



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Water Resource Management Group

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Summary

The Water Resource Management Group, September 2025 Activities

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

In September 2025, for the purpose of supporting CAMP4W Assessments and implementation, staff applied focused updates to the 2020 Integrated Water Resource Plan Needs Assessment scenario reliability analyses. The updates reflect newer data and observations to establish an updated baseline for Scenario C (low demand) and Scenario D (high demand). The revised baselines provide the basis for evaluating the reliability benefits of projects assessed in CAMP4W. Staff continued to work with project proponents to develop reliability analyses for three stages of Pure Water and for Sites Reservoir, quantifying and describing the reliability contributions relative to the revised scenario baselines.

“Business Plan: C.4.a.– Evaluate Projects and Programs Using the CAMP4W Assessment Criteria – Evaluate Possible Investments Using CAMP4W Assessments (incl. Pure Water, Sites, DCP, SWPDA Strategies, Conservation) and Develop “Portfolio Views” Where Feasible, to Support Board Decision Making (WRM as Convenor of Org-Wide Assessment Committee)”

Metropolitan staff spoke at the California Association of Community Managers Fall Forum on AB 1572 implementation to approximately 30 property managers and hosted a virtual professional landscaping workshop on Designing for Ecosystems in partnership with SoCalGas for 150 landscape professionals.

“Business Plan: C.5.c.– Integrate Climate Conditions and Implement Adaptation Strategies – Evaluate and Refine Conservation/Efficiency Programs (WRM)”

Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

Technical collaboration with member agencies in support of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan through the 2025 Annual Local Production Survey resulted in updated information on the region’s local supplies and water usage. Regional per capita water use in calendar year 2024 was 118 gallons per capita per day (GPCD), the second-lowest GPCD on record. This was up slightly from the previous year’s all-time low of 114 GPCD. An increase in per capita water use in 2024 was expected after the end of emergency water use restrictions in early 2023. *“Business Plan: I.1.a.– Maintain excellence in daily operations and reliability – Other”*

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Metropolitan and our partners in Arizona and Nevada submitted a joint letter to the United States Bureau of Reclamation conveying our intent to continue our history of collaboration by sharing Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus creation capacity in 2026 among the Lower Division States. The states have agreed to share creation capabilities to support the total EC ICS creation of up to 625,000 acre-feet. This supports Metropolitan's Plan for EC ICS creation for 2026, which requested approval to create up to 450,000 AF of EC ICS, including 50,000 AF of EC ICS creation capabilities borrowed from other states.

Metropolitan staff submitted the Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River Diversion Request in the amount of 965,511 acre-feet to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on September 30, 2025. Metropolitan's consultation meeting will be scheduled in October 2025. Approval of Metropolitan's diversion request is now pending a written notice of determination from USBR's Regional Director. Metropolitan anticipates that the written approval will be received by the end of calendar year 2025, for an amount that may vary based on the requested diversions of higher priority users.

Metropolitan staff remotely chaired a three-day meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum) Work Group. Topics discussed included (1) a report that ongoing operation of the Paradox Valley Unit at 2/3-capacity has yielded no unusual seismic or well pressure results; (2) preparations for the 2026 "Triennial Review," in which the Forum communicates to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency an assessment of the sufficiency of existing water quality criteria for salinity on the Lower Colorado River; (3) planning for a Notice of Funding Opportunity in 2026 to provide funding from the USBR for salinity control projects in the Colorado River Basin; and (4) updates from key federal agencies involved in the Program, including the USBR, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey. *"Business Plan: I.4.b.– Support a smooth and efficient transition to the next GM – Provide materials and information to support incoming GM (all, led by OGM)"*