



# General Manager's Monthly Report



Activities for the Month of July 2025



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# Message from the General Manager

As we start our new fiscal year, I want to highlight my [business plan](#) which I recently shared with Metropolitan's Board. It's structured around nine key focus areas that I view as most important to Metropolitan for this fiscal year. The goals are listed below.

## General Manager's Business Plan Goals

- Follow through on Business Model Refinement Recommendations
- Develop a Biennial Budget that Meets Metropolitan's Needs
- Execute CAMP4W Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District Wide
- Complete EIR and Planning for Board to Consider Pure Water Southern California
- Achieve Equitable Supply Reliability for State Water Project Dependent Areas
- Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay Delta Interests
- Develop Post-2026 Guidelines for the Colorado River and Negotiate Implementation Agreements
- Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values
- Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

These GM monthly reports will include important milestones and highlights of our progress. And you will see these goals reflected in the staff's monthly activity reports to the Board. While we won't report on every goal every month, you can be assured that we are working in concert to deliver exceptional performance guided by a deep commitment to public service.

Deven Upadhyay  
General Manager



# Highlights

Following are important highlights for this month on four of the GM Business Plan goals.



## Follow through on Business Model Refinement Recommendations

When the Board acted last month to approve an update to the rate structure for treated water service, it culminated an extensive, months-long, collaborative process to fulfill a board direction provided as part of the adoption of our last budget. It also sought to address long-standing calls to reform the Treated Cost Recovery methodology.

The revisions to the Treated Cost Recovery methodology adopted in July adjust how fixed costs are recovered, going from 100 percent volumetric-based to now recovering some capacity-related costs through a fixed charge. This action contributes to an important larger objective of exploring refinements to the Metropolitan Business Model: to rebalance the district's ratio of fixed and volumetric revenue.

Staff is updating the cost-of-service methodology to incorporate the new rate structure into the upcoming biennial budget. Meanwhile, our discussions of other possible refinements to the Business Model continue, as we pursue increased financial sustainability with which to tackle the infrastructure and supply investments needed to adapt to climate change and secure water supply reliability for the district.



## Complete EIR and planning, for Board to consider Pure Water Southern California

The conclusion of the comment period for the Draft EIR for Pure Water Southern California is a significant milestone in the planning of this potential source of water for the district. The External Affairs Community Relations Team completed an extensive outreach campaign during the public comment period, including public meetings, community events, social media, tours of the Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center, and presentations to a wide range of interested parties.

While the public comments are reviewed and responded to as part of the finalization of our environmental analysis of the project, staff continues on a number of parallel tracks to develop the information necessary for the Board to be able to decide on the Pure Water investment in early 2026. The program team is updating program cost estimates, which will be shared with the Board in the coming weeks. Discussions with member agencies continue toward the development of term sheets and future agreements for those directly taking water. Technical studies are underway to support the planning of direct potable reuse (DPR) implementation and development of program phasing options, including treated water augmentation. Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation staff is conducting climate risk and vulnerability assessments for specific projects and facilities, including Pure Water Southern California.

The project is undergoing the holistic analysis of a Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) Assessment, and an initial assessment was shared with the One Water Committee. Staff will continue to refine that assessment, along with those of other projects and portfolios for board and member agency review in the coming months.



## Achieve Equitable Supply Reliability for State Water Project Dependent Areas

The Board acted to significantly improve equitable supply reliability across the region when last month it approved funding for the completion of design and to begin construction of the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project. This will allow Metropolitan to move Colorado River water and stored supplies from Diamond Valley Lake into communities that currently rely almost exclusively on water delivered through the State Water Project.

The project consists of building two new pump stations that, when needed, can reverse normal flows in the existing Sepulveda Feeder pipeline. Construction on the first of the pump stations is expected to begin later this year. The pump stations are being constructed in a manner that will allow them to be readily expanded in the future depending on water supply conditions and future board approvals. Completion of the approximately \$280 million project is expected in early 2029.

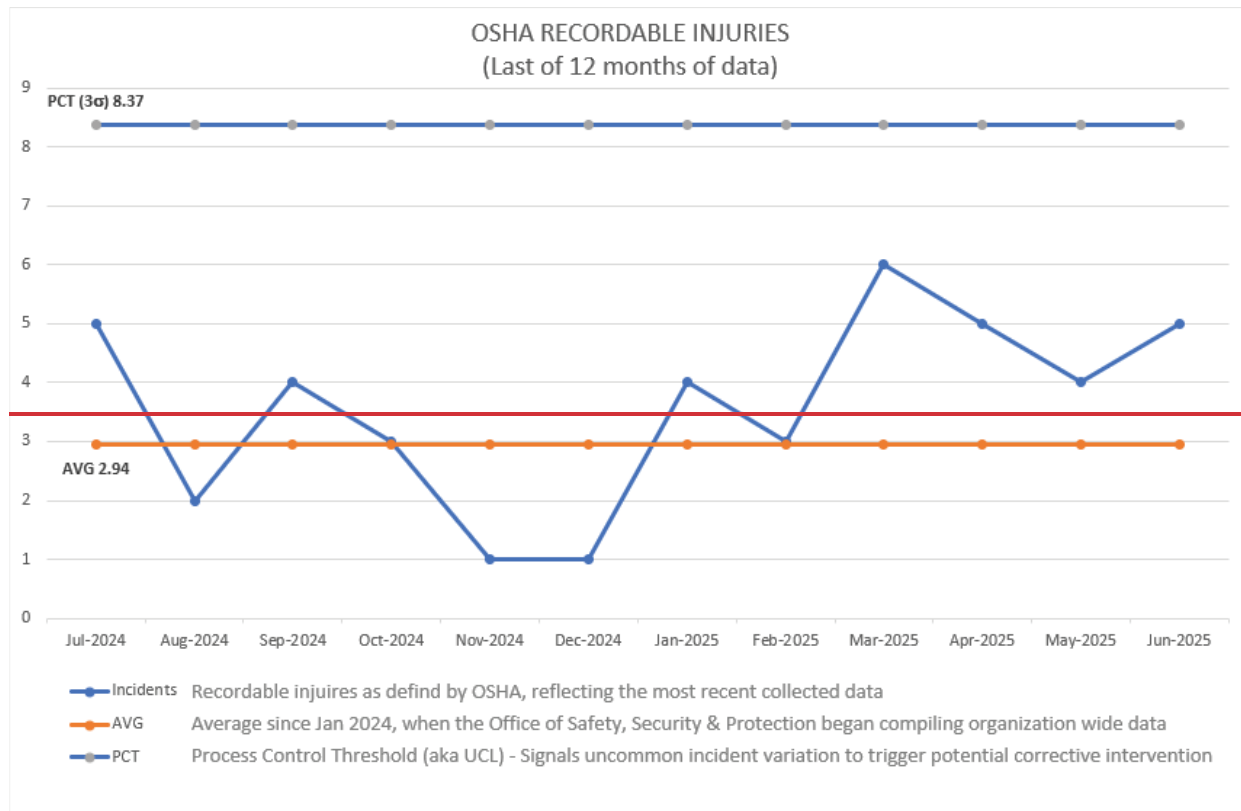
The project is being expedited through the use of the progressive design-build method for construction, which allows Metropolitan to use a single firm for both design and construction. It is Metropolitan's first project using the method since the state legislature granted us authority to use such contracting structures to expedite construction projects.



## Improve the Workplace and Promote START Values

Our START Values begin with **Safety** (START stands for Safety, Trust, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork). Among our activities to strengthen safety training and other strategies to keep our worksites safe, staff works to keep safety at the forefront of our attention. In July, staff shined another spotlight on safety with the second issue of the Headquarters Safety Newsletter. It highlighted new IntraMet updates, incident summaries, important safety talks, and shoutouts to recognize employees' safety contributions.

Staff continue to find creative ways beyond the annual Safety Fairs to showcase safety, including short videos to highlight employee safety achievements and the promotion of "Safety Moments" at the start of many staff meetings. This monthly GM report includes a new info graphic on injury incidents recorded with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The graphic below shows the number of incidents per month relative to the average since the Office of Safety, Security and Protection standardized the compilation of our incident data. The graphic will be updated monthly.







## Pure Water Southern California Outreach



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

To support the Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) program, Metropolitan conducts a robust outreach effort that prioritizes an inclusive, community-centered approach. A key element of this effort is partnering with trusted community-based organizations (CBOs) to connect with residents throughout the region. Collaborations with groups such as ActiveSGV, Strength Based Community Change, Nature for All, and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice have helped expand engagement through bike rides, community events and meetings, and water ambassador workshops.



### IMPORTANCE TO METROPOLITAN

The proposed PWSC project presents a new opportunity for Metropolitan to enhance local water reliability, reduce dependence on imports, and promote sustainability amid climate change. Achieving these goals requires strong community support. By collaborating with grassroots organizations across areas like the South Bay and the San Gabriel Valley, Metropolitan meets people where they are to share how PWSC could directly benefit their communities and create local jobs and educational opportunities. These partnerships build awareness, foster trust, and ensure communities are informed and included in shaping the region's water future.



### MEMORABLE MOMENT

One of the most rewarding outcomes of this outreach is the meaningful dialogue it sparks. At events with CBO partners, community members often share a newfound appreciation for where their water comes from and express their support for PWSC. These connections affirm the importance of Metropolitan's commitment to authentic, ongoing engagement with the communities we serve.

# Water Supply Conditions Report

Extended Report: <https://www.mwdh2o.com/WSCR>

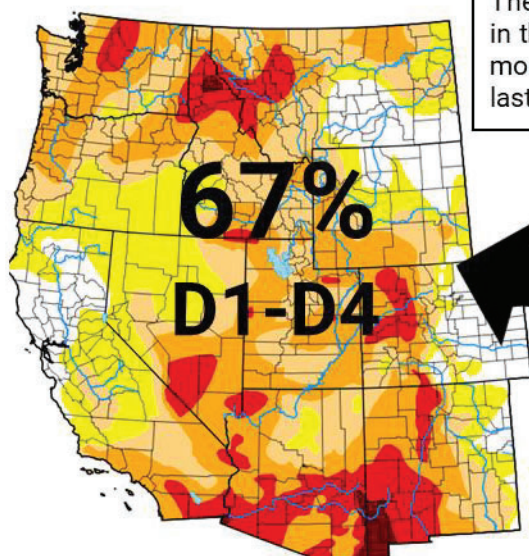
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High salinity in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta limited exports during July 2025, contributing to the drop in State Water Project storage in San Luis Reservoir.

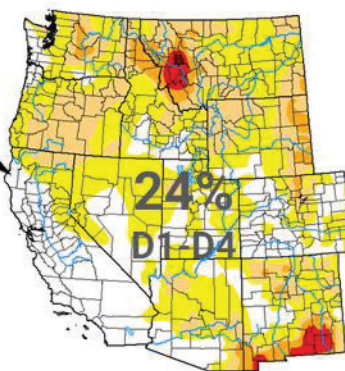
Precipitation in the Upper Colorado River Basin was below normal in July 2025: only half of the long-term average (1991-2020) precipitation (0.9 versus 1.8 inches).

The 24-month study published by the Bureau of Reclamation in July 2025 forecasts Lake Mead to end June 2027 at 6.9 MAF or 1,038.39 feet of elevation – the lowest ever since the construction of Hoover Dam.

The U.S. Drought Monitor as of July 29, 2025, indicates that 67% of the area in the west United States is experiencing some degree of drought (D1 being moderate drought and D4 exceptional drought) compared to 24% this time last year (July 30, 2024).



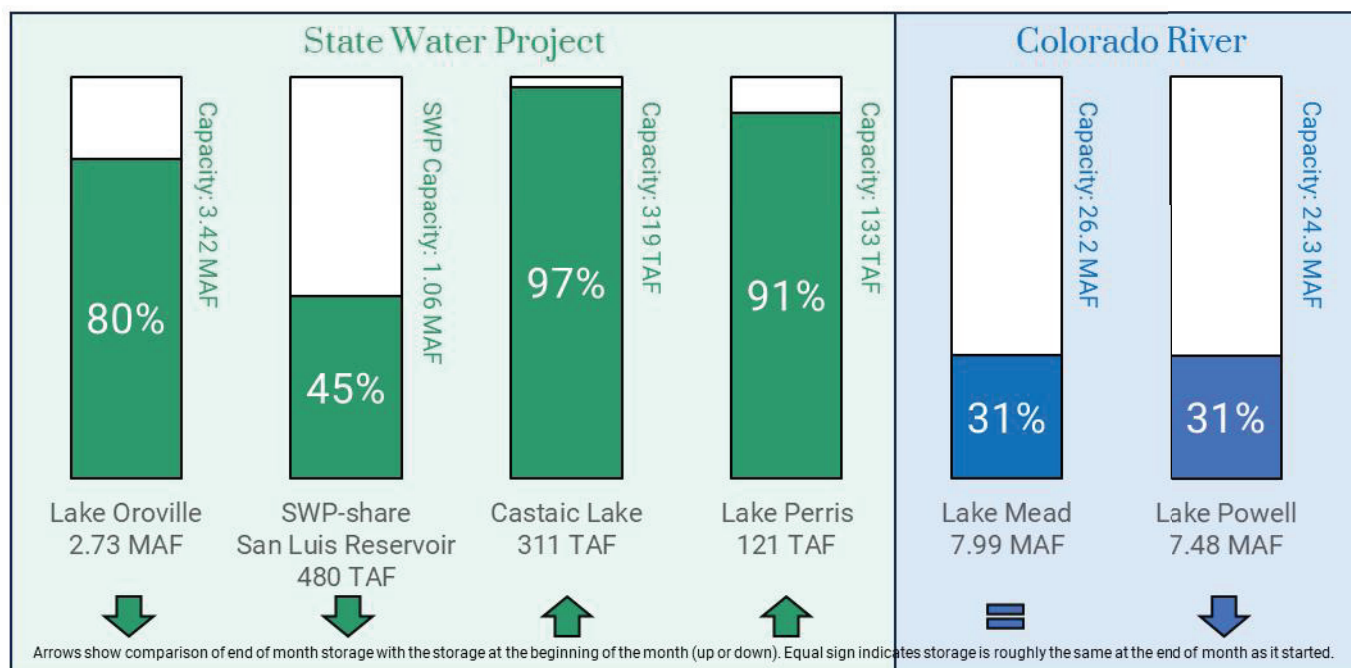
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## Drought Intensity





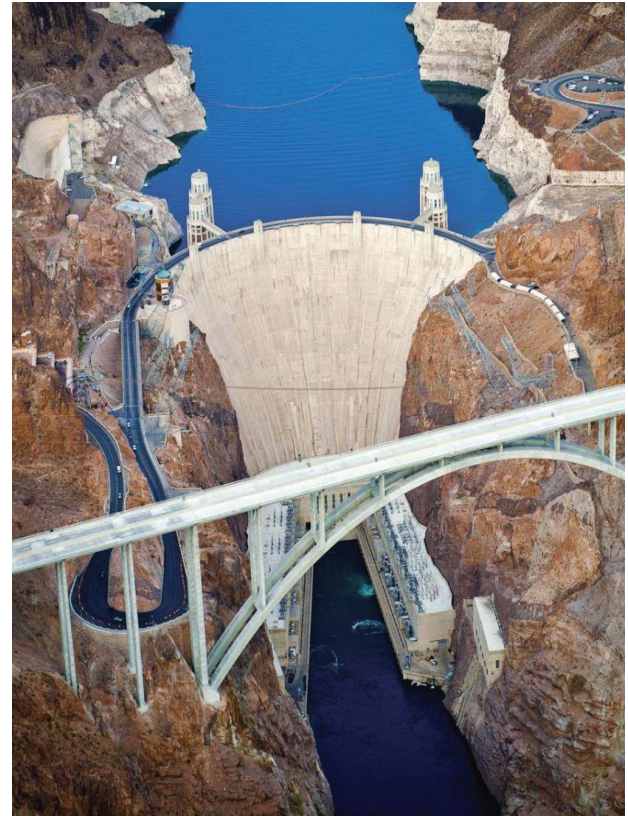
# Reservoir Report

## End of Month Reservoir Report

Monthly Update as of:

7/31/2025

<u>Reservoir</u>	<u>Current Storage</u>	<u>Percent of Capacity</u>
<b>Colorado River Basin</b>		
Lake Powell	7,462,225	31%
Lake Mead	7,986,000	31%
<b>DWR</b>		
Lake Oroville	2,730,493	79%
San Luis CDWR	479,929	45%
Castaic Lake	310,734	96%
Silverwood Lake	70,695	94%
Lake Perris	120,687	92%
<b>MWD</b>		
DVL	774,503	96%
Lake Mathews	154,005	85%
Lake Skinner	41,052	93%



Hoover Dam



Metropolitan's Mission 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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