



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Water Resource Management Group

- **Water Resource Management March Activities**

Summary

The Water Resource Management Group, March 2026 Activities as of March 17, 2026

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Execute the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

Metropolitan staff participated in a quarterly board meeting of the Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC). The board elected Mark Kawamoto, representing the Orange County Sanitation District, as SCSC's new Board President. Directors also received an update on the development of an innovative new "Salinity Toolkit". The Salinity Toolkit is SCSC's primary project for 2026 and will provide local water agencies salinity-related communication materials once completed. Metropolitan is a founding member of the SCSC and serves on its governing board.

Metropolitan held two Water Efficient Landscaper Dual Certification classes, each for 40 landscape professionals, at Chino Basin Water Conservation District (Spanish class) and Irvine Water District (English class).

Staff presented Metropolitan's successful Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII) incentive programs at an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Webinar on March 18, 2026. The presentation highlighted the pay-for-performance Water Savings Incentive Program and the commercial Turf Replacement Program ([Webinars | US EPA](#)).

Metropolitan staff attended the California Water Efficiency Partnership Spring Plenary hosted at the Irvine Ranch Water District. This event brings together water efficiency professionals from California and provides peer-to-peer learning and updates on current challenges and priorities related to water efficiency. This Spring session focused on the CII sector and how to target outreach and programs more effectively.

Metropolitan's General Manager authorized initiation of the Cyclic Cost Offset Program (CCOP) in late February. Under CCOP, member agencies who have Cyclic Storage agreements with Metropolitan can receive a credit for taking additional deliveries of Metropolitan supplies into their Cyclic account. The deliveries must be above what the member agency would have taken absent of Metropolitan's CCOP request. In order to receive a CCOP credit, the member agency must incur costs for taking delivery of the additional supplies. Some examples of eligible costs include increased pumping or infrastructure improvements. Metropolitan determines each member agency's CCOP credit amount by reviewing their incurred costs for taking the additional deliveries in comparison to the member agency's baseline costs. Metropolitan staff reached out to the member agencies, and two agencies have confirmed their interest in receiving CCOP deliveries. Three member agencies are still evaluating their participation.

Date of Report: April 13, 2026

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Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

Staff across Metropolitan collaborated on the review of the Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead – Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This document analyzes five action alternatives for the future operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead across a wide range of future conditions. Comments focused on both high-level and technical concerns, and overall highlighted the components Metropolitan considers necessary for a successful alternative.

Metropolitan staff met with staff from the Colorado River Board of California to coordinate on several projects related to Metropolitan’s Colorado River Supplies. Discussion included the salinity program, Metropolitan’s System Conservation Implementation Agreement activity, status update on operations, coordination on Post-2026 Operational Guideline-related efforts, and ongoing activities related to the Multi-Species Conservation Program.

Metropolitan staff met with staff from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and San Diego County Water District to coordinate Quantification Settlement Agreement activities. This included sharing information needed to determine conservation activities and yields in 2025 , as well as discussing planned activities in 2026.

During March 2026, Metropolitan’s Public Review Draft of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), posted on February 6, 2026, continued to be available for public review on Metropolitan’s website. Metropolitan also placed newspaper advertisements in English and Spanish in the six-county service area announcing the availability of the Public Review Draft and the upcoming public hearing. The public hearing on the UWMP and WSCP is scheduled for April 13, 2026, as part of the One Water and Adaptation Board Committee meeting. Staff also continued refining the technical analysis for the 2025 UWMP by incorporating and confirming data received from member agencies.

Metropolitan’s Annual Local Supply Survey was sent out to member agencies with a due date of May 29, 2026. This survey tracks local water production and maintains an inventory of existing and planned local supply projects. The information supports the UWMP (per CA Water Code § 10631) and other key regional analyses, including the Integrated Water Resources Plan.

Complete EIR and Planning, for Board to Consider Pure Water Southern California

Staff delivered a presentation on Metropolitan’s Future Supply Actions Funding Program (FSA) to local agencies participating in the Los Angeles County Water Plan (LA Water Plan). Participants in the LA Water Plan are evaluating the potential for developing a new-technology incubator modeled on the FSA to promote innovative new local supplies.