

General Manager's Monthly Report



Canal cleaning at Big Morongo Siphon

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Message from the General Manager

Since the finance team presented the biennial budget last month, directors, member agencies and staff have engaged in many hours of productive discussion that I am hopeful will result in a finely tuned and broadly supported budget in April.

It is a strong reminder that even as we face the difficult and stressful challenge of balancing financial demands with manageable rate increases, we are best served through thoughtful and respectful discourse.

These budget discussions build on a dialogue started more than a year ago between staff and the board about the growing need to invest in the reliability of Metropolitan's infrastructure, workforce and water supply. The proposed budget increases Metropolitan's reliability and reduces risks of failure by providing funding for these needs.

Last month also saw another deadline come and go in Colorado River negotiations, where discourse has unfortunately not always been so collaborative. Despite the ticking clock, water users across the Basin have not reached agreement on how to operate the river and share needed reductions once the current guidelines expire this September. This year's critically dry conditions in the Basin, where snowpack is near record low levels, is putting further pressure on negotiations.

On March 2, the Basin States, water users, tribes, and other interested stakeholders submitted comment letters on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's draft Environmental Impact Statement for post-2026 operations. The letters are largely technical and are submitted as part of the federal environmental review process. They include a mix of concerns, criticisms and potential legal threats. They also include at least one new proposal for operations.

Despite the missed deadline and operational challenges, there is still time to reach agreement and reason remains to keep working towards a solution. Metropolitan continues to talk with our partners on how an agreement might be reached. Our primary goal is to find a way to operate the river that avoids years of litigation.



Shivaji Deshmukh
General Manager



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established regional cooperative of 26 cities and public water agencies, which collectively serve nearly 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and supports its members through the development of increased conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

Following are important highlights for this month on four goals of the GM Business Plan.



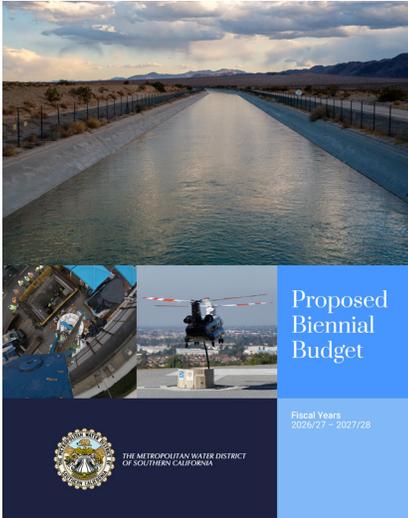
Wadsworth pump test demonstrates the capability to pump water up to the Inland Feeder

Goal: Develop a Biennial Budget that Meets Metropolitan’s Needs

Metropolitan released its proposed FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28 biennial budget in early February, initiating a series of public discussions and workshops in advance of board adoption. Budget workshops were held on Feb. 10 and Feb. 24, with additional workshops scheduled for March 10 and March 24. These sessions provide an opportunity to review and discuss funding priorities, financial assumptions, and proposed rate adjustments before the board considers final adoption on April 14.

The proposed budget reflects continued investment in Metropolitan’s infrastructure, workforce reliability, and long-term financial stability. To support these commitments, it includes a 9.5% annual rate increase over the next two years.

The proposal also incorporates the board’s recent actions designed to strengthen revenue stability, including the approval of fixed treatment capacity charges for treated water, implementation of exceedance-based demand forecasting, and updates to the reserve policy. These measures help maintain Metropolitan’s strong credit ratings and ensure the agency remains well-positioned to meet future capital investment needs.



Shutdown work on West Valley Feeder No. 1

Goal: Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

In a broad effort to strengthen communication, connection and employee morale across the organization, Metropolitan in January launched an exciting new newsletter for employees – *Inside Met: Our People, Our Stories*.

The publication is centered on one powerful idea: that by telling the stories of our people, we can deepen our appreciation and understanding of one another and build a greater connection to the work we all do in support of our shared mission.

As a large and geographically-dispersed organization, Metropolitan faces both the challenge and opportunity of ensuring every employee feels informed, engaged, and valued. Creative storytelling helps bridge physical distance, job type, and work location, fostering a stronger sense of community.

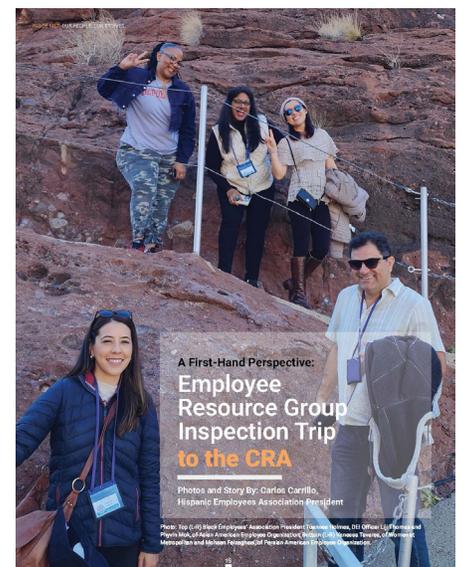
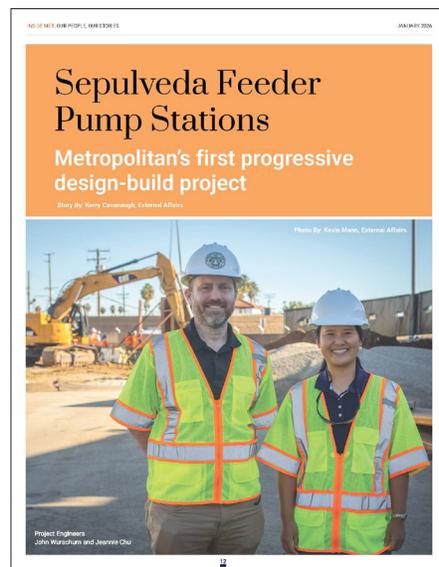
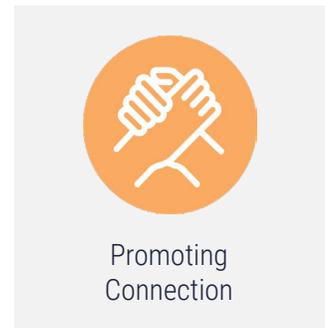
In developing *Inside Met*, External Affairs staff researched past publications, from *Aqueduct News* in the 1930s to *People Interactive* in the early 2000s. The team also conducted

listening sessions across the district to understand what employees want from an internal publication. Feedback was clear: staff value timely information and want to see themselves and their colleagues reflected in Metropolitan’s story. Employees also participated in a naming contest, which led to the title *Inside Met*.

Published every other month, the newsletter is distributed in multiple formats to ensure it’s accessible. A digital flipbook is emailed to all employees, and a limited-run print edition is delivered to every Metropolitan facility.

To further strengthen engagement, the Media Services team will host Media Pop-Ups throughout the year at sites across the district to continue to have personal conversations with staff that will allow us to gather story ideas and input for future editions.

The launch of *Inside Met* reflects a districtwide investment in keeping employees informed, engaged, and connected in support of Metropolitan’s mission and START values.



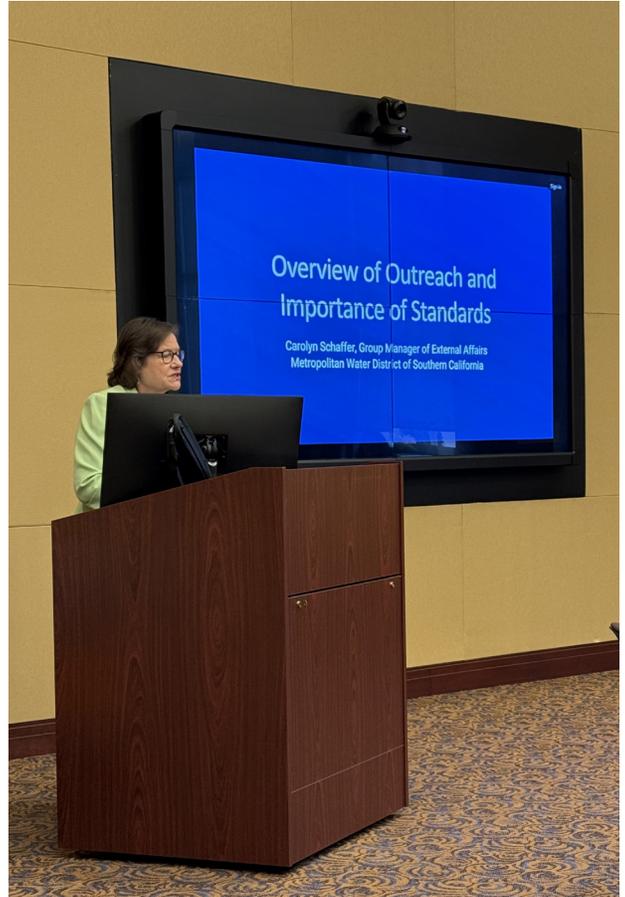
Goal: Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation Districtwide

Ongoing community engagement is a key piece of the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water because it helps integrate local knowledge and feedback into Metropolitan’s planning and decision making.

On Feb. 5, staff hosted a public workshop to develop Community Engagement Standards, as part of the CAMP4W Implementation Strategy. The standards, which are expected to be completed this summer, will guide public outreach and inform CAMP4W project and program assessments.

Workshop participants received an update on CAMP4W, reviewed Metropolitan’s current outreach practices, and discussed the need for clear community engagement standards.

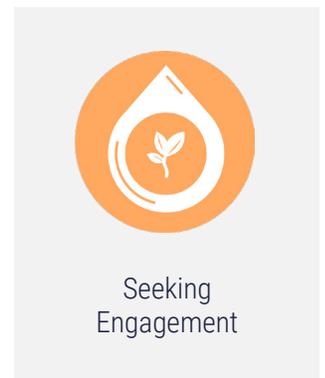
Approximately 75 people participated in-person and online. Attendees included representatives from nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, public agencies, water industry professionals and members of the public. They shared best practices for engaging communities on drinking water issues and identified ways to expand participation in the water sector.



External Affairs Group Manager Carolyn Schaffer speaks about outreach at the public workshop



Workshop participants share ideas and best practices for public outreach





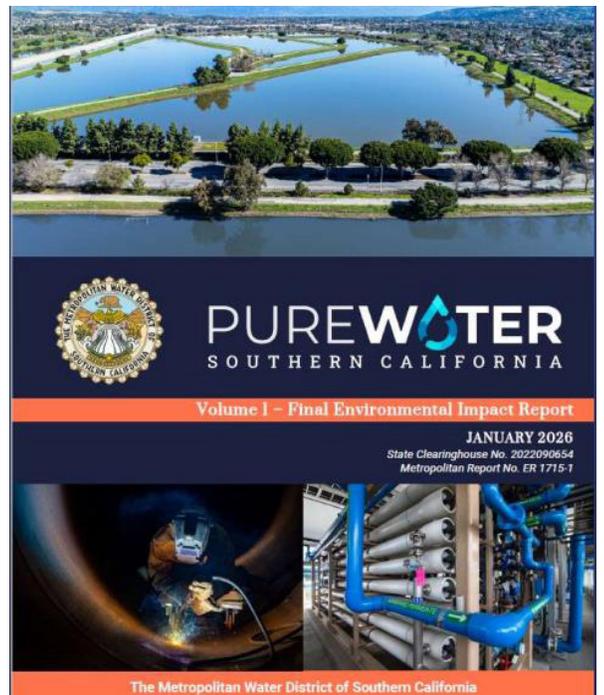
Speakers addressed the Metropolitan board before their vote to certify the Final EIR for the Pure Water Southern CA Program

Goal: Complete EIR and Planning for Board to Consider Pure Water Southern California

The Pure Water Southern California Program passed a major milestone in February when Metropolitan’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report, completing the legally required environmental review that was initiated more than five years ago.

The board’s action clears the way for future decisions on the large-scale recycled water project, including phasing, funding, design and construction. Those decisions will be considered as part of the district’s Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water evaluation process and biennial budget.

Pure Water Southern California reached this milestone thanks to partnerships. Those include Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, groundwater basin managers, our member agencies, Central Arizona Project and Southern Nevada Water Authority. In addition, Metropolitan has worked hard to build relationships in the communities that would be impacted and served by the program. It was gratifying to see our partners and community-based organizations show up in support of the program ahead of the board’s vote to certify the final EIR.



Staff-developed innovation allows real-time reporting during pipeline inspections

By Jay Pastor, Engineering Services Group, Team Manager – Corrosion Engineering Team 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Infrastructure Reliability – Pipeline Inspection GIS Forms

Each year, Metropolitan’s Engineering Services Group performs internal visual inspections on dozens of miles of pipelines. The inspections are a key component of Engineering’s infrastructure reliability mission, and their findings often lead to immediate pipeline repairs or long-term Capital Investment Plan projects. To standardize and streamline the reporting of inspection findings, Engineering staff recently began using a new pipeline inspection form built on a mobile application from Metropolitan’s geographic information systems (GIS) provider ESRI. The Survey123 app allows pipeline inspectors to collect the location, size, type of damage, and any recommended repairs they find during an inspection and immediately share it with repair teams. The ability to quickly collect and share information is crucial when working in the short timeframes of a pipeline shutdown. The development and roll-out of the new form is a continuing and collaborative effort between Engineering, Conveyance & Distribution, and Information Technology staff.



Staff receives training for use of the Survey123 app

IMPORTANCE TO METROPOLITAN

Engineering staff from the Infrastructure Unit established a list of data fields commonly collected during an inspection and worked with IT GIS staff to develop a form accessible by Metropolitan-furnished mobile devices. A key requirement for the form was the ability to send inspection updates to C&D Coatings teams, append photos, and create inspection reports. Coatings Team staff can then perform repairs and document their work on the form, closing the loop on the inspection report. Further development of the form aims to integrate the reports with Metropolitan’s maintenance and asset management systems, in addition to improving connectivity inside a pipeline.



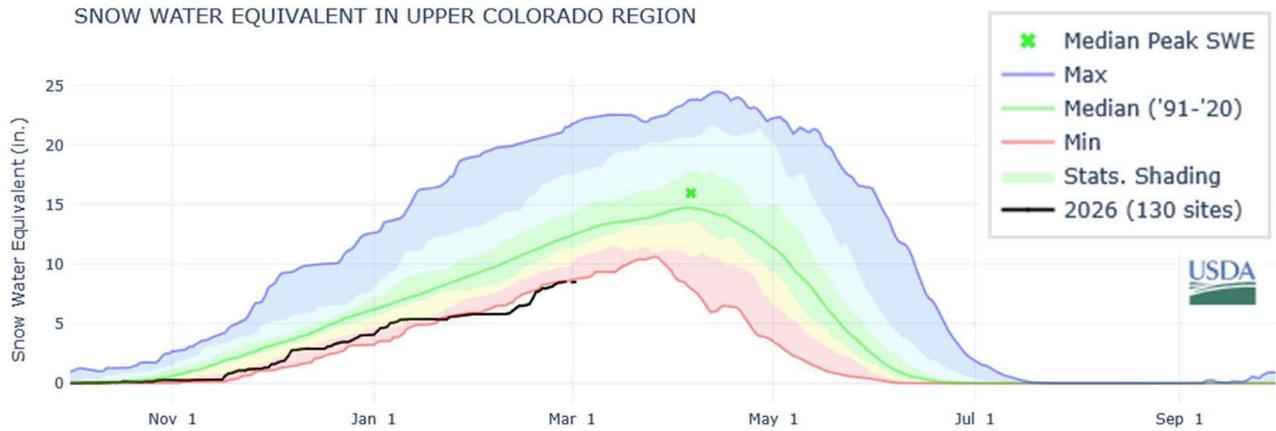
Work on the West Valley Feeder No. 1

MEMORABLE MOMENT

A key moment was the first field use of the form during the West Valley Feeder No.1 pipeline inspection in January. Engineering staff used the form to document 20 recommended repairs that were then routed to the Western Region Coatings Team for immediate response. In addition, the use of ESRI’s GIS platform allowed management and staff to “follow along” on the inspection in real-time with a web-based GIS dashboard.

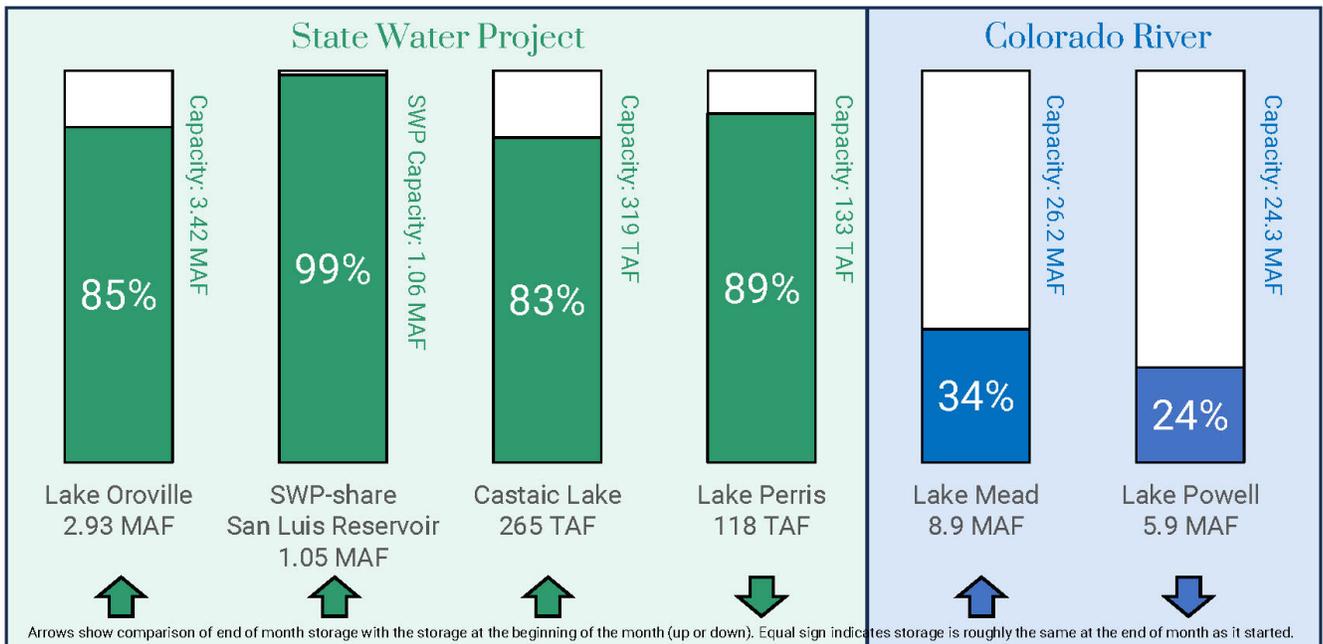
February 2026 Report

Extended Report: mwdh2o.com/WSCR



Snowpack in the Upper Colorado River Basin increased in February but it is still hovering at the minimum recorded (records since 1986, shown on chart above).

Storms in February also brought snow to the Sierra however, snowpack continues unevenly distributed: Northern Sierra has half of the long-term average snowpack while Southern Sierra has about 90% of normal.



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Monthly Operations At-A-Glance

February 2026

30-day window: January 12–February 11

Distribution * denotes change compared to previous 30-Day period

30-Day Member Agency Deliveries

3,080 AF/Day

Change in Deliveries*

▲ 890 AF/Day

Recorded **January** Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment

79 TAF

Forecast **February** Deliveries to Member Agencies
Consumptive and Replenishment

74 TAF

Recorded **January** Deliveries utilizing water programs
(CYC, RCYC, CUP, CCOP)

0 TAF

Supply

30-Day Average by Source (AF/Day)



Storage

Data as of February 11, 2026

Lake Mathews

157,900 AF

▼ -8,890 AF*



Lake Skinner

37,800 AF

▼ -3,070 AF*



Diamond Valley Lake

758,800 AF

▼ -1,530 AF*



Hydropower

30-Day Total Generation:
0.0 GWh

30-Day Total Generation by Plant

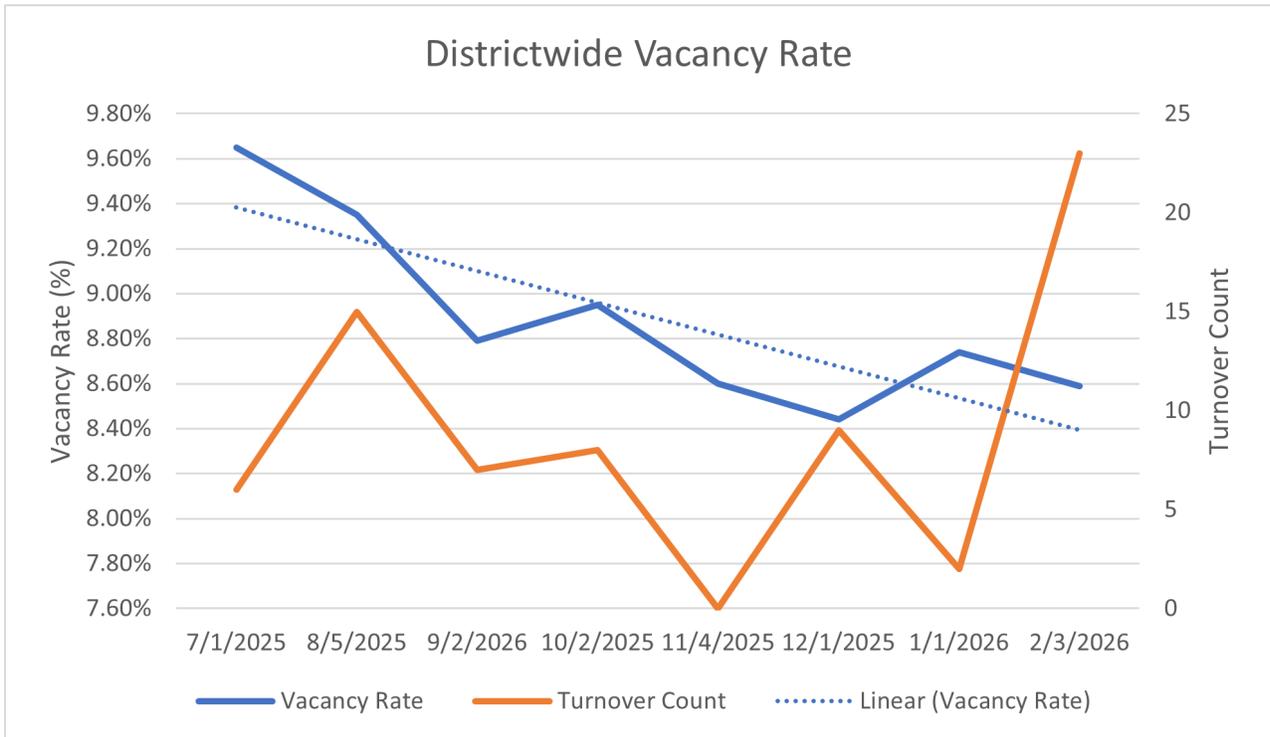
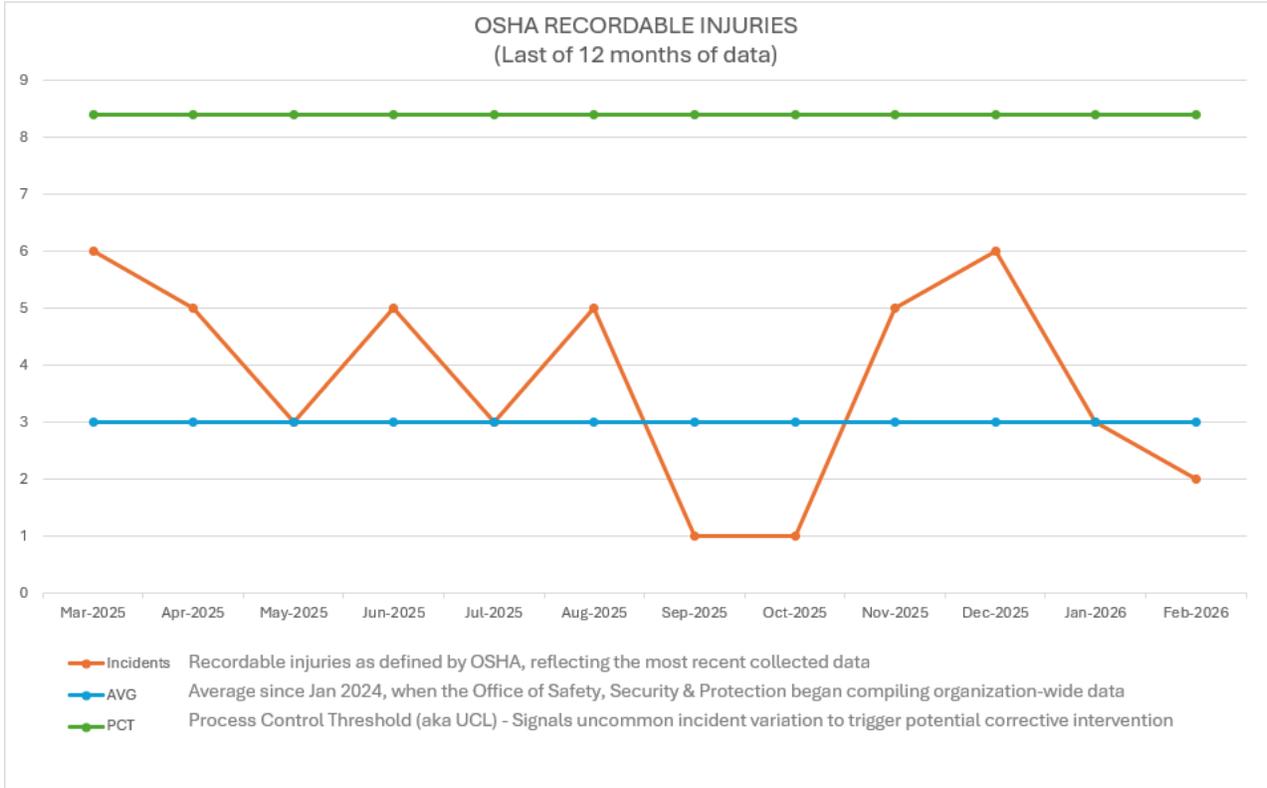
None in Operation

30-Day Average Power:
0.0 MW

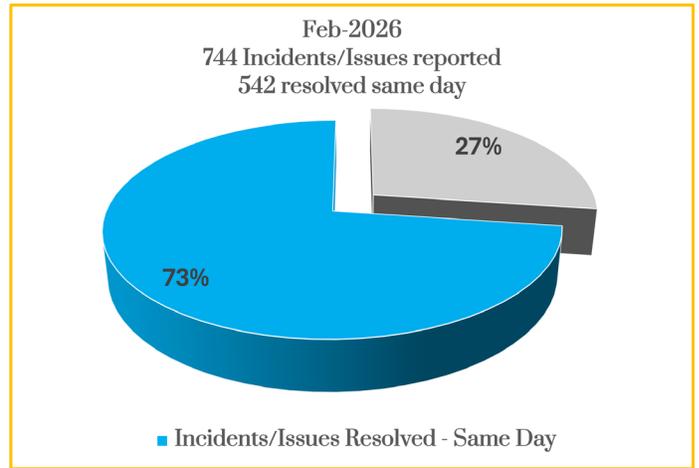
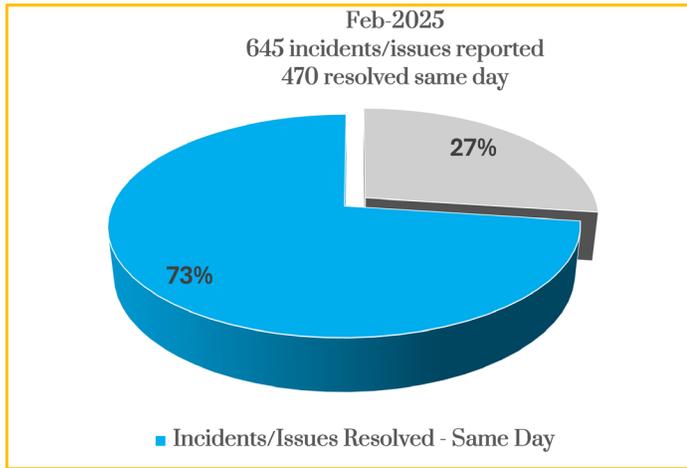
Water Quality

Plant Name	Targeted Blend (% SPW)	Current TDS (mg/L)	TTHMs (µg/L)	Flow-Weighted RAA TDS (mg/L)
	As of 2/11/2026	As of 2/11/2026	As of 2/2/2026	
Weymouth	50%	457	25.0	504
Diemer	50%	442	22.0	494
Skinner	50%	405	20.0	516
Jensen	100%	300	13.0	292
Mills	100%	281	28.0	227

TDS = Total Dissolved Solids TTHM = Total Trihalomethanes RAA = Running Annual Average

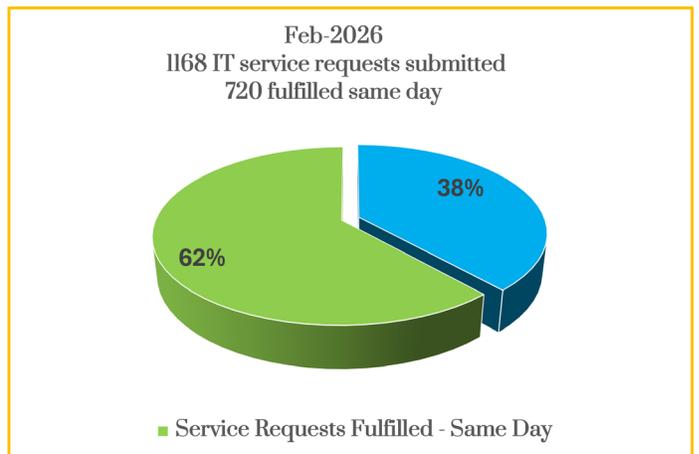
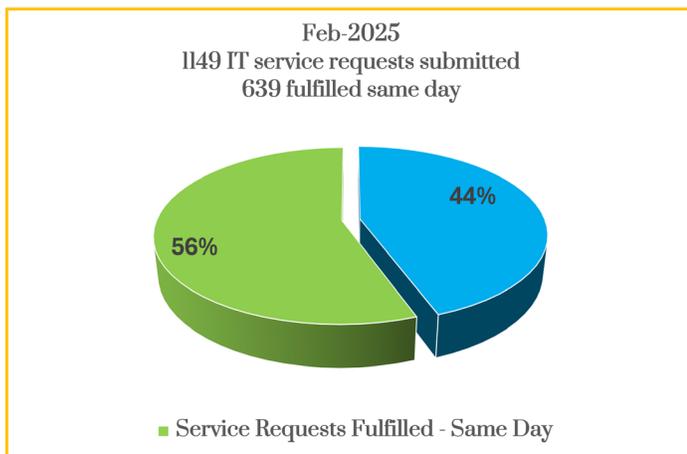


IT Incidents/Issues Reported and Resolved within Same Day Feb-2025 vs Feb-2026



□ **IT Service Request:** An unexpected interruption/error is encountered and reported by an IT customer while using an IT application or system or a device.

IT Service Requests Submitted and Fulfilled Same Day Feb-2025 vs Feb-2026



□ **IT Service Request:** A formal request by an IT customer for something standard, such as a password reset, new hardware, or software access, that follows a routine fulfillment process.



Metropolitan's mission 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.

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