



## One Water & Adaptation Committee

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

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

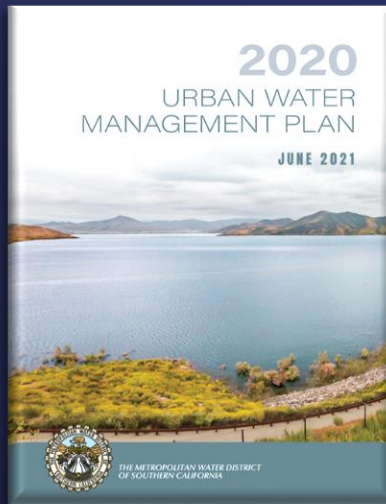
- Review 2020 Urban Water Management Plan for adequacy in achieving an increased emphasis on cost-effective conservation, recycling, and groundwater recharge
  - *Review highlights of draft report to Legislature*
- Hear from invited knowledgeable individuals in fields of water conservation and sustainability

## 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

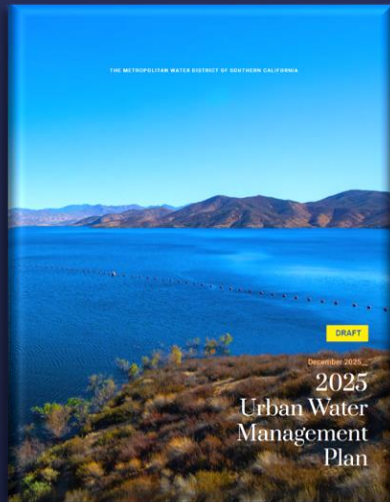


# Review of 2020 UWMP

## 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

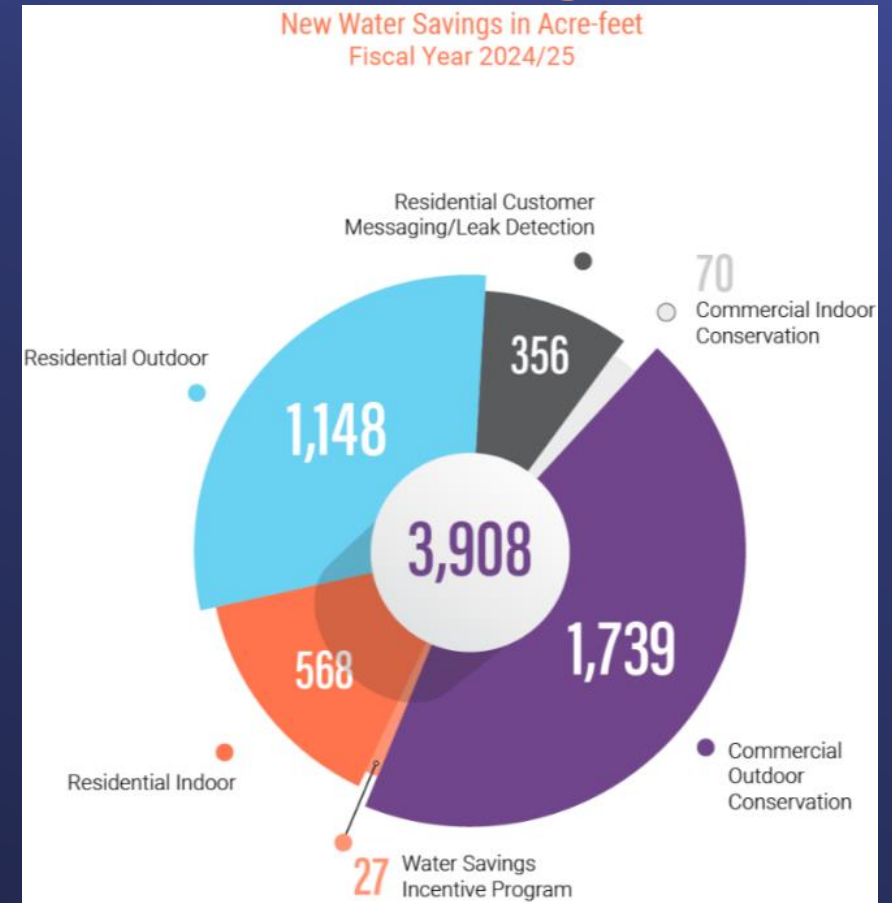
### Investing in programs to help residents and businesses improve water-use efficiency

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

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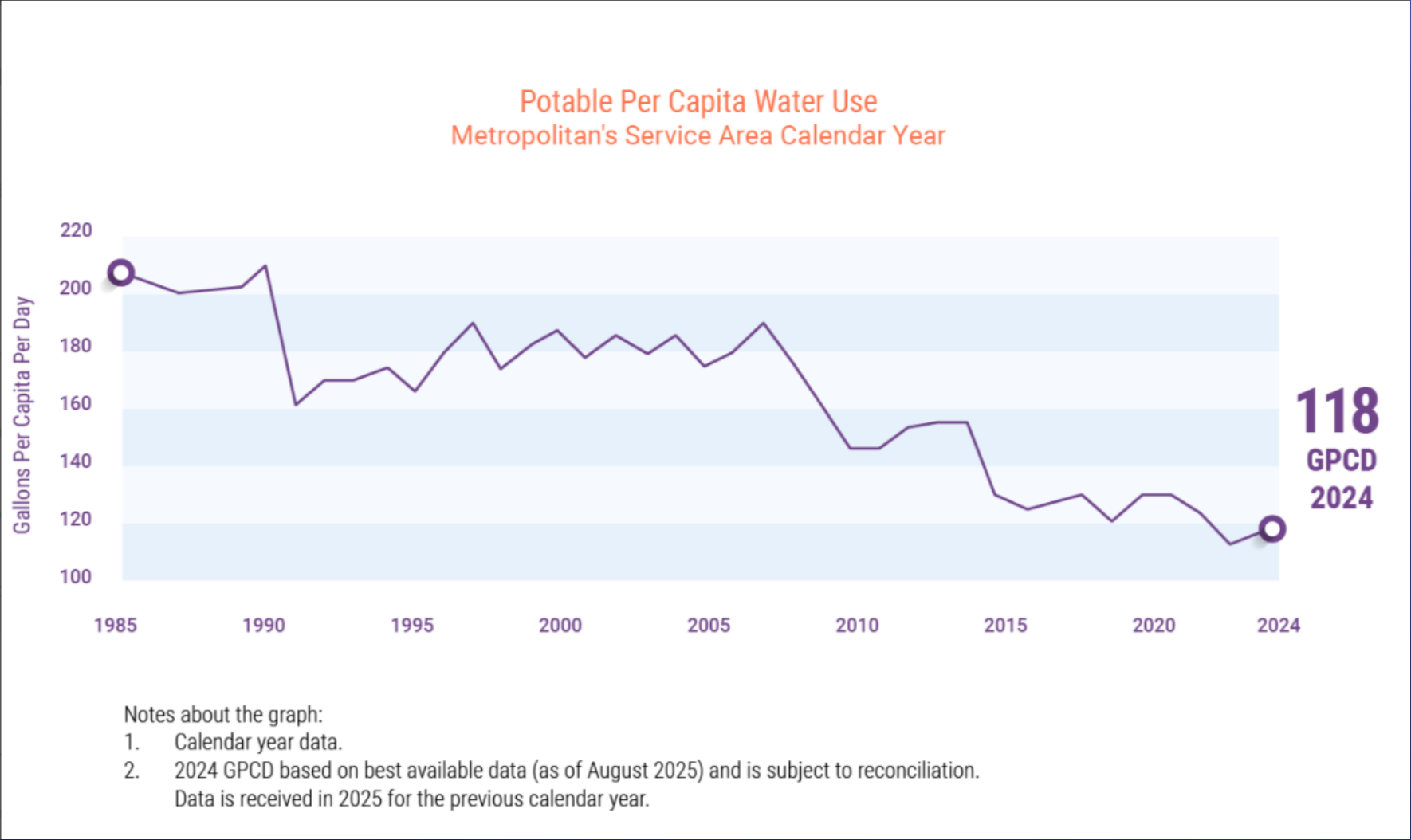
# Rebate programs have been instrumental in achieving regional water savings

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



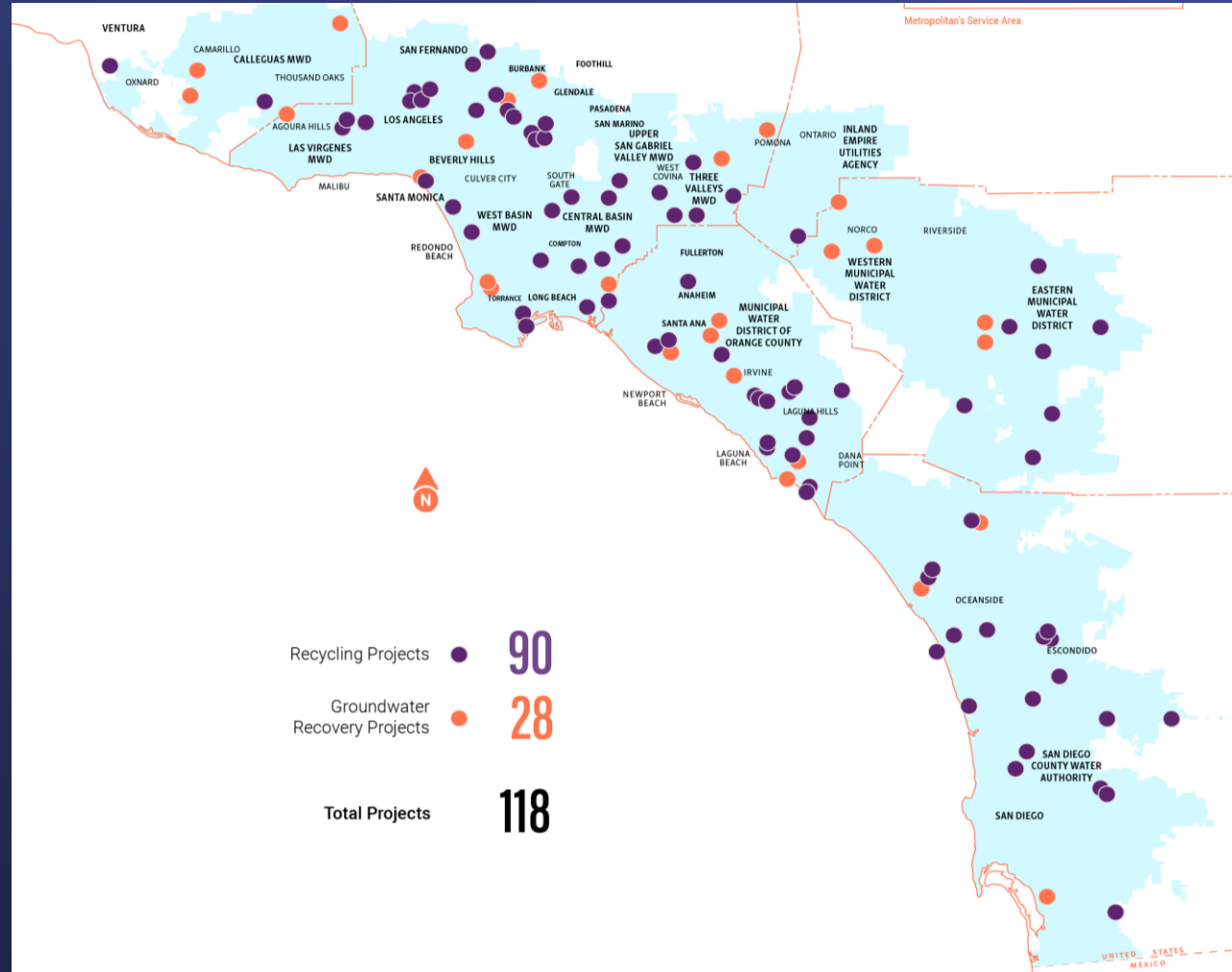
# Low per capita water use was mostly sustained with rainy and cool weather

## Conservation Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25



# The Local Resource Program has helped develop regional local water supply

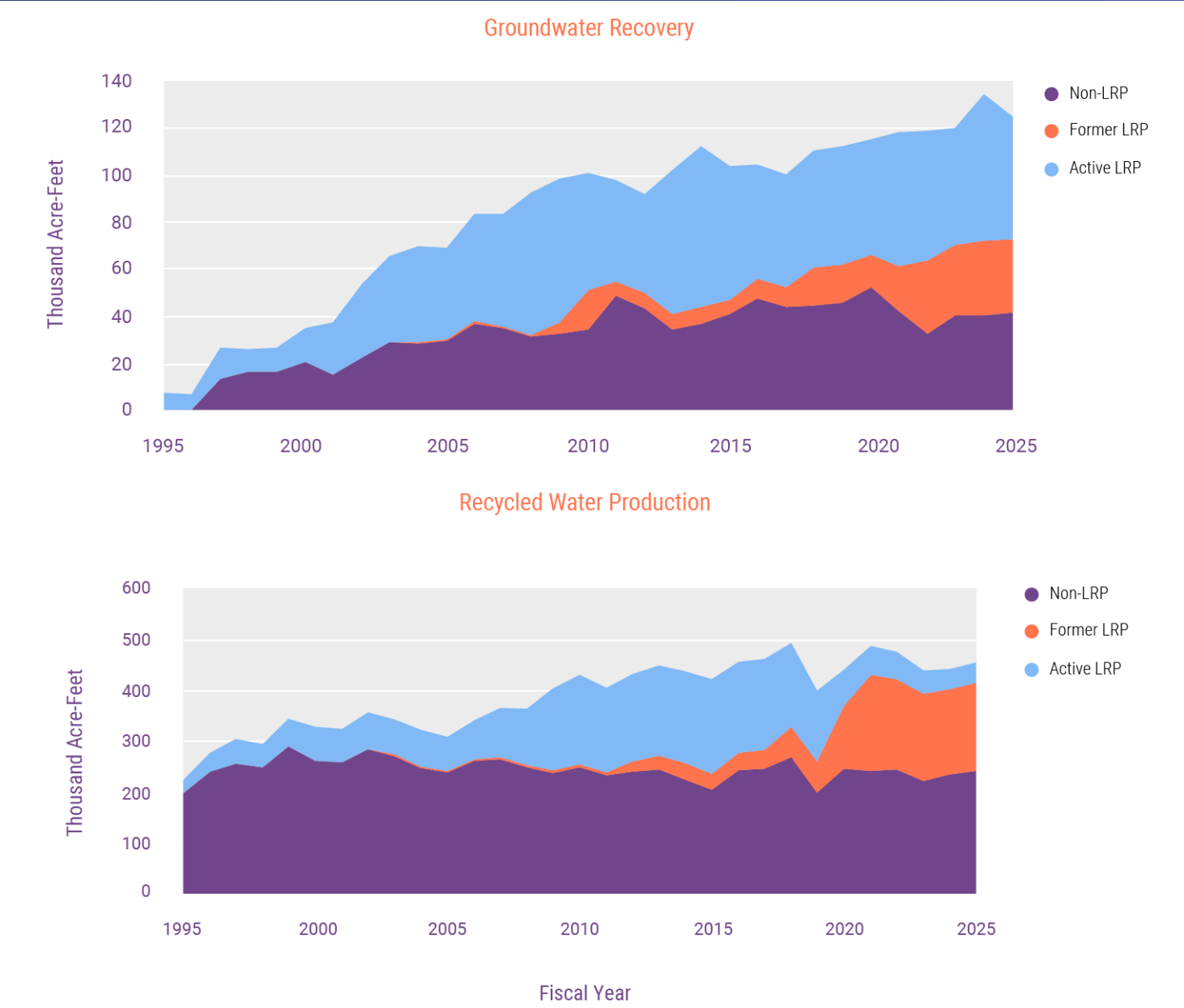
## Local Resources Highlights in Fiscal Year 2024/25





Local  
Resources  
Highlights in  
Fiscal Year  
2024/25

# LRP drives growth in local production



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

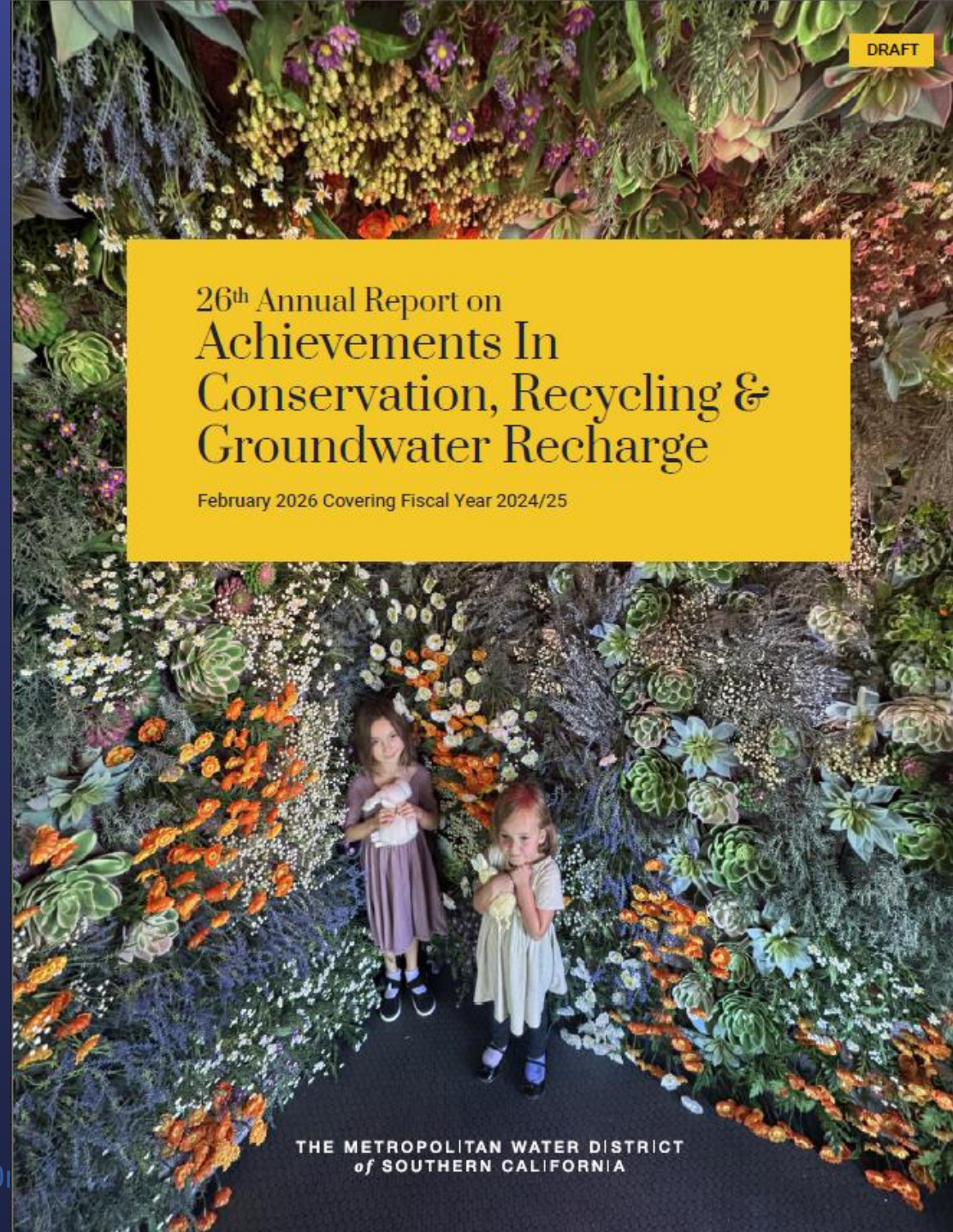
## Metropolitan helps sustain local groundwater basins

- 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

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## Next Steps

### Metropolitan will:

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



