

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.

SP JT OWA and Subcommittee on Imported Water - Final

November 17, 2025

2:45 PM

Monday, November 17, 2025 Meeting Schedule

08:30 a.m. EOT
10:45 a.m. LEG
12:30 p.m. Break
01:00 p.m. LEGAL
01:45 p.m. CWC
02:45 p.m. JT OWA & IW

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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 AND SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water and Adaptation Committee for October 13, 2025 and of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting for October 28, 2025 [21-5168](#)

Attachments: [11172025 OWA 2A \(10132025\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 9-3 Information on Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Potential Stormwater Pilot Program (Jt OWA - IW) [21-5199](#)

- 9-4 Update on proposed extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (Jt OWA - IW) [21-5200](#)

Attachments: [11182025 JT OWA IW 9-4 Report](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Delta Conveyance Project Delta Plan Certification of Consistency [21-5201](#)
- b. Proposed Modifications to the Operational Shift Cost-Offset Program [21-5202](#)
- c. Update on Webb Tract Rice Development and Wetland Restoration Project [21-5203](#)

Attachments: [11172025 JT OWA IW 6c Report](#)

7. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on the Palo Verde Valley: Community Enhancement Collaborative [21-5204](#)
- b. Report on Basin States Plan Submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation [21-5205](#)

8. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-5169](#)
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
Water Resources Management activities

Attachments: [11172025 JT OWA IW 8a Bay-Delta Resources Activities](#)
[11172025 JT OWA IW 8a Colorado River Resources Activities](#)

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

October 13, 2025

Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey (entered after rollcall).

Members absent: Director Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Denham, Dennstedt, Faessel (teleconference posted location), Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Jay, Ortega, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Goshi, Harms, Hasencamp, Hudson, Martin, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for August 18, 2025.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 7-7 Subject:** Authorize on-call agreements with Helix Environmental Planning, 21-5076 Inc. and Rincon Consultants, Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2 million each and ECORP Consulting, Inc., Dudek, and Environmental Science Associates in amounts not to exceed \$1 million each, for a maximum of five years for environmental planning services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: Sean Carlson, Team Manager, Environmental Planning

Motion: Authorize on-call agreements with Helix Environmental Planning Inc. and Rincon Consultants Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2 million each and ECORP Consulting Inc., Dudek, and Environmental Science Associates in amounts not to exceed \$1 million each, for a maximum of five years for environmental planning services.

No presentation was given. Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Katz, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items 2A, and 7-7 option 1.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, and Seckel.

Noes: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Directors Quinn, and Shepherd Romey.

The motion for items 2A, and 7-7 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, no noes, no abstentions, and 2 absent.

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Quarterly Update on CAMP4W

Presented by: Liz Crosson, Chief of Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation

Vice Chair Seckel thanked Ms. Crosson for the updates at the September 30, 2025 CAMP4W Task Force meeting noting the diverse perspectives shared.

Ms. Crosson gave a presentation on the second quarterly update of the CAMP4W implementation process, focusing on updated risk assessments, project evaluations, and data-driven decision-making. Key efforts include fire risk planning, code updates, and collaboration through the Camp for Water Task Force to support flexible, “lower-regret” investments.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Armstrong
3. Ortega
4. Sutley
5. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

- b. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management
- Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Resource Specialist

Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Ms. Razavian gave a presentation on favorable water conditions in California, including strong snowpack and healthy reservoir storage, contrasted by lower runoff and declining levels in the Colorado River Basin. She highlighted Metropolitan's positive supply-demand balance and record-high storage, positioning it well to manage future water obligations and enhance drought resilience.

- c. Subject: Quarterly Update on Conservation Program
- Presented by: Gary V. Tilkian, Sr. Resource Specialist

Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Mr. Tilkian provided an update on the conservation program, reporting \$25.5 million paid and nearly \$40 million committed in incentives, with turf replacement being the largest component and ongoing success in rebate programs for trees and high-efficiency appliances. He also detailed the program's robust inspection and review process.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold
2. Seckel
3. Lewitt
4. Ortega
5. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- d. Subject: Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026
 Operational Guidelines

Presented by: Shanti Roset, Colorado River Policy Manager

Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Ms. Rosset provided an update on post-2026 guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, detailing the parallel federal EIS process and Basin States negotiations to replace the 2007 guidelines. She stressed California’s high stakes—reliable water supply, hydropower protection, and legal risk management—amid ongoing challenges to reach consensus among the seven states.

Chair Ortega and Deven Upadhyay, General Manager, discussed holding a special workshop or closed session regarding Bureau of Reclamation timelines and our position on Colorado River negotiations.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Kurtz
3. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors’ questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
 Colorado River Resources activities
 Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
 Water Resource Management activities

John Bednarski noted there was nothing more to report outside of management’s written reports.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water

Vice Chair Seckel reported that the Subcommittee on Imported Water was held as a joint meeting on September 23, 2025, with One Water and Adaptation, so no report will be provided.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water

Vice Chair Seckel noted that a workshop may be held on Colorado River negotiations.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Seckel commented on the need to follow-up on efficacy issues by staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Information

- **Board of Directors**
One Water and Adaptation Committee

11/18/2025 Board Meeting

9-4

Subject

Update on proposed extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources

Executive Summary

This report provides information on the extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program (Program) and a proposed amendment to the agreement between Metropolitan and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) under which Metropolitan purchases water from the Program. The various agreements that facilitate the Program expire at the end of 2025. Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba Water) is pursuing an extension of the Program through 2050, under substantially similar agreement terms. Proposed changes to existing agreement terms that affect Metropolitan include updated pricing, which will continue to be subject to amendment at five-year intervals, and a reduction to the threshold supply volume after which Yuba transfer supply will be made available to other third-party buyers. Transfer supplies from the Program have been an important source of supplemental supply to Metropolitan in dry years, with Metropolitan purchases exceeding 250,000 acre-feet since 2008.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact to Metropolitan would be the cost to purchase available water in a year. The price of water is projected to range from \$75 to \$525 depending on water year type, with the highest price under consecutive critical or dry years. The annual quantity of water available to Metropolitan is not known in advance and depends on hydrologic conditions in the Yuba watershed and participation level of other buyers. In recent years, Metropolitan's Yuba Water purchases ranged from 3,825 acre-feet in 2022 to 33,518 acre-feet in 2021.

Applicable Policy

By Minute item 47301, dated November 20, 2007, the Board adopted the CEQA determination and authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to purchase Yuba County Water Authority Components 2, 3 and 4 Water, as set forth in the letter signed by the General Manager on November 8, 2007.

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 4203: Water Transfer Policy.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

Staff plans to return to the Board in December 2025 to request that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with DWR to purchase water pursuant to the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program.

Details and Background

Background

The Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program is implemented by Yuba Water through multiple agreements that terminate in 2025, including an agreement between Yuba Water and DWR (Water Purchase Agreement), an agreement among Yuba Water, Contra Costa Water District, and East Bay Municipal Utility District (Water Transfer Option Agreement), agreements among Yuba Water and its Member Units for conjunctive use, and a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) water rights order approving places of use and points of re-diversion for the Program. Yuba Water is in the process of extending the Program through December 31, 2050. On April 2, 2024, Yuba Water filed a petition for change with the SWRCB to implement the Program through 2050. Yuba Water also filed a separate change petition with the SWRCB to implement the Program through 2026 in the event that its petition for long-term approval is not effective before December 31, 2025. Additionally, on September 17, 2024, Yuba Water, as lead agency, certified a supplemental EIR (supplement to the 2007 EIR) that evaluated the potential environmental effects of the extended Program.

Metropolitan purchases Yuba transfer supply via an agreement with DWR that tiers off the Water Purchase Agreement between Yuba Water and DWR. The Board authorized the Metropolitan-DWR agreement in 2007 (Agreement), and approved amendments in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2020. Under the Agreement, DWR facilitates the conveyance of Yuba transfer supply to participating State Water Project (SWP) contractors and the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (collectively, the Buyers).

Yuba Water makes transfer supplies available to DWR by: (1) reservoir reoperation; and (2) member units using groundwater instead of surface water supplies (groundwater substitution). Since its inception in 2008, the Yuba Accord has provided over 1,500,000 acre-feet of supply, which includes 480,000 acre-feet to the Environmental Water Account and the remaining acre-feet shared between participating SWP contractors and San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority through 2025. Metropolitan has benefited from participation in the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program, having purchased approximately 253,000 acre-feet.

Proposed Agreement

Under the current Agreement, which terminates in 2025, a new amendment is needed to establish fixed prices for surface water supplies purchased after December 31, 2025. Staff worked with the Buyers, DWR and Yuba Water to negotiate an amendment that would secure pricing of surface water supplies for five years beginning on January 1, 2026. The key terms tentatively agreed to are outlined in greater detail in **Attachment 1** and include increasing prices for surface water supplies to reflect updated market conditions. The new prices represent a 3.25 percent annual escalation from the 2020 agreement, but these prices will be fixed through 2030. The proposed amendment retains annual negotiations for groundwater substitution supplies.

In addition to updated terms regarding pricing, the new Agreement reflects revised terminology for the two types of transfer supplies made available under the Program. The supplies made available by reservoir releases are now termed Storage Component instead of Components 1, 2, and 3 Water. The supplies made available by groundwater substitution are termed Groundwater Substitution Component instead of Component 4 Water.

As with the previous agreement, Metropolitan will only be obligated to pay DWR for Storage Component water if DWR can export the supply at Banks Pumping Plant. Metropolitan will be obligated to pay for Delta carriage water losses incurred to convey the water to Banks Pumping Plant, which have historically ranged from 20 to 35 percent. Under new amended Water Purchase Agreement between DWR and Yuba Water, Yuba Water will be responsible for streamflow depletion losses for supplies made available by groundwater substitution. The existing Water Purchase Agreement did not require mitigation for streamflow depletion losses.

Under the new agreements for extension of the transfer program, Yuba Water is seeking greater certainty in its ability to transfer water to third parties, including Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District. Under the existing agreements, Yuba Water first makes 60,000 acre-feet available to participating contractors prior to transferring up to 10,000 acre-feet of water to third parties. Under the new agreements, this threshold would be lowered from 60,000 acre-feet to 30,000 acre-feet. This could result in a reduction of available supplies to Metropolitan of up to approximately 2,500 acre-feet in years where available transfer supplies are less than 70,000 acre-feet.

Under the existing and proposed agreements, Metropolitan has the flexibility to decide on the amount of water to be purchased each year. For example, Metropolitan would only be obligated to purchase water based proportionately on Metropolitan's Table A share if other participating SWP contractors do not opt to purchase Metropolitan's allocated Storage Component supply. Under the amendment, staff would continue to seek board approval for groundwater substitution supplies on an annual basis.

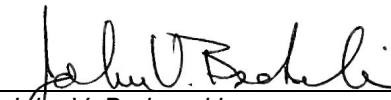
The Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program has been a vital source of supplemental supply to Metropolitan. Staff will return to the Board in the coming months to recommend approval of the amendment to allow Metropolitan to continue to purchase Yuba Water Storage Component supplies through 2050.



Brandon J. Goshi
Manager, Water Resource Management

10/27/2025

Date



John V. Bednarski
Interim General Manager

10/27/2025

Date

Attachment 1 – Yuba Amendment Key Terms

Ref# wrm12707985

Attachment 1 - Yuba Amendment Key Terms		
Contract Provisions	Existing	With Amendment
Term	Through December 31, 2025	Through December 31, 2050
Price for Surface Water Supplies Component 1 Surface Water • Wet Year • Above Normal Year • Below Normal Year • Dry Year • Critical Year • Consecutive Dry or Critical Years Component 2 Surface Water • Dry Year • Critical Year • Consecutive Dry or Critical Years Component 3 Surface Water • Wet Year • Above Normal Year • Below Normal Year • Dry Year • Critical Year • Consecutive Dry or Critical Years	• \$64/AF • \$128/AF • \$191/AF • \$255/AF • \$383/AF • \$447/AF • \$204/AF • \$306.40/AF • \$357.60/AF • \$64/AF • \$128/AF • \$191/AF • \$255/AF • \$383/AF • \$447/AF Subject to 5-year Negotiation	Storage Component Supply • \$75/AF • \$150/AF • \$225/AF • \$300/AF • \$450/AF • \$525/AF First 15 TAF in Dry Years and First 30 TAF in Critical Years • \$240/AF • \$360/AF • \$420/AF Subject to 5-year Negotiation
Price for Groundwater Substitution Supplies	Annual Negotiation	Annual Negotiation
Third-Party Transfer Threshold Storage Component Supply Made Available to Participating Contractors (inc. Metropolitan) Prior to Third-Party Transfers	60 TAF	30 TAF



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
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Committee Item INFORMATION

Bay-Delta Resources

• Update on Webb Tract Rice Development & Wetland Restoration Projects

Summary

Metropolitan owns Webb Tract, a 5,498-acre island located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Contra Costa County. The island can only be accessed by ferry. Metropolitan received a \$20.9 million grant from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy in 2023 to fund two projects on Webb Tract: a rice development and wetland restoration project. The projects align with the Board's Bay-Delta policies to limit land subsidence that safeguards Metropolitan's water supply reliability, reduce levee vulnerabilities, promote financial stability, advance restoration of the Delta's ecosystem, and strengthen climate resiliency. Implementation of these projects is not expected to affect Metropolitan's ability to sell Webb Tract in the future.

Regarding the Webb Tract Rice Development Project, in August 2025, Metropolitan's Board authorized entering into a lease agreement to grow rice on the island. Lease negotiations are ongoing and expected to be completed in November 2025. Due to the delay in securing the lease and the early rains in Northern California, the farmer tenant is planning to plant a minimum of 800 acres of rice in Spring 2027.

The Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project (wetland project) is wrapping up final design. In July 2025, Metropolitan determined that the wetland project qualified for a California Environmental Quality Act Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) through the Cutting the Green Tape Initiative. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) issued the required concurrence for the wetland project SERP in July 2025. In August 2025, the Delta Stewardship Council concurred that the wetland project was not a covered action under the Delta Reform Act, so no certification of consistency with the Delta Plan is needed. Permit applications have been submitted to CDFW (through the new Cutting the Green Tape Restoration Management Permit process), the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All permit applications are in process with the exception of the USFWS due to the ongoing federal government shutdown.

Once all permits are received, permit conditions will be incorporated into the final design package. The wetland project contractor bid solicitation is expected to be released in December 2025. Staff anticipates the Board's consideration of an action item to award the wetland construction contract in Spring 2026. If approved, construction is expected to begin in late Spring of 2026.

Purpose

Informational



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Bay-Delta Resources

• Bay-Delta Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for September 15 – October 15, 2025.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay Delta Interests

Bring Sites Reservoir analyses and options to the Board for consideration

At the September 19, 2025, meeting, the Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board received a presentation on the importance and timing of mitigation efforts. Staff outlined key components of the contracting strategy, including the Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal process, minimum acreage commitments, bonding requirements, labor and workforce considerations, use of Sites-owned property, and annual price adjustments. These items were previously reviewed by the mitigation workgroup.

Implement risk reduction strategies to protect Delta assets and minimize supply disruption

Bidding closed on the Delta Properties Infrastructure Phase 5B Improvements project. All of Metropolitan's siphons on the Delta Islands are expected to be metered by the end of January 2026.

Metropolitan staff submitted all environmental permit applications for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project. Staff reviewed the lease agreement for a rice farming partner on Webb Tract.

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

Staff, with researchers from UC Davis, conducted trial runs of the pond-cultured Delta smelt. All trials were successful, and staff are prepared for the first Pond Harvest Study test in November 2025. The Pond Harvest Study will determine the efficacy of using ponds as culturing tools to support hatchery production of wild-released fish in the Delta.

Upper Watershed

Several Board members and staff participated in another site visit to the Upper Feather River Watershed in early October. Staff continues to support the development of a special SWP inspection trip in November that will begin in the upper watershed, as well as a tour in Southern California for Feather River Watershed leaders in January 2026.

Board Report Bay-Delta Management Report

Metropolitan Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix and EcoRestore/Delta Conveyance Project (BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP) Expenditure

The following is a summary of Metropolitan's cumulative BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP expenditures updated for the quarter ending September 2025. This report includes the total internal costs related to the BDCP, the CWF-CER alternatives, and the subsequent DCP efforts with the state administration.

Staff will continue to provide this report on a quarterly basis in the Bay Delta Management Report.

Total (July 2005 – September 2025)

BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP Internal MWD	Total Costs (20.25 yrs.)
Labor & Benefits ⁽¹⁾	\$ 40.06M
Professional Services	\$ 7.17M
Travel	\$ 1.80M
Other ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.19M
SUBTOTAL	\$ 49.22M
<u>Administrative Overhead</u>	<u>\$ 14.15M</u>
TOTAL	\$ 63.37M

⁽¹⁾ Labor costs include salary, leave and non-leave benefits

⁽²⁾ Other includes charges for materials and supplies, trainings & seminars, conferences & meetings, reprographics, and other incidental expenses

Quarterly Summary (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)

	FY24-25 Q2	FY24-25 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY25-26 Q1
	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sep 2025
Labor	0.296M	0.264M	0.224M	0.263M
Professional Services	0.001M	0.002M	0.000M	0.000M
Travel	0.001M	0.000M	0.000M	0.001M
Other	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M
SUB-TOTAL	0.298M	0.225M	0.224M	0.264M
Admin. Overhead	0.070M	0.061M	0.050M	0.079M
TOTAL	0.368M	0.287M	0.274M	0.343M

The following is a summary of the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority costs for member's share of administrative expenses:

Quarterly Summary (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)

	FY24-25 Q2	FY24-25 Q3	FY24-25 Q4	FY25-26 Q1
	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sep 2025
TOTAL	0.002M	0.003M	0.003M	0.002M



Colorado River Resources

• Colorado River Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for September 24 – October 21, 2025.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Develop Post-2026 Guidelines and Negotiate Implementation Agreements: Provide input that shapes U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) selected alternative

Colorado River Basin States (Basin States) Meetings

The Basin States are meeting frequently in an effort to reach consensus on an alternative for Post-2026 operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead by the Interior Department's deadline of November 11, 2025. The Interior Department and Reclamation support the Basin States' effort to reach a consensus alternative that may be incorporated into the Post-2026 Guidelines. The Basin States have not yet reached 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.

Develop Post-2026 Guidelines and Negotiate Implementation Agreements: Negotiate implementation agreements that protect and benefit Metropolitan's interests

Lower Basin Meetings

California, Arizona, and Nevada are working together to reach a Lower Basin consensus regarding operational elements of Lake Mead for the Post-2026 Guidelines including Lower Basin water use reductions; storage of conserved water (like Intentionally Created Surplus [ICS]), including augmentation water that may be exchanged with interstate partners; and how any surpluses would be allocated. Metropolitan staff participates in these meetings along with representatives of other Lower Basin contractors and states.

California 440 Meetings

California, Arizona, and Nevada have tentatively agreed to reduce Lower Basin water use by 1.5 million acre-feet (maf) under most system conditions to address evaporation and other system losses—often referred to as the structural deficit. The 1.5 maf of reductions includes 250,000 acre-feet (af) that is contingent on Mexico's participation at past levels. California's share of the 1.5 maf would be 440,000 af (440). The California contractors have started meeting to develop commitments to meet California's 440. Metropolitan is working with the other contractors to develop principles for sharing California's Colorado River reductions in the Post-2026 Guidelines. The agencies have agreed to develop a proposal for sharing reduction by this November. Staff will provide updates and receive board direction on the process as it moves forward.

Board Report Colorado River Management Report

Lake Powell Elevation 3,500 feet

Reclamation has started monthly meetings with the Basin States because the September 24-Month Study showed the potential for Lake Powell elevations to go below elevation 3,500 feet by August 2026 in driest 10 percent of traces. Section 6(E) of the 2024 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision (SEIS) provides that the Secretary will “begin planning to reduce releases, as needed, to not less than 6.0 maf from Lake Powell in the Water Year to maintain elevation of 3,500 feet.” The SEIS specifies “Reclamation will consider all tools that are available” to maintain Lake Powell elevation above 3,500 feet. Reclamation is required to coordinate any additional operating decisions with the Basin States, Tribes, Mexico, and certain contractors, including Metropolitan.

Reclamation is also considering adjusting monthly releases at Glen Canyon Dam to address the 24-Month Study forecast that Lake Powell will fall below elevation 3,525 feet, the elevation identified for protection in the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan, Drought Response Operations Agreement. That agreement is among the Upper Division States through the Upper Colorado River Commission and the Interior Department.

For context to understand the risk of Reclamation taking actions to protect Glen Canyon Dam infrastructure through any combination of adjustments to monthly releases from Lake Powell, additional releases from Colorado River Storage Project initial reservoirs above Lake Powell, and reduced releases to the Lower Basin, it is relevant to compare the upcoming year’s forecasted runoff with the water year (WY) that ended in September. In the minimum probable (driest 10 percent) forecast for the September 24-Month Study, inflows into Lake Powell would be 42 percent of average in WY 2026. In WY 2025, inflows into Lake Powell were 49 percent of average even though snowpack was 85 percent of average. If Reclamation reduces Lake Powell releases, it could result in Lake Mead elevations declining below 1,035 feet which would reduce Hoover power generation, and elevation 1,025 feet, the elevation below ICS cannot be taken under the current guidelines. If inflow is in the driest range in WY 2026, it will also put pressure for water users in the Lower Basin to commit to additional reductions in the near term.

Alamo and New River Applications

The Alamo River and New River are located in the Imperial Valley and flow into the Salton Sea. These two rivers carry agricultural runoff from farms that have been irrigated with Imperial Irrigation District’s (IID) allocation of Colorado River water. In the 1980’s the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) found that IID was making unreasonable use of its water supplies causing excess runoff and flooding at the Salton Sea. The rivers continued to carry high volumes of water even after Metropolitan funded conservation efforts in IID starting in 1988.

By the late 1990s, California was facing pressure from the Basin States to reduce Colorado River water use to the State’s 4.4 maf entitlement. California was using as much as 800,000 af more. Metropolitan anticipated the potential for the Alamo and New River flows to be recycled and reused to offset the Colorado River reductions. It filed water rights applications for up to 908,400 af per year of unappropriated water in the two rivers.

Approval of the Quantification Settlement Agreement in 2003 set a cap on IID’s water use and provided funding to implement further on-farm and system conservation efforts. The state also enacted legislation making protection of the Salton Sea a state obligation and relieving the agricultural water agencies of responsibility for maintaining the elevation and salinity levels. In recent years, the river flows have fallen below 900,000 af and are expected to continue to decline. Also, the California Natural Resources Agency has constructed wetland and shallow water habitats using the flows at the river outlets to provide refuges for fish and birds.

Metropolitan has maintained its water rights applications on the two rivers over the past two decades. This year, staff at the State Board requested that Metropolitan withdraw the applications or appear at an administrative hearing to support the applications. Metropolitan staff concluded that the applications should be withdrawn after consideration of the high cost of treating the water for reuse and the limited supply available given the Natural Resources Agency’s use of the rivers for its Salton Sea Management Program.

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On September 23, Colorado River Resources staff advised the joint meeting of the One Water and Adaptation Committee and Subcommittee on Imported Water that the applications would be withdrawn, but discussions to make use of this supply would continue with IID and Coachella Valley Water District. The applications were cancelled effective October 15, 2025.