services supported Metropolitan’s response to wildfires by working with member agencies on operations and water quality issues, responding to news media, preparing communications to employees, and serving in Metropolitan and the LA County operations centers. Produced fact sheets on Metropolitan’s operational response for distribution to state, federal, and local officials. (January 8-20)

Directors DeJesus, Luna, and Dennstedt, AGM Chapman, DEI officer Thomas, and staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Southern California Water Coalition. (January 24)

Chair Ortega, Vice Chair Camacho, Directors Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Dick, Erdman, Fellow, Garza, Goldberg, Lewitt, Seckel and Sutley, former MWD executives Gastelum and Ivey, GM Upadhyay, Metropolitan and member agency staff and more than 100 guests attended the dedication of the Philip J. Pace Board Room. (January 28)

Responded to media inquiries about water supply for Southern California following DWR’s first snow survey of the year, which measured 91 percent of average snow depth and water equivalent for this time of year.



Fact sheets and social media posts highlighted some of the work by Metropolitan staff to support member agencies with wildfire response activities. DWR conducts snow survey at Phillips Station; Program for the Phillip J. Pace board room dedication event

# GM Monthly Report January 2025

## Federal

President Trump issued a series of Executive Orders including one directing Interior and Commerce agencies to “route more water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state” and provide a progress report on the implementation along with recommendations for future actions in the next 90 days.

## State

On January 10, Governor Newsom released the FY 2025-26 budget which proposes funding for a number of key Metropolitan priorities, including \$2.7 billion from the climate bond for projects including dam safety, water quality, and recycled water. The Governor also signed legislation directing \$2.5 billion in wildfire relief efforts.

## Local

This month, staff presented, monitored, and/or participated in 56 webinars, meetings, and events with community organizations and trade associations on Metropolitan activities, issues, and other topics.

Arranged for Bay-Delta Resources’ Hawk to speak to the Torrance Water Commission about the Delta Conveyance Project. (January 22)

## **Media and Communications**

Arranged multiple interviews with GM Upadhyay, AGM Chapman, and other Metropolitan staff with media outlets, including AP, LA Times, Wall Street Journal, and LA Daily News, on water supply, operation of water facilities and infrastructure, and water quality conditions following wildfires.

Set up an interview with WRM’s Goshi and Southern California Daily News reporter Steve Scauzillo on a story about drought in Southern California.

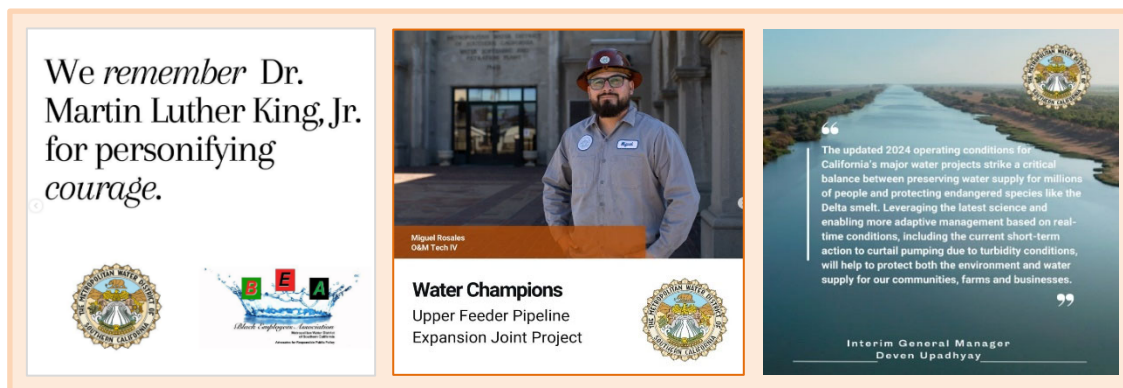
## Press Releases and Statements

Award of \$186 million in federal funds for turf replacement/desert water bank program/leak detection/repair; Announced seating of Director Mel Katz representing San Diego County Water Agency; Issued statement supporting state’s actions to reduce State Water Project pumping in the Delta due to turbidity issues.

Debuted 2024 Year in Review video with highlights on Metropolitan leadership, milestones, and board activities.

Produced and distributed first in a series of Safety Matters videos showcasing employees who have introduced new safety measures at facilities.

Social media postings including MLK holiday in coordination with BEA, posting about fire response and water quality issues to support impacted member agencies, and Water Champions campaign.



# GM Monthly Report January 2025

## Community Outreach

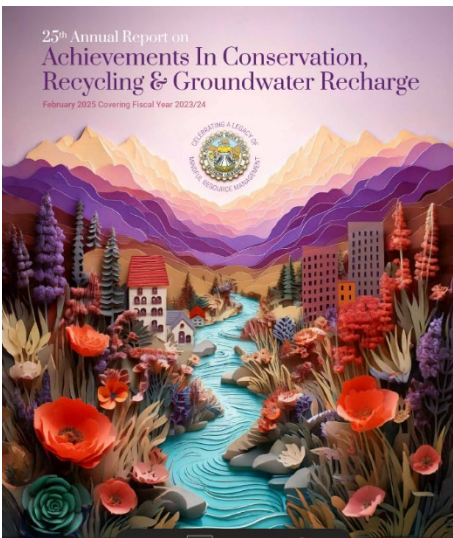
Distributed outreach materials for Rialto Feeder Pipeline project.

Coordinated and organized speakers for the public hearing on Metropolitan’s Annual Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recharge in the One Water and Stewardship Committee. The statutory-mandated report was submitted to the Legislature and issued to the public.

Hosted Coro Fellow for the month to assist with Metropolitan’s young adult engagement efforts and sustainability strategies.

Notifications were distributed to the community for the Santa Monica Feeder Cathodic project. (January 22)

Supported the following Member Agency meetings: Financial Policies (business model sub-working group); Water Resources (business model sub-working group); Member Agency Managers Meeting; and Business Model Workgroup.



*25th Anniversary of Conservation and Recycling Progress Report for Legislature*



*Directors and guests on CRA Inspection Trip*

Led inspection trips to Hoover Dam and the Colorado River Aqueduct for Chair Ortega and Director Camacho (January 10-11) – Directors Petersen/Goldberg (January 17-18); and Directors Fong-Sakai/Garza (January 30-February 1).

### Sponsored Events

Tarzana Community & Cultural Center – Native Plant Fair; Sustainable Claremont 2025 Earth Day Celebration; California Botanic Garden Native Plant Festival.

### Pure Water Southern California

Provided a program overview with the City of Downey (January 9); presentation to the Southeast Water Coalition Board (January 16); briefing with private property owners within Reach 2 (January 28).

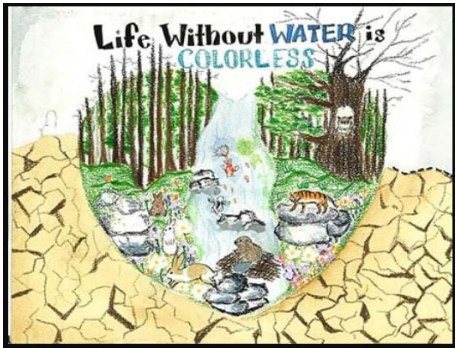
Tours: Water Journey field trip for Lawndale High School (January 21); Directors Seckel and Erdman (January 24); Government Accountability Office (January 28); and Metropolitan Human Resources staff (January 29).

### Education

Interacted with 1,730 teachers, students, and adults through in-person and online field trips, community events, and meetings. Organized or participated in the following meetings: Water Energy Education Alliance, WeTAP, SEI, Pando Populus, DWR, and the WRD/Long Beach Community College Water Industry Advisory Council.

Launched the Student Art Roadshow, which showcases artwork featured in the 2025 “Being Waterwise Is ...” calendar. Artwork was displayed at Irvine Ranch Water District and Helix Water District.

Facilitated workshop for Water Engineering for Good, a STEAM program for middle and high school students.







Legislation and Communications Committee

# External Affairs Activities

Item 7a

February 10, 2025

Report on  
Activities  
from  
External  
Affairs

## Subject

Report on Activities from External Affairs

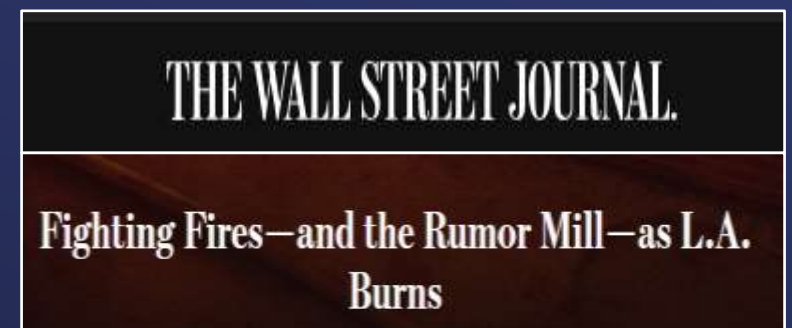
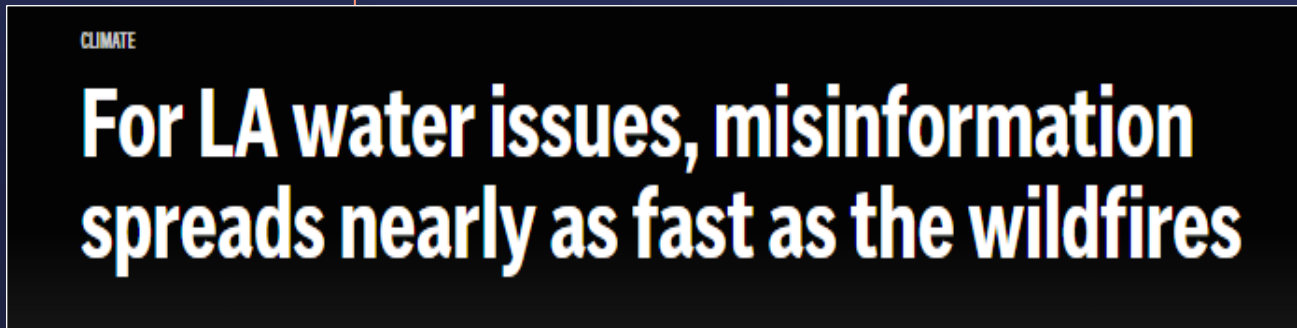
## Purpose

To provide management announcements and highlights for External Affairs

**External  
Affairs  
Activities**

# Member Agency PIO meeting - Panel with LADWP, Foothill, Pasadena, Las Virgenes staff

- Communication and messaging during a crisis
- Mutual aid and coordination
- Combatting misinformation
- Educating the public and first responders about water infrastructure and systems



# Report on Activities from External Affairs

## Education and Careers Programs

Metropolitan is helping to restart a regional partnership with 40+ organizations to promote environmental education and environmental literacy activities

Participating in Hemet School District career technical education workshop for high school students



# Report on Activities from External Affairs

## Other Activities

- Outreach underway to the district offices of state legislative and Congressional delegations on Metropolitan priorities and programs
- Employee Inspection Trips for employees





