



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

● Chair of the Board Adán Ortega Jr.'s Monthly Activity Report – March 2025

Summary

This report highlights my activities as Chair of the Board, as well as Board Member highlights during the month of March 2025 on matters relating to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's business.

Monthly Activities

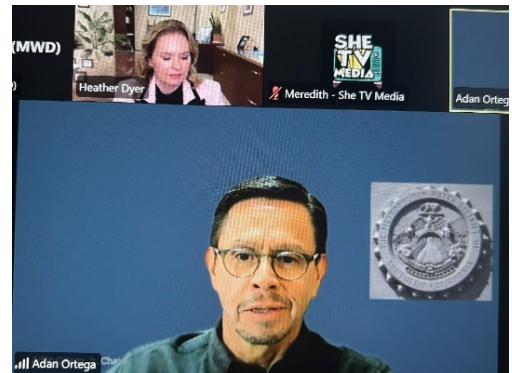
Key Activities

- Attended the San Fernando City Council meeting, providing updates on policy initiatives, including advancements in the Pure Water Southern California project and progress on the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4Water). I also highlighted Metropolitan's preparedness to meet the region's 2025 water needs and shared information on conservation programs, rebates, and educational resources for residential and commercial users.
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- I attended Metropolitan's San Jacinto Tunnel Naming Dedication event in honor of Randy Record, who chaired Metropolitan's Board of Directors from 2014 to 2018 and served on the Board for two decades, representing Eastern Municipal Water District. I joined other members of the Metropolitan family along with Randy Record and his family, and members of the community who celebrated his achievements and accomplishments. I wish to express my appreciation to former Board Chair Gloria Gray for accepting my invitation to introduce Randy Record at the event. Board Vice Chair Michael Camacho provided opening remarks stating that his deep knowledge of water, commitment to doing the right thing, and tireless efforts to maintain strong relationships with our communities made him an inspiring leader and colleague. Our General Manager, Deven Upadhyay, also reflected on Metropolitan's accomplishments during Randy Record's terms as Board Chair. In attendance were also Board Members Stephen Faessel, Jeff Armstrong, Anthony Fellow, Brenda Dennstedt, Dennis Erdman, Cynthia Kurtz, Jacquelyn McMillan, and former Director Glenn Peterson. Former General Manager Ron Gastelum was also in attendance.



- General Manager Deven Upadhyay and I were invited to attend the Los Angeles-MWD Directors Caucus Meeting at Los Angeles City Hall, where we discussed Metropolitan's policy priorities as well as regional water supply and stewardship initiatives.

- Recorded a podcast for "Watershed Moments" which is produced by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and hosted by their General Manager, Heather Dyer. Ms. Dyer asked me to summarize the history and mission of Metropolitan in providing water delivery to Southern Californians; we also discussed water affordability, addressing the needs of older, smaller and poorer communities, as well as our leadership philosophies. I emphasized the need for continued efforts to develop solutions for the future to address climate impacts and vulnerabilities facing the region's water system and the communities served to advance strategies for an equitable and resilient water future.



- I met with newly elected Councilmember Patricia Lopez from the City of San Fernando to discuss strategies for engaging the residents and council members to learn more about our organization and its initiatives. We were joined by Metropolitan's Education Team Manager, Benita Horn, and explored the opportunities made available to schools and the community to impart water knowledge. Our discussion also highlighted key initiatives, including the Community Partnership Program, Workforce Education, and the Conservation Program, as avenues for greater collaboration and community involvement.



- Joined General Manager Deven Upadhayay and Chief Sustainability Officer Liz Crosson in briefing the City of Anaheim's Public Utilities Board. We addressed the interrelation between CAMP4Water, the Biennial Budget Process, Bay-Delta Issues, and the Colorado River, as well as our collective efforts addressing the State Water Project Exclusive Areas challenges. We thanked the Board, including Anaheim's representative on Metropolitan's Board, Director Stephen Faessel, for his leadership through his years of service to Metropolitan.



Regularly Scheduled/Ongoing Meetings

I continue to meet regularly to review the Board's organizational issues and coordinate activities with the Board Vice Chairs, the General Manager, and his executive team.