

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 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.

# Agenda

## OWA Committee

T. Quinn, Chair  
K. Seckel, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
D. Alvarez  
G. Cordero  
R. Crane  
D. Denham  
D. Erdman  
M. Gold  
M. Katz  
C. Kurtz  
J. Lewitt  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
B. Pressman  
G. Shepherd Romey

## **One Water and Adaptation Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**February 9, 2026**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 9, 2026**  
**Meeting Schedule**

09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:30 a.m. LEG  
12:30 p.m. BREAK  
01:00 p.m. LEGAL  
03:00 p.m. OWA

**Written public comments received by 3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting is scheduled will be posted under the Submitted Items and Responses tab available here: <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>.**

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- 1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR \*\***

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water & Adaptation Committee for January 12, 2026 [21-5399](#)

**3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR \*\***

**4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

**5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

a. Report on Metropolitan's State Water Project 2026 Statement of Charges and Audit [21-5403](#)

**Attachments:** [02092026 OWA 6a C-L](#)

b. Proposed Modifications to the Operational Shift Cost-Offset Program [21-5404](#)

c. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management [21-5405](#)

d. Update on Conservation Program [21-5425](#)

e. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines [21-5406](#)

**Attachments:** [02092026 OWA 6e C-L](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-5400](#)
  - Colorado River Resources activities
  - Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
  - Water Resources Management activities

**Attachments:** [02092026 OWA 7a Bay-Delta Resources Activities](#)  
[02092026 OWA 7a Colorado River Resources Activities](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5401](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5402](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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## ***One Water and Adaptation Committee***

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### **Subject**

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Report on Metropolitan's State Water Project 2026 Statement of Charges and Audit

### **Executive Summary**

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On June 27, 2025, Metropolitan received the annual State Water Project (SWP) Statement of Charges (SOC) for calendar year 2026 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The SOC comprises Metropolitan's SWP conservation, transportation, and projected variable charges. The SOC for calendar year 2026 totals \$776 million, which is \$6 million or one percent less than the 2025 SOC. The SOC was audited by Richardson and Company (Richardson), a Certified Public Accounting firm, with whom Metropolitan has an agreement to perform the specialized contractual audit. As of the 2026 SOC audit report, Richardson has identified eighty-three outstanding findings totaling \$290 million. DWR does not agree with all of the audit findings. The largest issue in the audit findings is related to the Water System Revenue Bond (WSRB) Surcharge. Staff and Richardson have been working with DWR to resolve this extremely complex and technical issue, which impacts multiple charges, for many years. Metropolitan's impact from the multiple charges fluctuates. Staff and Richardson are continuing to collaborate with DWR to resolve the audit findings, including related to the WSRB Surcharge.

1/23/2026

Date

Brandon J. Goshi

Manager, Water Resource Management

1/23/2026

Date

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General Manager



### ***One Water and Adaptation Committee***

2/9/2026 One Water and Adaptation Committee Meeting

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#### **Subject**

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Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines

#### **Executive Summary**

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The 2007 Colorado River Interim Shortage Guidelines expire in 2026, and the Basin States have been working to try and develop a consensus plan that could serve as the basis for new guidelines starting in 2027. This report provides a quarterly update to the Committee on the status of those negotiations.

#### **Details and Background**

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##### **Background**

In 2005, in response to critical drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, then Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton urged the Colorado River Basin states (Basin States) to develop a drought plan for the Colorado River, or else the federal government will develop its own plan. In response, in 2007, the Basin States developed a plan for shortages and reservoir operations that became the basis for the 2007 Colorado River Interim Shortage Guidelines. Those Guidelines expire at the end of this current water year (September 2027). More than two years ago, Interior initiated the process to develop post-2026 Guidelines for the Colorado River.

For the last several years, the Basin States have been meeting to try and reach a consensus plan that all seven states can accept, but as of yet, significant disagreements continue, most notably between the Upper Division and Lower Division States. In recent months, some progress has been made, but several disagreements remain. The main area of disagreement is how much water use reduction should fall on each of the two basins, and how to interpret the Law of the River regarding that issue.



## Bay-Delta Resources

### • Bay-Delta Management Report

#### **Summary**

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This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for December 15, 2025 – January 15, 2026.

#### **Purpose**

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Informational

#### **Detailed Report**

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##### **Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay-Delta Interests**

###### Delta Conveyance Project

In November 2025, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued the Delta Conveyance Project Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. USACE is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, and cooperating federal agencies also include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The public comment period closed in January 2026. A Record of Decision is expected in 2026.

###### Bring Sites Reservoir Analyses and Options to the Board for Consideration

The Sites Reservoir Committee recommended, and the Authority Board approved, a voluntary reassignment of 6,234 acre-feet of storage capacity from Wheeler Ridge–Maricopa Water Storage Replenishment District to Santa Clara Valley Water District at the December 19, 2025, Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting.

###### Advance Science and Multi-Benefit Solutions That Improve the Sustainability of the Delta and Inform Regulation

Staff reviewed the draft Restoration Management Permit and submitted revisions to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) related to the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project (Webb Tract Project). A Follow-up consultation meeting with CDFW is scheduled. Staff expects the permit to be issued in late January 2026.

The USACE initiated formal consultation with the USFWS under the Endangered Species Act and the State Historic Preservation Officer under the National Historic Preservation Act on the Webb Tract Project.

The completed Basis of Development package for the Webb Tract Project is expected to be released in early February 2026.

Installation of water diversion meters on Bacon Island commenced in early January. Completion of meter installations on all Metropolitan Delta Island agricultural diversions is expected to be completed by the end of March 2026.



## Colorado River Resources

### • Colorado River Management Report

#### Summary

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This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for December 19, 2025 – January 11, 2026.

#### Purpose

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Informational

#### Detailed Report

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##### **Post-2026 Operational Guidelines Draft Environmental Impact Statement Issued**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the post-2026 operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, marking a significant milestone in the development of new Colorado River operational guidelines. Issuance of the DEIS represents a key step in the National Environmental Policy Act process to replace the 2007 Interim Guidelines, which expire at the end of 2026. The DEIS sets out Reclamation's preliminary analysis of five alternatives for releases from Lake Powell and shortage and surplus determinations at Lake Mead, and evaluates potential effects on water supplies, reservoir elevations, hydropower production, environmental resources, and other system interests. Publication of the DEIS launches the formal public review and comment period, providing Metropolitan and other stakeholders an opportunity to evaluate the proposed alternatives and submit input as Reclamation moves toward preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision.

The range of alternatives evaluated in the DEIS was designed to be sufficiently comprehensive to allow Reclamation to consider and adopt a Colorado River Basin States (Basin States) consensus approach within the bounds of the completed environmental analysis. The Basin States continue to meet with the goal of reaching consensus on the operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead for the post-2026 period by Reclamation's deadline of February 14, 2026. Metropolitan staff plan to submit comments on the DEIS by the deadline of March 2, 2026.

##### **Develop Post-2026 Guidelines and Negotiate Implementation Agreements: Provide Input that Shapes Reclamation's Selected Alternative**

##### ***Basin States Meetings***

The Basin States are meeting regularly to develop agreement on the key operational elements of the Post-2026 Guidelines including criteria for releases from Lake Powell, Lower Basin reduction triggers, storage in Lake Mead, and whether and under what conditions the Upper Basin will reduce water uses. Metropolitan staff participates in these meetings as advisors to California's principal representative in the Basin States negotiations, JB Hamby, in his role as Chair of the Colorado River Board of California. Several work groups have been formed to answer questions raised by the principals, including questions about needed flexibility in accessing Intentionally Created Surplus supplies from Lake Mead. Metropolitan staff participates in each of the work groups. The Basin States have regular discussions to meet a February 14 deadline established by the Interior Department to reach agreement on the criteria noted above. Staff will provide an update during Metropolitan's February One Water and Adaptation Committee Meeting.