

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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.

## OWA Committee

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## **One Water and Adaptation Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 8, 2026**

**12:00 p.m.**

## Monday, June 8, 2026 Meeting Schedule

09:00 a.m. EOT  
10:00 a.m. LEG  
12:00 p.m. OWA  
01:00 p.m. BREAK  
01:30 p.m. OPE  
03:30 p.m. AUDIT

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Teleconference Locations:

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

Scripps Institution of Oceanography • MESOM 208 • 8885 Biological Grade • La Jolla, CA 92037

Long Beach Utilities Office • 1800 E Wardlow Road • Long Beach, CA 90807

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\* Translated Agendas [21-5955](#)

**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. Approve the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee of May 11, 2026 [21-5616](#)

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

NONE

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

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

8-1 Amend the Administrative Code to incorporate board policy on climate action and adaptation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-5930](#)

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

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

a. Guest Speaker: Imperial Irrigation District [21-5902](#)

b. Update on Conservation Program [21-5903](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-5617](#)  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities  
Water Resources Management activities

**Attachments:** [06082026 OWA 7a Bay-Delta Resources activities](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5618](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction on Subcommittee on Imported Water [21-5619](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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## Bay-Delta Management Group

- **Bay-Delta Management Report**

### Summary

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This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for April 15, 2026 – May 15, 2026.

### Purpose

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Informational

### Detailed Report

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

##### Sites Reservoir

On April 17, 2026, the Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board approved an Exchange Agreement between the Sites Project Authority and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) governing voluntary exchanges of water between the Sites Project and the State Water Project (SWP) (Agreement). This Agreement is subject to final legal review and approval. The Agreement allows DWR to reduce SWP releases from Lake Oroville in exchange for providing an equivalent amount of SWP water to certain SWP Sites participants and for Proposition 1 ecosystem benefits, subject to legal, regulatory, and operational constraints. The Agreement preserves DWR’s discretion over exchanges and incorporates comments received at the February 2026 Board meeting into the final version.

The Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board also authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) related to accepting and conveying Incremental Level 4 refuge water as part of the Sites Reservoir Project’s Proposition 1 ecosystem benefits (donation agreement). Under the donation agreement, the Sites Project Authority will deliver Proposition 1 Sites water to designated points of donation for conveyance by Reclamation to Central Valley Project Improvement Act refuges north and south of the Delta. The Sites Project Authority is responsible for delivery costs and losses to the points of donation, while Reclamation is responsible for conveyance costs to the refuges.

##### Delta Conveyance-Related Joint Powers Authorities

At the April 16, 2026, meeting, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Board received updates on project engineering, environmental permitting, and organizational readiness. Executive Director Graham Bradner reported ongoing support for the DWR, including design advancement studies, preparation of updated cost estimates and a revised Basis of Design Report for early 2027, and development of internal procedures for the transition to the delivery phase.

The Department of Water Resources Environmental Manager reported issuance of key permits, including a biological opinion from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for construction and Amendment 1 to the project’s Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service on its construction biological opinion is ongoing.

## Board Report Bay-Delta Management Report

### Delta Conveyance Project

On April 23, 2026, the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) voted 6-1 to remand the DWR's Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project on two narrow issues under two Delta Plan policies, while denying all other appeals from the ten appellant groups.

Before proceeding to implementation, DWR must submit a revised certification addressing: habitat impacts related to the invasive golden mussel; and potential conflicts between the Twin Cities Complex and the Sacramento Area Sewer District's Harvest Water project, including effects on ecosystem protection, agricultural use, groundwater recharge, and sandhill crane habitat. Once submitted, DWR anticipates a second round of appeals to the Council limited to the golden mussel and siting of the Twin Cities Complex, a process that takes 150 days.

The Council also directed DWR to submit annual implementation reports beginning March 1, 2028, consistent with the Council's independent oversight role.

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

Metropolitan staff presented to the Subcommittee on Imported Water an update on the Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project. The objective of the project is to develop and determine the efficacy of innovative tools for the culture of Delta smelt. Recent milestones include the successful harvest of three sets of pond cultures for Delta smelt.

Metropolitan staff, along with researchers at Southern Illinois University, UC Davis, and USFWS, published our work on Chinook Salmon outmigration pesticide hazard assessment. The paper is titled "Tracking pesticide accumulation in juvenile Chinook Salmon during outmigration through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta." The results of the study determined that outmigrating hatchery-origin juveniles from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta had greater hazard risks from the Feather River and Battle Creek. Elevated body burden of pesticides suggests increased predation risks. The results suggest that pesticide management in those rivers could improve outmigration survival.

Metropolitan released four addendums related to the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project bid solicitation. The bid opening occurred on May 14, and four bids were received. A July 2026 board action is planned to award the construction contract.