

Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee

# Management Announcements and Highlights

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# **Engineering Services**

# Update by Deven Upadhyay

#### 2023 EOT Inspection Trip

- Revised Date:
  - Thursday November 16, 2023
- Locations to be visited:
  - La Verne
    - Water Quality Laboratory
    - Weymouth Water Treatment Plant
    - La Verne Shops
  - Lake Mathews
  - Perris Valley Pipeline project



2022 Inspection Trip

### Inland Empire Industry Day

- Date: September 14, 2023
- 300+ Attendees
- Location: Moreno Valley, CA
- IEUA, West Basin, Eastern MWD & Western MWD were co-participants





Metropolitan's MetWorks Team



#### Perris Valley Pipeline Tunnel Project Progress



Staff inspection of TBM refurbishment

- On-going work: continuing excavation of Shafts 2 and 3, installing geotechnical monitoring system at Shaft 3
- Contract Amount:
  \$59,489,720/ Paid to date:
  21%
- Original Contract Duration: 500 Working Days/ 31% used to date



Contractor drilling shaft piles

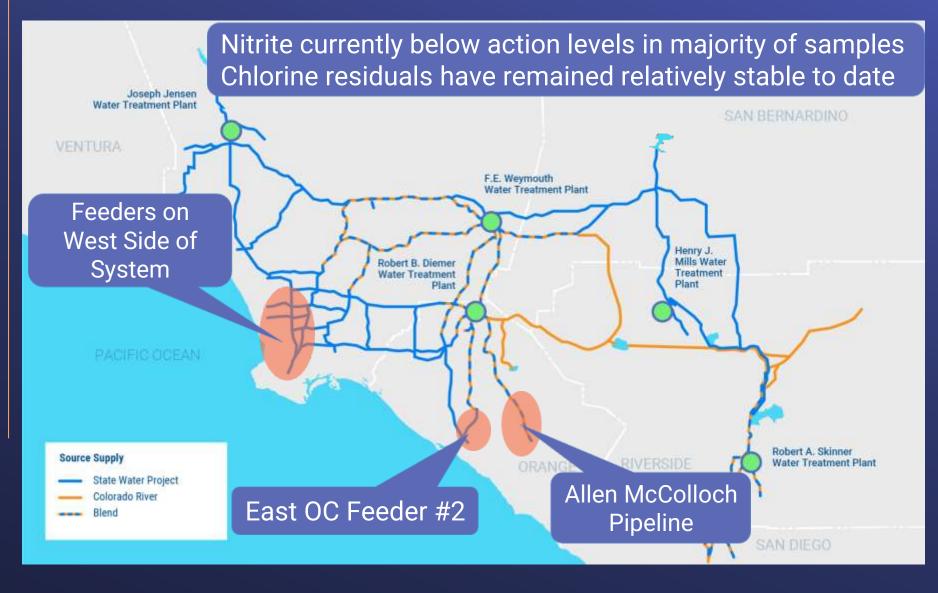
# Water System Operations

Update by Shane Chapman

# Conditions have Significantly Improved

Nitrification Event Summer 2023

Extensive coordination with member and retail agencies



#### Nitrification Event Summer 2023



Water Quality Monitoring

# Conditions Have Significantly Improved

- Actions taken to manage event
  - System changes to increase flows in affected areas
  - Chemical and blend adjustments at treatment plants
  - Pipeline flushing at multiple feeders
  - Increased monitoring throughout distribution system
- Next steps
  - Continue operational changes to minimize water age; performing flushing if necessary
  - As conditions continue to improve, slowly return treatment plants to normal operations
- Thank you to member agencies on collaboration in managing this challenging event

#### Whitewater Replenishment Facilities



Repairing Whitewater Conveyance Channel

# Partnering on Facility Repairs

- Metropolitan staff continue supporting excavation and earthmoving to rebuild over four miles of conveyance channel
- Repair schedule accelerated
  - Partial deliveries (up to 400 cfs) started October 2
  - Full delivery (up to 700 cfs) anticipated by late October/ early November
- Projected reduction in DWCV recharge capability in 2023 is 78 TAF due to storm damage
  - Originally 107 TAF impact without Metropolitan's support
- Projected 2023 deliveries to DWCV is ~275 TAF

#### 2023/24 Shutdown Schedule



# Ensuring Continued System Reliability

- Shutdown Schedule presented to Member Agencies on Sep. 28
- Features detailed schedule of 21 major shutdowns planned for 2023/24 season
- Also includes preliminary threeyear look-ahead schedule for longer-term planning
- Developed through extensive collaboration with member and retail agencies, and DWR



# Managing Surplus Conditions

- 2023 SWP Allocation at 100%
- CRA at 3-pump flow
- Deliveries to USG-03 resumed September 15
- Deliveries to DWCV resumed October 2
- SWP blend targets are 80% at Weymouth, 35% at Diemer, and 60% at Skinner
- September 2023 deliveries of 130 TAF were 6 TAF lower than September 2022

Current Operational Conditions

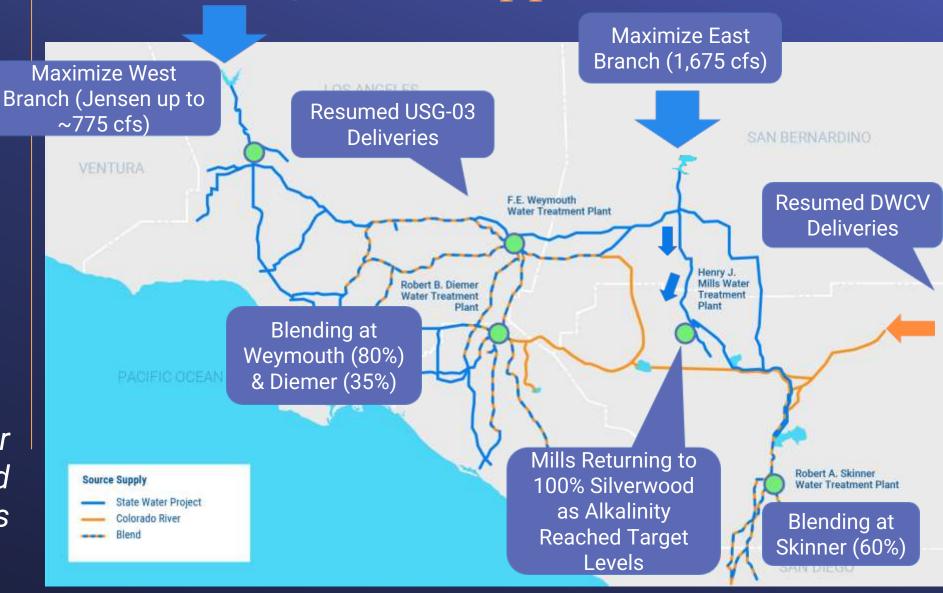


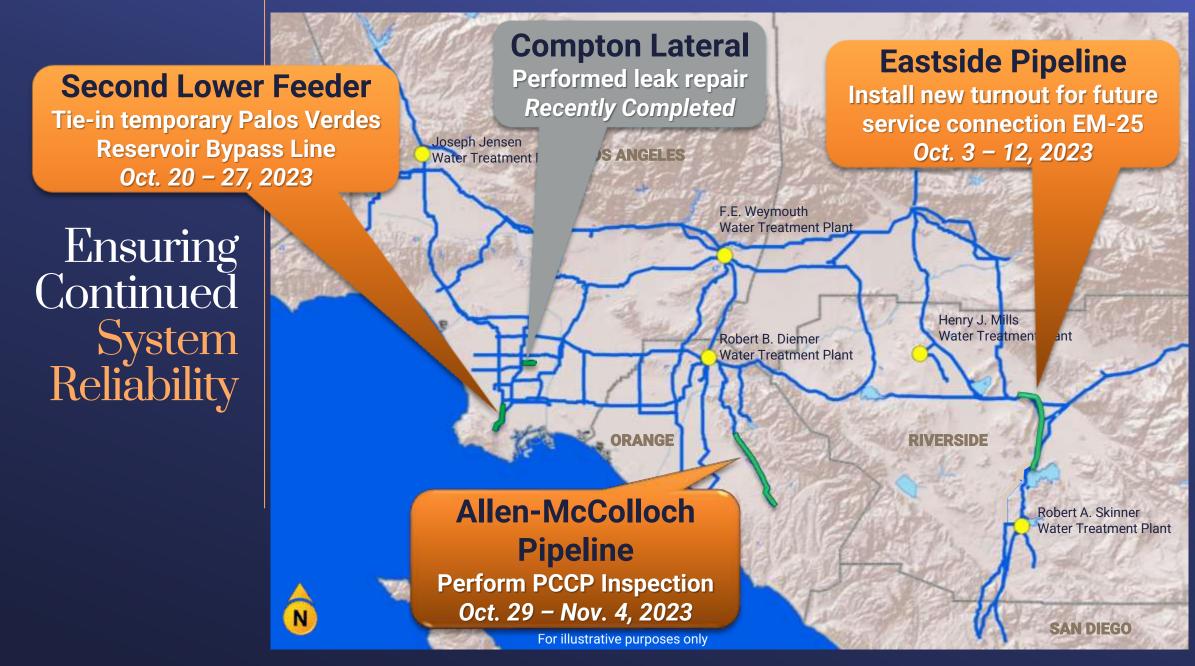
**USG-03** Deliveries

# Maximizing SWP Supplies

Current Surplus Operations

Balancing water supply, quality, and system constraints





#### Member Agency Water Quality Managers Meeting



Water Quality Lab September 28, 2023

# Engaging on Key Regulatory Matters

#### Morning session (hybrid)

- 40 in-person and 15 online attendees (24 agencies)
- Presentations on federal and state regulatory efforts on DPR, PFAS, perchlorate, chromium-6, fluoride, CCR, WOTUS, climate resiliency, and other topics

#### Afternoon session (in-person)

- Ad Hoc Water Quality Workgroup (7 agencies)
- Issues impacting water utility labs
  - Lab accreditation, ELAP, TNI, lab capacity, monitoring requirements, microplastics monitoring
- Workgroup Goal: Advocacy with SWRCB and EPA for water utility lab's critical role in protecting public health

