



One Water & Adaptation Committee

Public Hearing on Metropolitan's  
Achievements in Conservation,  
Recycling, and Groundwater Storage  
and Replenishment

Item 1A

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# Item 1a Public Hearing on Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, & Groundwater Storage and Replenishment

## Subject

Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, & Groundwater Storage and Replenishment

## Purpose

Provide information to review Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater recharge for FY 2024/25.

## Overview

# Today's Public Hearing

- Required by MWD Act Section 130.5 added by state Legislature in 1999 (SB 60)
  - Public Hearing
  - Report to state Legislature by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

*“...increased emphasis on sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective water conservation, recycling and groundwater storage and replenishment measures”*

# Overview

## Today's Public Hearing

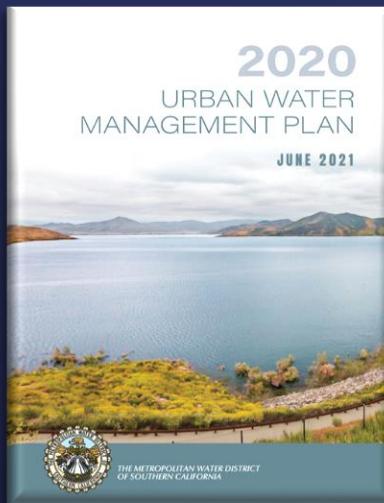
- Review 2020 Urban Water Management Plan for adequacy in achieving an increased emphasis on cost-effective conservation, recycling, and groundwater recharge
  - *Review highlights of draft report to Legislature*
- Hear from invited knowledgeable individuals in fields of water conservation and sustainability

# Overview

## Urban Water Management Plan

- Urban Water Management Planning Act
  - Adopted in 1983
  - Applies to urban water suppliers with more than 3,000 municipal customers or providing more than 3,000 AF of water annually
- Urban water suppliers meeting the reporting threshold must submit an UWMP to CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) every 5 years
- Demonstrates reliable water supplies for existing and future demands under various hydrologic conditions

## Review of 2020 UWMP



# 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

- Adopted May 2021
- Section 3: Implementing the Plan
  - 3.4 Conservation
  - 3.5 Local Resources
  - 3.6 Local Groundwater Storage

**Progress of programs in UWMP is the basis of annual report to Legislature**

# Review of 2020 UWMP

## Conservation

- Initiatives to maintain sustainable water demand levels
  - Public Education & Outreach
  - Conservation Programs
    - Residential
    - Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional
  - Metering
  - Research & Development
  - Asset Management

# Review of 2020 UWMP

## Local Resources

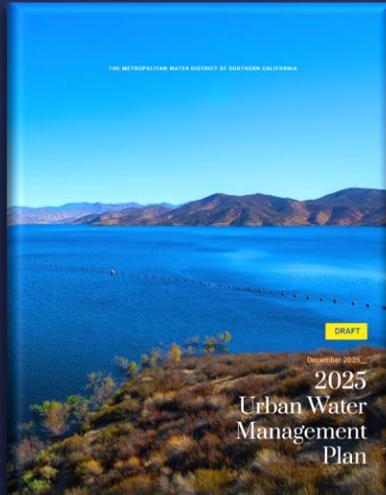
- Initiatives to increase local water supply
  - Local Resources Program
  - On-Site Retrofit Program
  - Stormwater Pilot Programs
  - Pure Water Southern California
  - Future Supply Actions

# Review of 2020 UWMP

## Local Groundwater Storage

- Initiatives to maximize the use of local groundwater storage and production
  - Imported water deliveries for aquifer recharge and seawater barrier protection
  - LRP funding for recycled water groundwater recharge & groundwater recovery projects
  - Conjunctive Use Program
  - Cyclic Storage Program
  - Participation in local watershed initiatives

# 2025 UWMP Underway



## 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

- Metropolitan is working on the upcoming 2025 UWMP
- Timeline
  - Public Review Draft – February 2026
  - Public Hearing – April 2026
  - Board Adoption Action – May 2026
  - Due to DWR by July 1, 2026

# Review of Draft Report to Legislature

## Cumulative Investment as of FY 2024/25

	Investment	Acre-Feet
Conservation	\$976 Million	4,315,666
Recycled Water	\$558 Million	3,247,184
Groundwater Recovery	\$213 Million	1,320,424
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.7 Billion</b>	<b>8,883,274</b>

# Conservation Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25

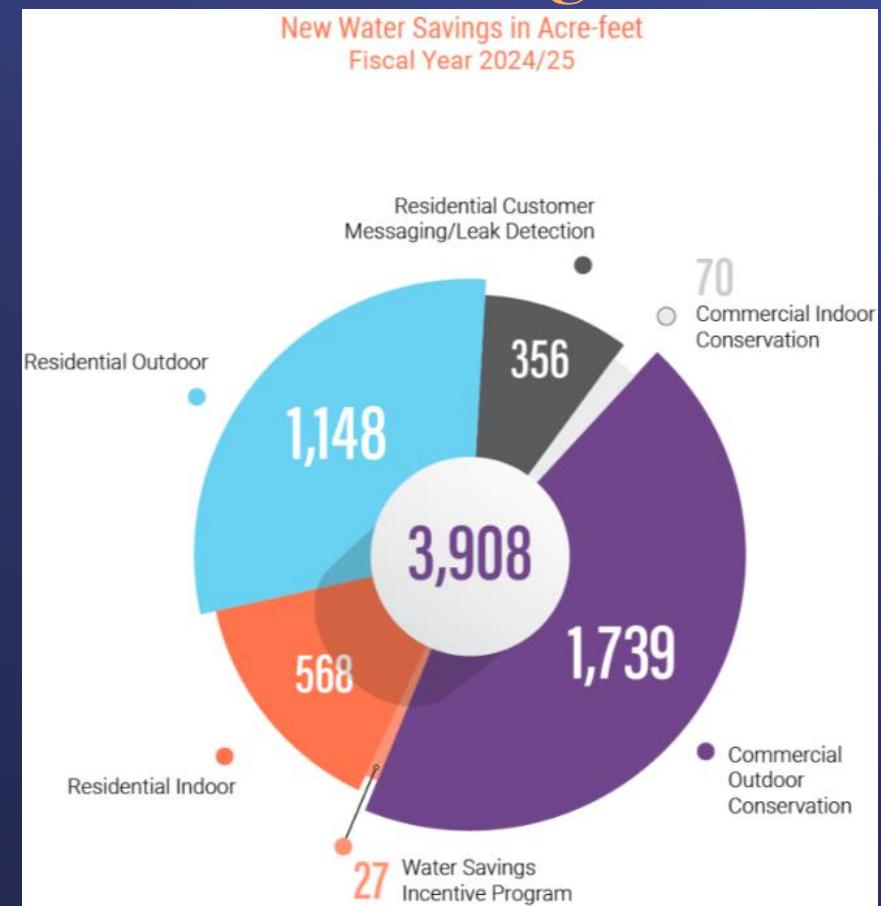
Investing in programs to help residents and businesses improve water-use efficiency

- \$22 million in fiscal year 2024/25
  - Rebates
  - Landscape and irrigation classes
  - Research
  - Outreach

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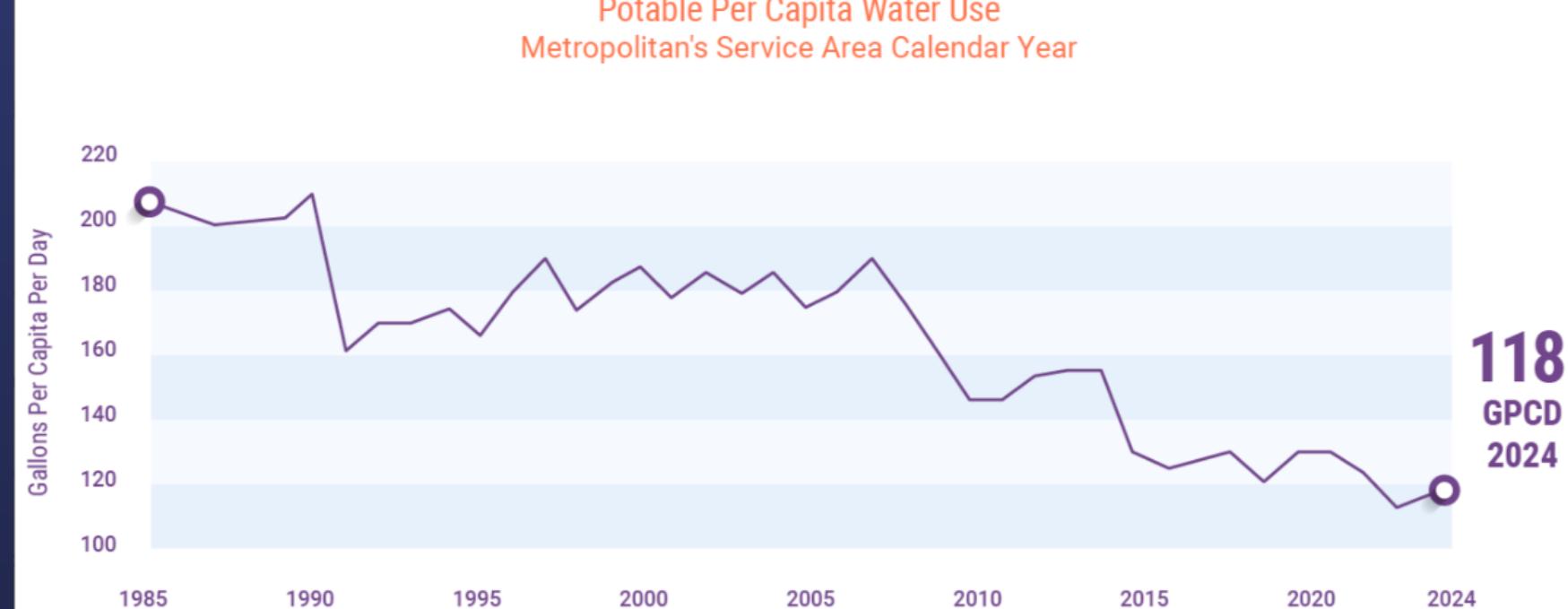
Rebate programs have been instrumental in achieving regional water savings

- 207,613 acre-feet of water saved through rebate programs
  - 3,908 acre-feet from new devices



# Conservation Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25

Low per capita water use was mostly sustained with rainy and cool weather

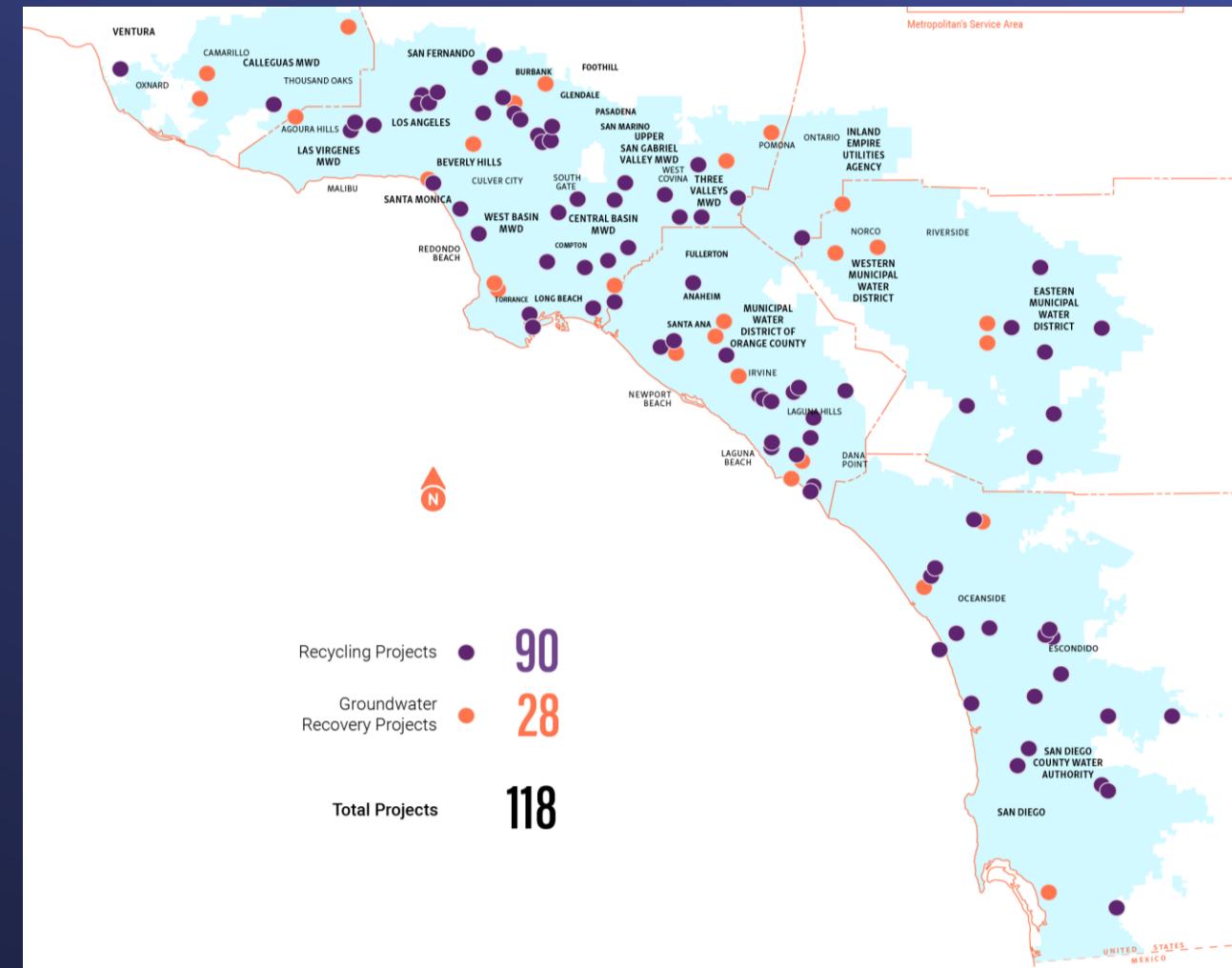


## Notes about the graph:

1. Calendar year data.
2. 2024 GPCD based on best available data (as of August 2025) and is subject to reconciliation.  
Data is received in 2025 for the previous calendar year.

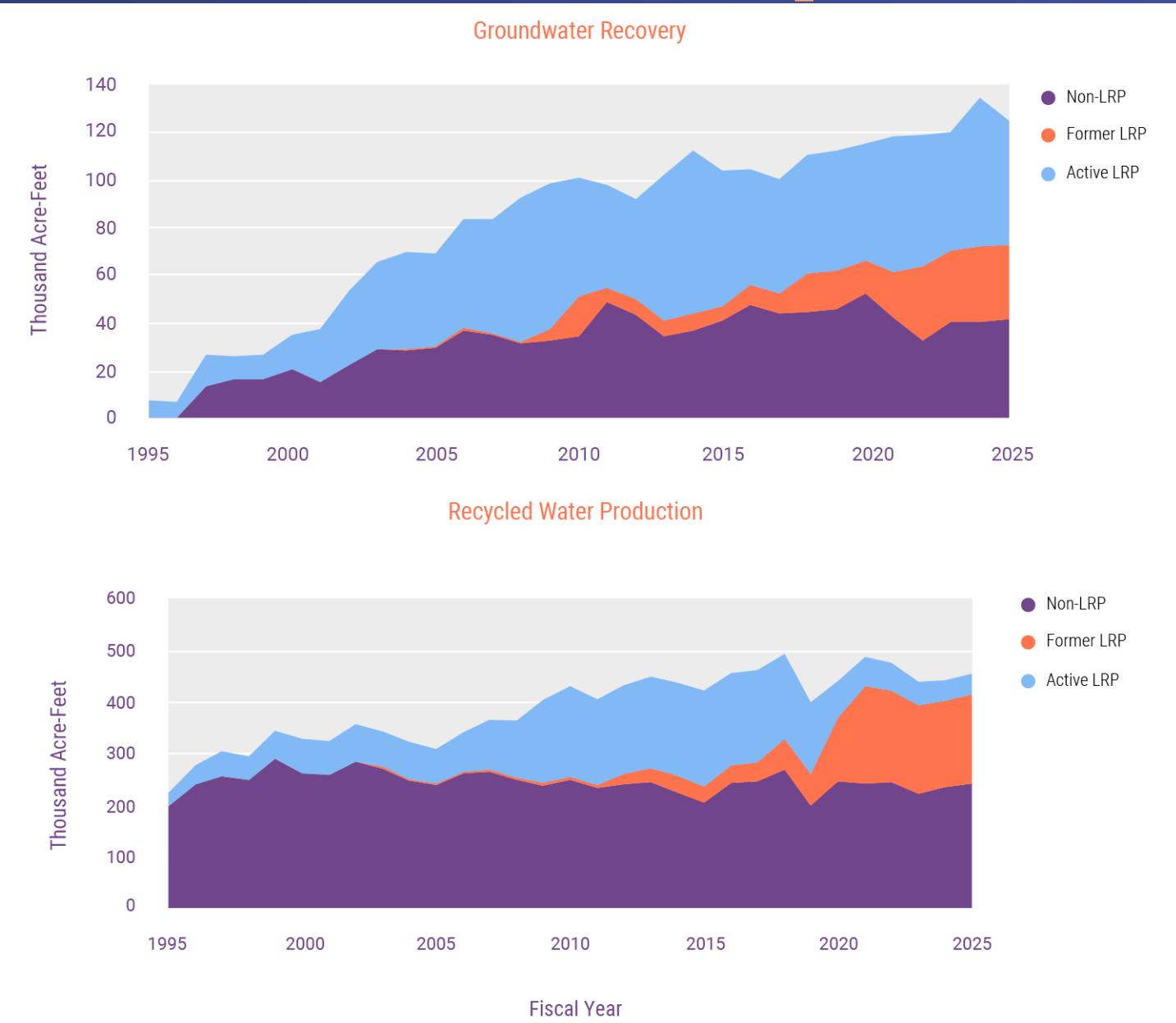
# Local Resources Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25

The Local Resource Program has helped develop regional local water supply



# Local Resources Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25

## LRP drives growth in local production



# Groundwater Storage and Replenishment Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25

## Metropolitan helps sustain local groundwater basins

- 179 TAF of imported water delivered to replenish local groundwater basins and prevent seawater intrusion
- LRP recycled water projects provide about 100 TAF annually for groundwater replenishment and seawater barrier

Additional  
Highlights  
and Details  
are in the  
Draft Report



## Next Steps

### Metropolitan will:

- Review and incorporate comments received today
- Submit Report to Legislature by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

