



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item INFORMATION

Community and Workplace Culture Committee

11/17/2025 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Quarterly Business Outreach Update

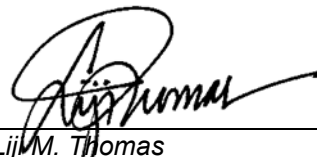
Executive Summary

This quarterly update provides information on Business Outreach and Community Engagement initiatives and projects. The next quarterly update is scheduled for February 2026.

Details and Background

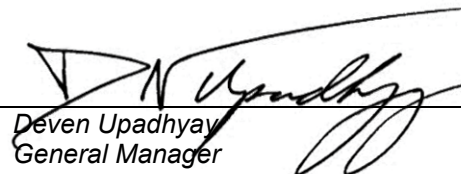
MetWorks is a series of quarterly construction networking events organized by Metropolitan with our member agencies and other local agencies to share information about upcoming contracting opportunities. It is intended to provide prospective contractors with an understanding of Metropolitan's high standards for construction, specifications and submittal requirements, and the schedule of upcoming projects. Staff will be providing an update on the October 23, 2025, MetWorks held in Los Angeles County. This was the largest MetWorks in the event's five-year history, with more than a dozen member and local public agencies represented and over 500 contractors and consultants in attendance.

Staff will also be providing background related to its Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise program, adopted by the Board of Directors in 2009, with an update on partnerships and current activities, including a recap of the National Veterans in Business Network Conference taking place November 12 to 14, 2025 in San Diego.



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11/4/2025
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