



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Office of Safety, Security, and Protection (OSSP)

- **OSSP Monthly Activities Report for February 2026**

Summary

This monthly report provides a summary of OSSP activities for February 2026 in the following key areas:

- Safety, Regulatory, and Training (SRT)
 - Health and Safety Programs
 - Environmental Programs
 - Apprenticeship Programs
 - Safety and Technical Training Programs
- Security Management
- Emergency Management

Purpose

Informational

Attachments

Attachment 1: Detailed Report – OSSP Monthly Activities for February 2026

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Monthly Activities Report for February 2026

Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

Strengthen safety training

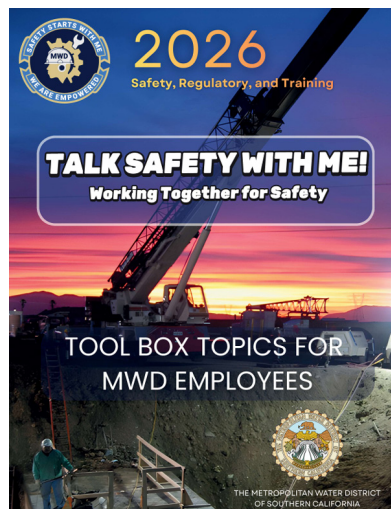
Safety, Regulatory, and Training

SRT Health and Safety Programs

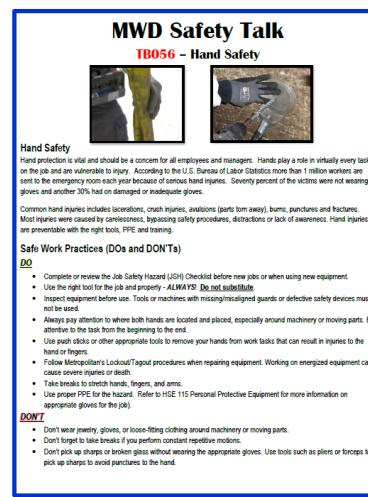
The team distributed the 2026 “Talk Safety with Me” booklet, which includes 55 toolbox topics tailored for Metropolitan staff engaged in maintenance, operations, and construction activities. These safety talks provide opportunities for leadership and employees to discuss field safety items and procedures related to their daily work and projects.

To heighten awareness on hand injury prevention, a communication and Safety Talk was distributed to staff. Additionally, the team created a new Safety Communication webpage where the Headquarters Safety Newsletters and Safety Forum Rundowns, Safety Advisories, Safety Alerts, and Near Miss Recognition can be found.

Lastly, the team participated in multiple scheduled Cal/OSHA activities: (1) an informal conference related to the 2025 Diemer inspection; (2) two Cal/OSHA Process Safety Management follow-up inspections at the Jensen and Weymouth Water Treatment Plants; and (3) a Cal/OSHA pre-job conference at Hinds for the CRA Shutdown.



2026 Talk Safety with Me booklet



Safety Talk on Hand Safety

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SRT Environmental Programs

Staff supported several shutdowns and dewatering events during this period by preparing plans, obtaining permits and approvals, and providing agency notifications for the following: Santiago Lateral Spillway, West Valley Feeder, South Coast Feeder, and Box Springs Feeder.

Staff prepared several regulatory reports, including Spill Prevention Control Plans, Industrial Wastewater Discharge Reports, Hazardous Materials Business Plan updates, and nine applications to modify the registrations of Tier 3 engines. Additionally, staff submitted the 2024-2025 annual South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Solar Credit Application for the solar installations at Skinner, Weymouth, Jensen, and Diamond Valley Lake.

Metropolitan received an extension of the Permit to Construct from the SCAQMD for the new Plasma Arc Cutting system, valid until January 14, 2027, allowing time to complete any remaining testing and troubleshooting before notification of construction completion and the operation of the new system begins.

SRT Safety and Technical Training Programs

The team updated and coordinated the annual training for the Chemical Response Program and Incident Command (IC), including the use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, C-Kit for mitigating chlorine release, and a tabletop IC exercise at Diemer. This training teaches responders to recognize chemical hazards, perform notification and isolation, and use Personal Protective Equipment to respond effectively to limited spills and releases of known chemicals.



Chemical Responder and Incident Command Training at Diemer

SRT Apprenticeship Programs

The SRT Apprenticeship Programs prepare apprentices to become certified mechanics and electricians responsible for maintaining Metropolitan's water treatment and distribution systems. This month, the Class of 2027 apprentices concluded a Basic Water Treatment course as part of the apprenticeship curriculum. Completion of this course allows apprentices to apply for the California State Water Resources Control Board tests for T2 or D2 certification. In addition, staff participated in the Local Education Agency's Major Technical Advisory Committee. This committee plays a critical role in shaping the future of the school's program through collaboration within the water and wastewater industry.

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Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

Expand security capabilities

Security Response

Metropolitan Security Partners with Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)

Metropolitan Security, FBI Agents, and Corona Police Department met at Lake Mathews for information sharing security briefings, site familiarization, and suspicious activity report (SAR) training with the region's JTTF. Continuing outreach and partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies is essential for Metropolitan to ensure the effective protection and security from ongoing physical and cyber terroristic threats against Metropolitan's drinking water critical infrastructure.

All Metropolitan employees receive Personal Security Awareness training and are encouraged to "See Something, Say Something." If you see something out of place, unusual, or odd, please immediately contact your Metropolitan Security Specialist or call the Security Watch Center 24/7/365 and ask for the Special Agent on Duty.

When reporting Suspicious Activities, it is important to include the 5 W's (Who, What, Where, When, Why):

- WHO Accurate physical descriptions of individuals (gender, height, weight, clothing, facial hair, glasses, etc.)
- WHO Vehicle description (make, model, color, vehicle damage like dents, window tinting, etc.)
- WHAT Were they videotaping, flying a drone, taking pictures, asking odd questions about the facility, etc.
- WHERE Location (street address, intersection, GPS coordinates, station number, facility, mile marker, etc.)
- WHERE Last known direction of travel (going east on Sierra Highway, etc.)
- WHEN What time did this happen, or within what timeframe
- WHY Explain why the activity is not reasonable/normal based on your experience and training



Metropolitan Security SAR Training with the FBI and Corona Police Department at Lake Mathews

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Emergency Management

Wildfire Protection

Staff observed a demonstration of a wildfire preparedness tool at the Sepulveda Pressure Control Structure (PCS) and Eagle Rock facilities last month. The high-pressure water system can shoot water up to 100 yards around a critical site to decrease the chance of hot embers catching nearby hillsides on fire during a wildfire risk. Staff will continue to research these, and other devices, to determine the best products to meet Metropolitan's wildfire protection needs in the future.



Demonstration of the high-pressure water system at Sepulveda PCS and Eagle Rock

2026 Emergency Training and Exercise Planning

Staff began implementing the 2026 emergency training and exercise plan by reaching out to Metropolitan Incident Command Post (ICP) Incident Commanders (ICs) to discuss specific topics they would like covered during 2026 ICP training and exercises. Their suggestions will help guide the more than 40 exercises the Emergency Management Team will run this year.

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Mobile Command

Staff continued working on outfitting Metropolitan's new mobile command posts. Pictured below is the interior of the command van, which now has onboard Starlink satellite internet, Metropolitan Emergency Operations Center (EOC) radio, onboard power, AC/heater, fresh water, etc. The command trailer is also finalizing generator connections to power the unit long-term. The goal is to utilize these vehicles during the year to support major events, field training and exercises, and real-world emergency responses.



Interior View of Mobile Incident Command Van