



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

● Chair of the Board Adán Ortega Jr.'s Monthly Activity Report – July 2025

Summary

This report highlights my activities as Chair of the Board, as well as Board Member highlights during the month of July 2025 on matters relating to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's business.

Monthly Activities

Key Activities

- I discussed the Governor's Delta Conveyance Project Trailer Bills with the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) Board of Directors. The discussion helped foster awareness and dialogue around this important statewide water infrastructure effort, and its relationship to local projects such as PureWater SoCal. I answered questions and comments from the WRD Board and clarified that passage of the Governor's Trailer Bill would not automatically trigger construction of the DCP but yield information so MWD can make an informed decision in 2027.
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- Attended the San Fernando City Council meeting, providing updates on policy initiatives, including the Governor's Delta Conveyance Project Trailer Bills; advancements in the Pure Water Southern California project; and progress on the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4Water). I also highlighted Metropolitan's conservation programs, rebates, and educational resources for residential and commercial users.
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- I had the honor of attending the Hispanic Employees Association (HEA) 2025 Scholarship Banquet, where I was asked to deliver the keynote address and help present scholarships to the deserving college students and their families. This event celebrated the achievements of those recognized and paid tribute to the Henry Lozano Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of HEA's founding president. This scholarship commemorates his dedication to assisting the next generation of leaders by promoting education, opportunity, diversity in the workplace, and advancing equal employment opportunities.



- I joined Assistant General Manager John Bednarski in welcoming Assemblymember Sade Elhawary and her district staff for a tour of the Grace Napolitano Pure Water Innovation Center hosted by Metropolitan and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. Assemblymember Elhawary represents the 57th District, including Exposition Park, South Los Angeles, and Downtown Los Angeles. She was accompanied by her district staff and was engaged in asking questions about Metropolitan's water supply strategy.



Other Activities

- External Affairs recorded and interviewed me regarding the Delta Conveyance Project. I answered questions about the State Water Project and the Governor's Delta Conveyance Project Trailer Bill. I emphasized that the passage of these trailer bills does not automatically trigger construction. Passage will provide Metropolitan with access to the full range of information needed to make an informed decision about whether and when this project could benefit Southern California. View Metropolitan's DCP fact sheet on the need for this project:

https://d1q0afiq12ywwq.cloudfront.net/media/el1nxg3n/mwd_dcp_fact-sheet-final_print.pdf



Expense Reports: I received two requests to approve expense reports past the 90-day submission requirement. I have the authority to waive such requests, but I will continue to report the number of such requests in future monthly reports.

Regularly Scheduled/Ongoing Meetings

I continue to meet regularly to review the Board's organizational issues and coordinate activities with the Board Vice Chairs, the General Manager, and his executive team.

Activities and Reports by Board Representatives Appointed by the Chair:

PVID Community Enhancement Collaborative Representative Cynthia Kurtz

At the July Imported Water Subcommittee meeting, Director Kurtz provided an update on the activities of the Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaborative (CEC).

The CEC has more than \$8 million in grant funds available to support short and long-term economic and social benefits. It was formed from money allocated by the United States Bureau of Reclamation and made available by the Inflation Reduction Act, bucket 1 funds available for short-term programs - following.

Director Kurtz noted that the Community Advisory Committee of the CEC received 25 applications for grants. She also noted that a website has been created for the CEC.

The address for the CEC is: <https://CEC-Foundation.Org>.

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