



Legislation & Communications Committee

# Inspection Trip Information

Item 6c

October 13, 2025

# Inspection Trips 2025-26

## Subject

Inspection trip information

## Purpose

To provide an update on additional funding available for strategic inspection trips in 2025-26

Director and Strategic Trips

# Inspection Trips 2025-26

## Current travel budget: \$700,000

- All Shared Director Requested Trips
- Three Strategic Trips
  - Two Committed Strategic Trips  
(WELL, SoCal Feather River Watershed Visit)
  - One Strategic Trip TBD

# Opportunity to increase funding for inspection trips for 2025-26

## Director and Strategic Trips Inspection Trips 2025-26

- Strategic Trips will be added
  - \$100,000 in additional funds available to support inspection trips
  - 3-4 additional strategic trips will be provided
- Fully restoring program is not feasible
  - An additional FTE and approximately \$700,000 in travel funds is needed
  - Scheduling and negotiating new contracts is challenging

Strategic Trips

# Inspection Trips 2025-26

## Potential Additional Strategic Trips

- Tours of CRA or SWP facilities and programs for legislative offices, Basin States agencies, key stakeholders
- Tours of Metropolitan facilities in Southern California for partnering organizations
- Tours for Metropolitan Director delegations to agricultural, tribal lands and/or upper watersheds (along CRA, Central Valley/Delta, N. Sierra Watershed)

Director and Strategic Trips

# Inspection Trips 2026-28

## Budget for 2026-28

- Proposed travel budget per year: \$850,000
  - Shared Director trips
  - Strategic trips
- Option to restore full inspection trip program
  - Budget and staffing plan will be provided for Board consideration

