

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.

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Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 8, 2026

10:00 a.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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* Translated Agendas 21-5954

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 Legislation and Communications Committee of May 11, 2026 [21-5611](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

9-2 SB 707 Implementation: Public Outreach Efforts [21-5897](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Highlights of the Community Partnering Program [21-5895](#)

Attachments: [06082026 LEG 6a C-L](#)

b. Proposed Community Engagement Standards [21-5896](#)

c. Provide for review of proposed updates to the criteria, policies, and procedures for the naming of facilities [21-5951](#)

d. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-5898](#)

- e. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-5899](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities [21-5612](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Legislation and Communications Committee

6/8/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Highlights of the Community Partnering Program

Executive Summary

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Community Partnering Program, which provides funding to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions to support their water education and related outreach projects. This presentation will celebrate the program’s history and highlight key achievements for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Community Partnering Program sponsorships are funded at \$140,000 per year through the External Affairs Operations and Maintenance budget. Current activities are being implemented within approved budget allocations.

Applicable Policy

MWD Act Sec. 130.5(b) – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall place increased emphasis on sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective water conservation, recycling, and groundwater storage and replenishment measures.

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

None

Details and Background

The Community Partnering Program provides funds to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions to support water-related education and outreach projects. Each year, the program funds projects such as demonstration gardens, community events, school programs, educational signage, and other activities designed to teach about the importance of water. The program serves Metropolitan’s six-county service area and supports many underserved communities.

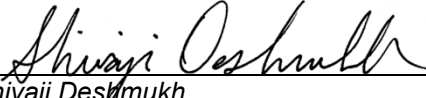
The 2025/26 fiscal year marks the program's 25th anniversary of funding projects. Since its inception and continuing today, the program encourages partnerships, creative ideas, and learning opportunities that strengthen community engagement in water issues.



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Date



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