



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Office of Safety, Security, and Protection (OSSP)

• OSSP Monthly Activities Report for March 2026

Summary

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

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

Purpose

Informational

Attachments

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

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Monthly Activities Report for March 2026

Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

Strengthen safety training

Safety, Regulatory, and Training

SRT Health and Safety Programs

The safety team published the first 2026 Headquarters Safety Newsletter, focusing on prevention for repetitive motion injuries and hearing loss. The newsletter also provides staff with important updates related to 2025's final injury data and upcoming safety initiatives.

To heighten awareness of repetitive motion injuries that can occur while working from home, staff distributed a Safety Talk on best practices for working from home.

Staff evaluated two hearing protector fit-test devices as options for proactively preventing hearing loss before incidents occur. When used as part of a health and safety program, the hearing protector fit-test device can ensure employees achieve adequate attenuation and properly fit their hearing protective devices.



Hearing Protector Fit Testing Device Demos

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SRT Environmental Programs

The environmental team continued to submit business plan updates to the California Environmental Reporting System for Metropolitan facilities with hazardous materials and other regulated processes to meet deadlines during the first quarter of 2026. Hazardous Waste reports were also submitted to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and EPA.

A 5-year Process Hazard Analysis Revalidation was completed for the Chemical Unloading Facility's regulated chlorine transloading operations.



Process Hazard Analysis Revalidation Session

Staff supported Underground Storage Tank inspections and tests for Lake Mathews, Union Station, Weymouth, and Rio Hondo, Sepulveda Feeder, and Valley View.

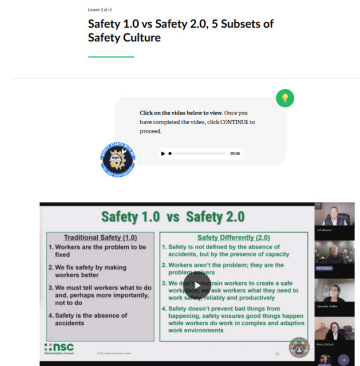
Staff submitted wastewater compliance reports for Foothill Feeder, Diamond Valley Lake (DVL), Lake Mathews, Mills, Lake Skinner, and District-wide Discharges in 2025. They also supported regulatory permitting activities for the Upper Feeder Shutdown and the Jensen Plant Shutdown.

Staff submitted SCAQMD Refrigerant reports for the DVL Visitor Center, Diemer, Lake Mathews, Skinner, Soto Street, Union Station, and Weymouth. They also submitted annual low-use engine reports, CARB Refrigerant Reports for OC-88, Diemer, Mills, Jensen, and Skinner. Lastly, SCAQMD and MDAQMD Annual Fuel Dispensing Reports were submitted for the calendar year 2025.

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SRT Safety and Technical Training Programs

Training staff collaborated with Health and Safety Programs to create an innovative, interactive online learning module that will replace the webinar-based Safety Culture Leadership Training. This approach allows managers who missed the opportunity to attend the training during scheduled webinar sessions to still experience and interact with the module. The training offers a comprehensive understanding of Safety Culture Concepts to support and enhance the safety culture at Metropolitan.



Safety Culture Leadership Training Online Learning Module

SRT Apprenticeship Programs

Mechanical and electrical instructors updated and delivered apprenticeship courses to align with the latest industry standards, Metropolitan's operational needs, and regulatory requirements. Mechanical updates incorporated backflow prevention protocols and had subject matter experts involved in the delivery of cross-connection and large valve topics. Electrical included updated National Fire Protection Association guidelines.



Cross-Connection Control Training

Class of 2026 Member Agency electrical apprentices completed their Basic Water Treatment course as part of the seventh-period curriculum. Completion qualifies them to apply for the California State Water Resources Control Board T2 or D2 certification exam.

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Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

Expand security capabilities

Security Management

MWD foils significant substructure metal theft attempt in Los Angeles

Metropolitan Security, the Eagle Rock Operations Control Center (OCC), Los Angeles Conveyance & Distribution (C&D), and contract Securitas vehicle patrols all managed to cooperatively foil a significant commercial burglary attempt at Collis Pressure Control Structure on the Palos Verdes Feeder located in East Los Angeles.

An alert operator at Metropolitan's OCC in Eagle Rock received a SCADA intrusion alarm shortly after 11 p.m. during a rainy weekday night and immediately contacted Metropolitan's Security Watch Center. Metropolitan Special Agents were dispatched to the location during the middle of the severe rainstorm and discovered a group of three individuals had severed a high security lock with a battery-operated cutting tool, opened the structure, and were preparing to steal approximately \$25K of copper piping from within the substructure. The individuals quickly fled the area as security forces began arriving in force on the scene. C&D emergency crews immediately secured the structure and welded in a new lock shroud, installed an improved alarm, and are designing a new high security vault lid to deter and delay any future theft attempts. Metropolitan Security investigated, gathered evidence, and made additional physical security recommendations to secure critical pipelines and substructures that play a pivotal role in providing drinking water to member agencies downstream.

Multiple Metropolitan substructures at Laurel Canyon Blowoff in San Fernando and Central Basin 52 were also recently vandalized in Los Angeles County by transient encampments seeking drinking water, power, and sheltering opportunities. Resources needed to respond, clean, repair, and refit these multiple substructure access points are costly, and intrusions like these could potentially cause service delivery interruptions, so it is vital that physical security devices be upgraded, reinforced, purchased, and repositioned to overcome mechanical theft attempts.



Metropolitan Security Specialists investigate breaches and break-ins at multiple substructures throughout LA County

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Emergency Management

On February 17, Emergency Management Team staff attended a regular committee meeting for the Los Angeles County Disaster Manager Area C. Los Angeles County is divided into eight Disaster Management Areas (labeled A-H), with each area covering a specific number of cities, and each Area has a Disaster Management Area Coordinator (DMAC). Area C covers many cities in the San Gabriel Valley, including some of the cities impacted by the recent Eaton Fire. Establishing a working relationship with these DMACs helps ensure that Metropolitan and its member agencies are connected to city and county emergency management agencies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

Staff held the quarterly meeting for Metropolitan's Incident Command Post (ICP) Coordinators on February 17. This regular meeting provides an opportunity for Emergency Management Team staff to share program updates, as well as give everyone a chance to share information about the respective ICPs. Staff also ran pre-exercise planning meetings with the managers of the twelve ICPs. Every year, Metropolitan runs over 40 emergency response exercises with the 12 ICPs and Metropolitan's main Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Eagle Rock. The first of these exercises took place on March 10 at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant.

On February 25, staff participated in the annual All-Member Meeting for the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA). Metropolitan sits on the CUEA Board of Directors, and this annual member meeting provides a means for CUEA to share recent accomplishments and updated vision and goals. CUEA is one of Metropolitan's long-time emergency partners and provides a solid link to many different California utilities.



Los Angeles City Emergency Management Department sign at the Los Angeles City EOC

To prepare for the upcoming World Cup, Super Bowl, Olympics, and other events coming to Los Angeles, staff participated in the monthly Los Angeles City Major Special Events Task Force meeting at the Los Angeles City EOC on March 3. This task force brings together representatives from the city, external partner agencies, and the event organizers on a regular basis so we can prepare together for these high-profile events that will impact everyone in Southern California. Metropolitan staff plan to participate in emergency exercises related to the World Cup in the next few months to prepare for this world-class event.

Emergency Management Team staff met with representatives for Metropolitan's VOICES group to discuss further ways of incorporating access and functional needs (AFN) concepts into emergency response planning, including the development of the AFN Coordinator position in Metropolitan's EOC.