

One Water and Stewardship Committee

# Report on Metropolitan's State Water Project 2025 Statement of Charges and Audit

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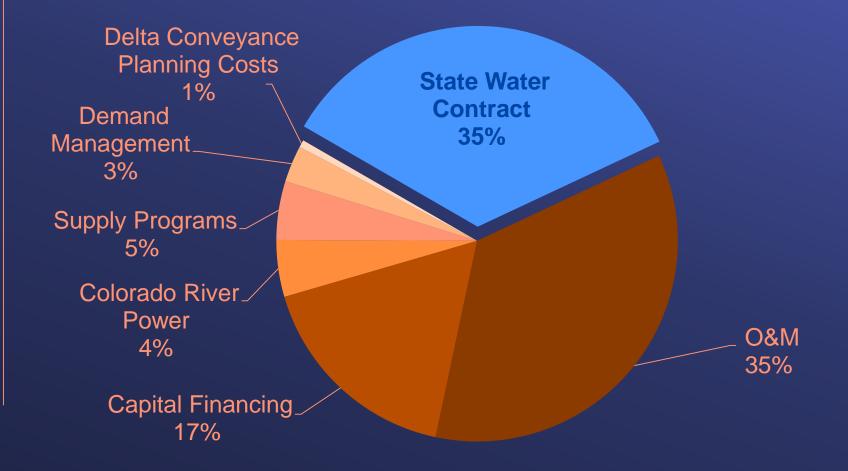
#### Subject

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#### Purpose

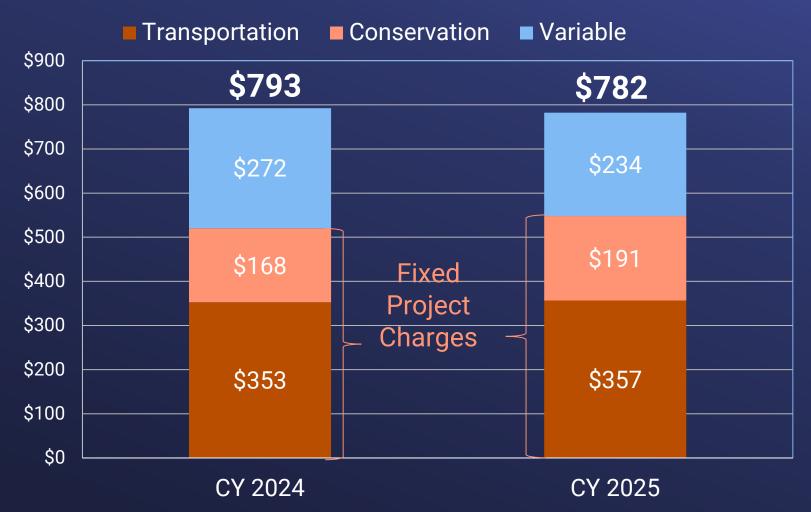
Provide information on 2025 audit of State Water Project charges in advance of a future request to extend audit contract

State Water Project is Metropolitan's Second Largest Budget Expenditure at \$689 Million FY 2024/25



# SWP Statement of Charges Comparison Calendar Year

(\$'s in millions)



\*Excludes Delta Conveyance Project

## Decrease in Variable Charges:

 Assumed reduced service area deliveries

### Increase in Conservation Charges:

- Administration of Incidental Take Permit
- Start of Environmental Compliance Tracking program

Background

Richardson & Company



#### Richardson Contract Ensures Accuracy of our State Water Project Charges

- Audits annual charges for over 30 years
  - Specialized contractual audit
  - Summary and detailed audit reports
- Provides expert technical support
- Contract ends March 31, 2025

#### Audit Findings

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SUMMARY REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF METROPOLITAN'S 2025 CHARGES FOR THE STATE WATER PROJECT SSUED BY STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



Findings Findings Value

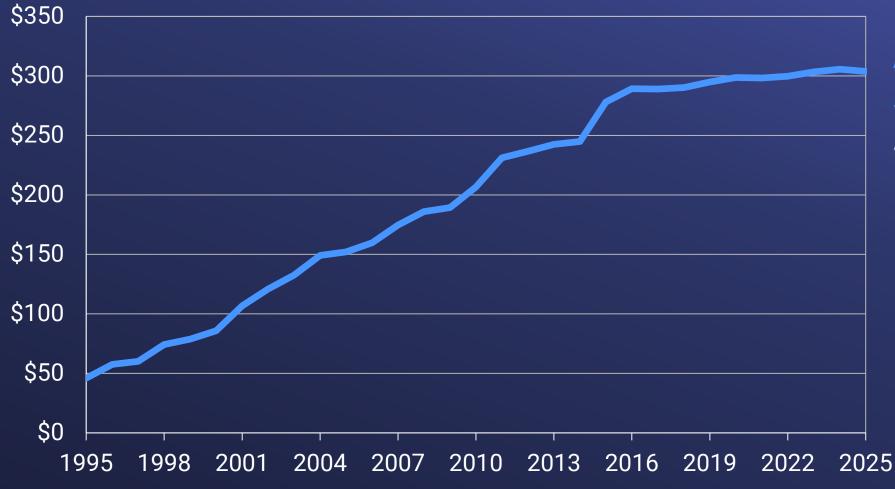
Resolved this Year 7 (\$2.0M)

Unresolved 78\* \$234M\*\*

- \* Includes 6 new findings with a net value of (\$9.0M) \*\* Includes:
  - Water System Revenue Bond Surcharge estimation under discussion with DWR
  - Protest items that were referenced in the letter from DWR dated 10/29/24

#### Audit Results in Substantial Savings Over Time

(\$'s in millions)



## Accumulated Savings:

\$304 million since 1991

#### Next Steps

- March action item to increase maximum amount payable and extend Richardson & Company contract to March 31, 2028
- Return in the future years for periodic updates on the Statement of Charges

