



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

External Affairs Group

• **Organizational Sponsorships of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

Summary

Organizational Sponsorships of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Purpose

The Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11103 provides for participation in projects or programs serving District purposes. The General Manager is authorized to pay to any other public agency or private organization an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to participate in projects or programs desirable to carry out the objects and purposes of the District; provided, however, that such amount shall be available from funds previously authorized by the Board for such purposes.

This annual report is being provided in accordance with Operating Policy C-15, District Funded Sponsorship Requests.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – FY 2024/2025 Sponsorships by Group

Attachment 2 – Sponsorship Descriptions, up to \$25,000 for FY 2024/2025

Attachment 3 – Sponsorship Descriptions, over \$25,000 for FY 2024/2025

Detailed Report

In Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Metropolitan supported 158 organizations and events through financial contributions, staff participation and outreach activity, community relations and partnerships for activities that aligned with Metropolitan's strategic initiatives and priorities. These sponsorships helped build awareness and support for Metropolitan's mission and programs. Metropolitan's External Affairs Group managed 100 of these sponsorships, which included Metropolitan member agencies, municipalities, retail water agencies, non-profit entities, small businesses and private companies within the service area. These entities were selected for their value to Metropolitan's efforts in support of regulatory and legislative efforts, education, outreach and raising awareness and support for infrastructure and conserving water resources.

Total sponsorships of \$759,612 were provided to support projects and programs focused on water quality, supply, infrastructure, operations, purchasing, construction, engineering, sustainability, resiliency, innovation, human resources, diversity, equity, inclusion, finance, safety, security and legal initiatives.

A complete listing of all sponsorships and their costs by group for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is included in **Attachment 1**. **Attachment 2** is a listing of sponsorships up to \$25,000, separated by group and with a description of the event or program sponsored and the added value to Metropolitan. **Attachment 3** is a list of the sponsorships above \$25,000 with a description of the event or program sponsored and the added value to Metropolitan.

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
External Affairs	28	
Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County - 2024 Reagan Library Member Elected Officials Reception		\$2,500
Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County - 2025 Annual Water Symposium		\$1,500
Building Industry Association of So Cal - Southern California Water Conference		\$5,000
Business Life Magazine - 35th Women Achievers Awards Luncheon		\$975
California Environmental Education Foundation - 2025 CEEF Teacher Institute		\$20,000
Central City Association of Los Angeles - 2025 Treasures of LA		\$6,000
Compton Unified School District - Steamfest 2025		\$1,000
Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles - She Leads		\$5,000
League of California Cities - Affiliate Program		\$3,000
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy - Women for a New Los Angeles Luncheon		\$1,500
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce - 2025 Inaugural Dinner		\$5,000
Los Angeles Business Council - Sustainability Summit		\$5,000
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp - 29th Eddy Awards		\$4,750
Maven's Notebook		\$10,000
Municipal Water District of Orange County - Orange County Water Summit		\$800
Municipal Water District of Orange County - Water Energy Education Alliance		\$25,000
Municipal Water District of Orange County - Water Policy Dinner		\$3,750
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce - State of the Nation		\$1,000
Pando Populus - Pando Days		\$25,000
Public Policy Institute of California - Water Policy Center		\$24,000
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce - Annual Anniversary Celebration		\$7,700
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership - Annual Legislative Networking Reception		\$3,000
South Bay Cities Council of Governments - 2025 General Assembly		\$2,500
Southern California Water Coalition - 2024 Annual Dinner		\$10,000
Strategic Energy Innovations - 2025 Earth Day Challenge		\$20,000
Theodore Payne Foundation - 2025 Redbud Garden Tour		\$10,000
Tree People - Youth Summit 2025		\$1,000
Western Riverside Council of Governments Supporting Foundation - 34th Annual General Assembly and Leadership Address		\$4,000
	Subtotal	\$208,975
External Affairs - Community Partnering Program Sponsorships	37	
Black Math Collective - Wastewater Project - Empowerment Camp		\$3,000
Bob Baker Marionette Theater - Make Bob Baker Day Water Wise		\$10,000
Bolsa Chica Conservancy - Earth Day 2025		\$3,000

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
California Greenworks - Climate Justice Conference - Watershed Education		\$3,000
City of Pomona - Wyland Mobile Water Education Experience		\$3,000
Cucamonga Valley Water District - Open House & Water Fairs		\$3,000
Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum - Dia de Los Muertos - Waterwise Garden		\$3,000
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District - Splash into Summer Community Water Festival		\$3,000
Environmental Nature Center - Water Education at the Center		\$3,000
Friends of the Los Angeles River - 3rd Annual River Fest		\$3,000
Friends of the Los Angeles River - Earth Day Habitat Restore and Renew Project		\$3,000
Generation STEAM - San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering		\$3,000
Inland Empire Utilities Agency - 2025 Earth Day Celebration		\$3,000
Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair - 2025 LACSEF		\$3,000
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) - Community Forum		\$3,000
MiniNature Reserve - Oxnard Public Library Native Reserve		\$3,000
Monte Vista Water District - Splash into Waterwise Spring		\$3,000
National Water Research Institute - Children's Water Education Festival		\$3,000
Nature Collective - Pollinator & Indigenous Plant School Waterwise Garden		\$3,000
Niguel Botanical Preserve - Earth Day 2025		\$3,000
Oceanographic Teaching Stations - Keep it Clean, Keep it Green - Earth Day		\$3,000
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden - Native Plant Festival		\$3,000
Rivers & Lands Conservancy - California Native Plant Garden		\$3,000
San Diego Children's Discovery Museum - Science, Engineering & Water Wise Night		\$3,000
South Bay Parkland Conservancy - Native Pollinator Waterwise Garden Initiative		\$3,000
Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association - Youth Environmental Summer Camp		\$3,000
Sustainable Claremont - 2025 Earth Day Celebration		\$3,000
Tarzana Community and Cultural Center - Tarzana Native Plant Fair		\$3,000
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District - WaterFest 2025		\$3,000
Vallecitos Water District - Water Wise Demonstration Garden		\$3,000
Venice Chamber Community Foundation - String of Pearls - Native Pollinator & Water Education Corridor		\$3,000
Weaving Earth - Walk of Resilience and Accountability		\$3,000
Weaving Earth - Waters Becoming		\$3,000
Western Municipal Water District - Water is Life		\$3,000
Westwood Greenway - Native Plant Habitat Transformations		\$3,000
WETAP - 2025 Tap Water Day		\$10,000
Whittier Museum - Whittier Historical Society - Flume Water Education Exhibit		\$3,000
	Subtotal	\$125,000

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
External Affairs - Group Manager's Community Outreach Activity Sponsorships	26	
American Fisheries Society CA-NV Chapter - 2025 Workshop		\$1,000
Association of California Cities - 2024 Holiday Mixer		\$2,500
Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment - 2024 AWWEE Conference		\$3,000
California African American Water Education Foundation - Annual Contribution		\$5,000
California Trout - 26th Annual Gala and Auction		\$2,500
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe - Gathering For Our Mountains		\$1,000
Climate Resolve - Coolest in LA Gala		\$5,000
Coro Southern California - Water and Energy Focus Week, Women in Leadership Luncheon, and Crystal Eagle Awards Gala		\$10,000
Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians - Peace and Dignity Run		\$5,000
Heal the Bay - One Water Day		\$10,000
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy - Water and Tribes Initiative		\$1,000
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy - City of Justice Awards Dinner		\$5,000
Los Angeles Conservation Corps - 2025 Corps Luncheon		\$5,000
Los Angeles Sentinel - Taste of Soul Family Festival		\$12,500
Los Angeles Waterkeeper - 2024 Making Waves		\$5,000
Museum of Latin American Art - 2024 Gala and Auction		\$7,500
Oceanographic Teaching Stations - SPLASH 2025		\$2,500
Orange County Coastkeeper - Toast the Coast		\$3,000
Pacoima Beautiful - Environmental Justice Awards		\$2,500
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District - 2025 Santa Ana River Symposium		\$1,000
San Diego Coastkeeper - Seaside Soiree		\$1,500
Verdexchange - 18th Annual California Conference		\$18,000
Water Education Foundation - Colorado River Symposium		\$5,000
WaterReuse Association - 2024 WaterReuse California Annual Conference		\$6,000
WaterReuse Association - 2025 WaterReuse Annual Symposium		\$6,000
Western Science Center - Science Under the Stars		\$5,000
	Subtotal	\$131,500
External Affairs - Community Relations Community Outreach Activity Sponsorships	9	
Aquarium of the Pacific - Pure Water Southern California Sponsorship		\$5,000
City of Lakewood - 2025 Concerts in the Park		\$752
Coro Southern California - Coro Fellow Spring Project		\$7,000
Council for Watershed Health - CBO Participation CAMP4W Gathering		\$3,900
Council for Watershed Health - ReDesign LA CBO Tour and Meeting for CAMP4W		\$12,500

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
Council for Watershed Health - Water Revolution Symposium		\$11,200
Ho'oilina Foundation - 2025 Heritage of Aloha Festival		\$5,000
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts - Earth Day 2025		\$5,000
Southern California Water Coalition - Pure Water Sponsorship		\$15,000
	Subtotal	\$65,352
Integrated Operations Planning and Support Services	1	
Vibration Institute		\$260
	Subtotal	\$260
Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	40	
American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California - Annual Sponsorship		\$1,000
Asian American Architect & Engineers Association - 46th Annual Awards Banquet		\$2,400
Asian American Architect & Engineers Association - Annual Scholarship Luncheon		\$1,100
Asian Business Association Inland Empire - Awards and Installation Gala		\$1,000
Asian Business Association - Los Angeles - 2025 Program Sponsorship		\$2,000
Asian Business Association - Orange County Women's Leadership Awards		\$2,000
Asian Business Association - San Diego Small Business Networking Event		\$2,000
Associated General Contractor (AGC) - Construction Expo Event		\$1,500
Black Business Association of Los Angeles (BBA-LA) Annual Conference		\$2,000
Black Chamber of Commerce - Orange County Black Chamber of Commerce Awards		\$1,500
Business Life Magazine 35th Annual Women Achievers Awards Lunch		\$975
California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Annual Sponsorship		\$2,500
Colorado River Indian Tribes - Annual Mega Throw Sponsorship		\$3,500
Council for Supplier Diversity - San Diego Council Connection Event		\$0
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce - Orange County Awards Gala		\$1,500
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce - GLAAACC Awards Sponsorship		\$2,500
Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses - Hispanic Heritage Month Latina Awards		\$3,500
Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses - Spheres of Sustainability Summit		\$1,500
Latin Business Association - 2025 Annual Women's Business Conference		\$500
Los Angeles Latino Business Chamber of Commerce - Small Business Conference		\$2,500
Los Angeles Sentinel, Inc - Taste of Soul Family Festival		\$12,500
MiraCosta College Foundation Small Business Development Center - Annual Sponsorship		\$2,000
Municipal Water District of Orange County - Orange County Water Summit		\$800

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
National Assoc of Minority Contractors - Southern California 30th Anniversary Leadership Event		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - California Propel Event		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - Inland Empire - Annual Sponsorship		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - Los Angeles Annual Procurement & Matchmaking Event		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - Orange County - Remarkable Woman Awards		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - San Diego - Conference & Awards Event		\$1,000
National Assoc of Women Business Owners - Ventura County - Small Business Certification and Procurement Panel		\$2,000
National Assoc of Women In Construction - Los Angeles - Annual Sponsorship		\$2,000
National Latina Business Women Association - Inland Empire - Business Conference and Awards		\$1,500
National Latina Business Women Association - Los Angeles Chapter - Health and Wellness Event		\$1,500
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Annual Lunch Series Sponsorship		\$2,000
Small Business Diversity Network - Corporate Advisory Board Meeting		\$5,000
Southwest Veterans Business Resource Center - Annual Veteran and Small Business Trade Show		\$1,000
U.S. Green Building Council - Los Angeles - Green Gala and Sustainable Innovation Awards		\$2,500
Veterans In Business Network - Annual Matchmaking and Tactical Networking Conference		\$2,500
Veterans Advocacy Group - Veteran's Appreciation Event		\$1,500
Women's Business Enterprise Council - Annual Strategic Procurement Opportunity Conference		\$2,000
	Subtotal	\$85,275
Office of Sustainability, Resilience & Innovation	4	
Braid Theory, Inc.		\$4,000
Ideas Worth Doing in LA (TEDx Manhattan Beach)		\$6,000
US Green Building Council California		\$10,000
Octane - Tech Innovation Forum, Fast Pitch Events and Women's Leadership Forum		\$6,000
	Subtotal	\$26,000

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 SPONSORSHIPS**BY GROUP**

ORGANIZATION - SPONSORSHIP NAME		Amount (\$)
Engineering Services Group (ESG)	2	
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Los Angeles Younger Member Forum		\$500
Coalition for Environmental Protection		\$25,000
	Subtotal	\$25,500
Treatment and Water Quality	2	
American Water Works Association (AWWA)		\$25,000
Water Research Foundation		\$15,000
	Subtotal	\$40,000
Water Resources Management	9	
Alliance for Water Efficiency - 2025 Water Efficiency & Conservation Symposium		\$10,000
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Cal Desal - 2025 Annual Conference		\$1,250
Cal Desal - 2025 Spring Mixer		\$1,250
Cal Desal - 2024 Fall Mixer		\$1,250
California Data Collaborative (CaDC) – 2024 California Water Data Summit		\$10,000
California Irrigation Institute - 2025 CII Conference		\$5,000
California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP) - Peer-to-Peer Training Workshop		\$10,000
Multi-State Salinity Coalition - 2025 Summit		\$3,000
	Subtotal	\$51,750
GRAND TOTAL	158	\$759,612

**SPONSORSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000**

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Association of Water Agencies (AWA)

AWA is governed by a 21-member board of directors comprising leaders representing water-related entities throughout Ventura County. AWA organizes forums to exchange information on local and regional water issues and encourages its members to develop, protect, conserve and improve the water resources in the region. Calleguas and Las Virgenes Municipal Water Districts are also members of AWA.

2024 Reagan Library Member Elected Officials Reception **\$2,500**

Metropolitan sponsored the 2024 Reagan Library Member Elected Officials Reception to provide water-related and board updates.

2025 Annual Water Symposium **\$1,500**

Metropolitan sponsored the 2025 Annual Water Symposium to provide water-related and board updates.

Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIASC) – Southern California Water Conference **\$5,000**

BIASC is a leading home builders' organization that advocates for thousands of building industry leaders committed building communities, creating jobs and ensuring housing opportunities. The Southern California Water Conference provided a forum where more than 4,500 government officials, water management representatives, business leaders and community stakeholders come together to share best practices and discuss ideas to meet the challenges of serving the growing demand for water while protecting water resources.

Business Life Magazine – 35th Women Achievers Awards Luncheon **\$975**

Business Life Magazine proudly recognizes and honors the achievements of diverse women leaders across the business world, including the corporate sector, women-owned enterprises, and civic organizations. Director Cynthia J. Kurtz has been honored with the 2024 Women of Distinction Award at the 35th Women Achievers Awards Luncheon.

California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) – 2025 Teacher Institute **\$20,000**

CEEF's mission is to inspire young people to understand and care for the environment through the support of innovative environmental education programs and partnerships. The 2025 CEEF Teacher Institute on "Best Practices in Environmental Education and Stewardship" helped teachers deepen their knowledge of Next Generation Science Standards, supports STEM initiatives, and was aimed at increasing student understanding of ecological concepts and utilization of science. Metropolitan sponsored this program in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Municipal Water District of Orange County and West Basin and Las Virgenes Municipal Water Districts.

Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA) - 2025 Treasures of Los Angeles **\$6,000**

CCA is an advocacy organization in the Los Angeles region focused on the future of Downtown Los Angeles. It represents the interests of over 300 businesses, trade associations and nonprofits from a broad range of industries. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Treasures of Los Angeles event allows Metropolitan staff to participate in policy committee meetings and share information on Metropolitan's priorities.

Compton Unified School District – Steamfest 2025 \$1,000

Compton Unified School District’s mission is to empower leaders to lead, teachers to teach, and students to learn by creating an environment that promotes vision, innovation, and accountability for student success. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of Steamfest 2025 will support this mission by providing teachers and students with enriching field trips and workforce development opportunities.

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles – She Leads \$5,000

The mission of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is to empower girls with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the She Leads event provides a valuable opportunity to engage with young women and raise awareness about California’s drought, water conservation strategies, and the benefits of planting native gardens.

League of California Cities - Affiliate Program \$3,000

The League of California Cities mission is to expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Affiliate Program enhances communication and collaboration between members and partners in the public and private sectors. Metropolitan staff regularly participate in legislative affairs and general membership meetings to share information on regional water issues.

Los Angeles Alliance for A New Economy (LAANE) – Women for a New Los Angeles Luncheon \$1,500

LAANE is an organizing and advocacy institution committed to economic, environmental and racial justice. The institution bridges community and labor power to support policies that improve the lives of working families in Los Angeles and Long Beach and is actively involved in advocating for a sustainable water future. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Women for a New Los Angeles Luncheon brought together more than 700 women and men to celebrate women’s progressive leadership and vision.

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce 2025 Inaugural Dinner \$5,000

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is inclusive and globally competitive. As the oldest and largest business association in the region, the Chamber has a long history of convening business leaders, communities and policy makers on key issues, including water. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Inaugural Dinner honored business and civic leadership and shared the Chamber’s program focus for the year ahead.

Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) - Sustainability Summit \$5,000

LABC has 500+ members that represent business and civic leaders from all industry sectors who are focused on innovative public policy that strengthens the economy while improving quality of life for all. Metropolitan is a member of LABC. LABC’s Sustainability Summit was a high-level convening of business, government and nonprofit leaders. The event included a panel on current water issues impacting the Los Angeles region.

Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp (LAEDC) – 29th Eddy Awards \$4,750

LAEDC is a nonprofit organization focused on equitable economic growth in the Los Angeles region. The organization uses research to advance key industries, provides business assistance, collaborates with educational institutions to develop a robust workforce, and provides government officials with economic data to ensure the continued growth of Los Angeles County. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Eddy Awards supported the fulfillment of the LAEDC’s mission of supporting the economy to collaboratively advance growth and prosperity for all.

Maven's Notebook **\$10,000**

Maven's Notebook serves the water community by providing coverage of important meetings and developments that can be referred to and referenced. Funding is used to provide continued coverage of critical statewide water policy and science issues as they progress through key agency meetings, public meetings, legislative hearings, conferences and seminars, and to support the operations of the California Water Library.

Municipal Water District of Orange County

The Municipal Water District of Orange County's mission is to provide reliable, high-quality supplies from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and other sources to meet present and future needs at an equitable and economical cost, and to promote water use efficiency.

Orange County Water Summit **\$800**

Sponsorship of the Orange County Water Summit held on September 27, 2024, allowed Metropolitan to engage with and educate local elected officials, community leaders and water experts on water issues and water policy.

Water Energy Education Alliance **\$25,000**

Metropolitan's sponsorship provides opportunities to work with a coalition of water, energy and education leaders to build and bolster career pathways to water and energy jobs for California students. The Alliance is a collection of over 175 professional organizations that include water and energy agencies, departments of education, school districts, colleges and technical trade schools. The local water agency sponsors include the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Eastern Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County and the Water Replenishment District. This coalition convenes roundtables and seminars and commissions industry research at the state and federal level.

Water Policy Dinner **\$3,750**

The Water Policy Dinner sponsorship allows Metropolitan to educate local elected officials, community leaders and water experts on water issues and water policy.

Norwalk Chamber of Commerce – State of the Nation **\$1,000**

The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses through legislative advocacy, community engagement, environmental initiatives, and economic development. It serves as a catalyst for enhancing the overall quality of life in the community and the surrounding region. Metropolitan has a valued relationship with the Norwalk Chamber who is co-hosting the State of the Nation event along with the Downey, Industry, La Habra, La Mirada, Montebello, Pico Rivera, San Gabriel Regional, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier Chambers of Commerce. These chambers and their members seek to improve the quality of life throughout the subregion and act as a collaborative space to discuss and support matters of regional importance, including water supply, quality, and infrastructure projects.

Pando Populus – Pando Days **\$25,000**

Metropolitan sponsors the "Pando Days" college outreach program to advance sustainability education and workforce development across the region. With a \$25,000 sponsorship, there was a focus on water-themed projects. Met provided resources such as field trips and guest speakers. This partnership enables students from institutions like CSU Dominguez Hills, Compton College, Harbor College, and El Camino Community College to engage in real-world sustainability challenges, fostering innovative solutions aligned with Los Angeles County's sustainability goals. By investing in programs like Pando Days, MWD promotes environmental stewardship and cultivates a diverse pipeline of future professionals.

Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) - Water Policy Center **\$24,000**

PPIC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank. Its mission is to inform and improve public policy in California through independent, objective and nonpartisan research. Metropolitan's annual sponsorship of the Water Policy Center helps spur innovative water management solutions that support a healthy economy, environment, and society.

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce - Annual Anniversary Celebration **\$7,700**

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce represents the business community throughout San Diego County and takes positions on water policy items. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Annual Anniversary Celebration provided networking with local elected officials and community leaders.

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership – Annual Legislative Networking Reception **\$3,000**

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership advances the economic vitality and quality of life of the San Gabriel Valley. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Annual Legislative Networking Reception was a great opportunity to meet with community members and many local elected officials.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) - 2025 General Assembly **\$2,500**

SBCCOG provides a leadership forum for local governments to act collaboratively and advocate for regional issues, focusing on improving transportation and the environment and strengthening economic development. Metropolitan's 2025 sponsorship of the General Assembly is critical to the Pure Water Southern California community outreach with elected officials, policy advisors and non-governmental organizations. Metropolitan's contribution allowed SBCCOG to continue providing this event at no cost to the South Bay community, including local elected representatives, commissioners, city managers, city planners, staff and the public.

Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) 2024 Annual Dinner **\$10,000**

SCWC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization made up of leaders from local government, businesses, cities, agricultural groups, labor unions, environmental organizations, and water agencies. SCWC is dedicated to informing and educating Southern Californians about their water needs and their state water resources. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2024 Annual Dinner strengthened its leadership role in fostering productive dialogue and building consensus to solving California's most critical water challenges.

Strategic Energy Innovations (SEI) – 2025 Earth Day Challenge **\$20,000**

SEI is an environmental nonprofit consultancy dedicated to developing leaders who drive climate solutions. Through Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Earth Day Challenge, middle and high school students are empowered to lead sustainability efforts in their communities. The initiative partners with youth to deliver high-quality resources focused on environmental health, air and water quality, and environmental justice.

Theodore Payne Foundation - 2025 Redbud Garden Tour **\$10,000**

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers and Native Plants is a nonprofit organization that inspires and educates Southern Californians about the beauty and ecological benefits of California native plant landscapes. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Redbud Garden Tour supports its outdoor conservation goals by promoting the Turf Replacement Program to a large and diverse audience.

Tree People – Youth Summit 2025 **\$1,000**

Tree People's mission is to inspire and empower individuals and communities to take meaningful environmental action. Metropolitan's sponsorship of Youth Summit 2025 brings together over 200 students from across Los Angeles County for a day of hands-on workshops and direct interaction with leading environmental organizations. The summit emphasizes experiential learning, environmental

stewardship, and green career pathways, equipping youth to take action in their communities—whether by starting recycling programs, planting pollinator gardens, or participating in ecological restoration. By sponsoring this event, Metropolitan supports the development of future environmental leaders, raises awareness about water conservation, and reinforces its commitment to education, sustainability, and regional water resilience.

Western Riverside Council of Governments Supporting Foundation (WRCOG) – 34th Annual General Assembly and Leadership Address **\$4,000**

The purpose of the WRCOG is to unify Western Riverside County so that it can speak with a collective voice on important issues that affect its members. Representatives from 18 cities, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts have seats on the WRCOG Executive Committee. Metropolitan’s sponsorship and participation in the General Assembly and Leadership Address allows Metropolitan the opportunity to promote water reliability and resiliency supply issues among the region’s elected officials, business owners, community-based and NGO special needs groups and leaders.

Community Partnering Program

External Affairs administers sponsorships for community-based organizations to organize water conservation and water-use efficiency programs and activities throughout the Metropolitan Water District service area. Funding supports community forums, workshops, water festivals, after-school programs, demonstration gardens and other activities. The following programs were sponsored through the Community Partnering Program:

Black Math Collective – Wastewater Project – Empowerment Camp **\$3,000**

The Black Math Collective was founded in 2017 to bridge the STEM gap that exists for underserved and unserved students. Its Math Equity initiative aims to provide K–12 students with access to math education, skills, and opportunities equal to—or greater than—those of their socioeconomic peers. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Wastewater Project – Empowerment Camp supported this mission by promoting education on water resources.

Bob Baker Marionette Theater – Make Bob Baker Day Water Wise **\$10,000**

Bob Baker Marionette Theater (BBMT) was founded in 1963 by Los Angeles puppeteer and artist Bob Baker. Recently, they focused on the relationship of the people and Indigenous history of Los Angeles and water through their show Hooray LA. In 2024 they worked to create a new scene focused on the First People’s relationship to what we now call the LA River. This was a wonderful, creative, interactive, and educational deliverable to the community of all ages. Metropolitan’s sponsorship helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Bolsa Chica Conservancy – Earth Day 2025 **\$3,000**

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy provides hands-on community programs that educate about coastal ecology, water supply, and wetlands and provide interactive opportunities for habitat restoration, water conservation landscapes, and research. The Bolsa Chica Conservancy has provided an annual Earth Day event to the community for 20 years, striving to connect the public with resources and information on environmental conservation methods. Metropolitan’s sponsorship helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

California Greenworks – Climate Justice Conference – Watershed Education **\$3,000**

California Greenworks is an environmental justice non-profit serving marginalized communities. Their mission is to provide environmental education programs to schools, revitalize urban open spaces and advocate for green economic development. Metropolitan’s sponsorship of the Climate

Justice Conference – Watershed Education helped promote water supply and water resources education.

City of Pomona – Wyland Mobile Water Education Experience \$3,000

The city of Pomona, Water Resources Department's primary goal is to protect and efficiently manage this natural resource for the people of Pomona. They protect and conserve their natural resources through education, planning, waste reduction, recycling, and pollution prevention. The department has made it an objective this year to provide all these educational resources to underserved groups of middle school students. Metropolitan's sponsorship helped promote water conservation, supply, and water resources education.

Cucamonga Valley Water District – Open House & Water Fairs \$3,000

Cucamonga Valley Water District is an organization with the mission of providing high quality, safe and reliable water and wastewater service, while practicing good stewardship of natural resources. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Open House and Water Fairs helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum – Dia de Los Muertos – Waterwise Garden \$3,000

The Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum and the Semillitas Learning Community holds their free public Dia de Los Muertos celebration every year. This event is a program that focuses on the original holiday traditions of the Mexican community. It presents a platform for showcasing waterwise gardens. The grant will fund the purchase and installation of weatherproof educational signage for the California Native Garden. Metropolitan's sponsorship supported efforts to promote water conservation education.

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District – Splash into Summer Community Water Festival \$3,000

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District serves approximately 144,000 customers in Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Canyon Lake and parts of Corona and Murrieta. Its mission is to deliver total water management that powers the health and vibrancy of its communities so life can flourish. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Splash into Summer Community Water Festival helped the community understand how local water is treated and managed and promoted water conservation.

Environmental Nature Center- Water Education at the Center \$3,000

Founded in 1972, the Environmental Nature Center is a world class facility whose mission is to provide transformative experiences through connection with nature. Their vision is to provide equitable access and inspire all to protect the natural world by serving as their community's leader in ecological responsibility, sustainable practices, and environmental education. Metropolitan's sponsorship helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Friends of the Los Angeles River

Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) has educated, connected and mobilized over 70,000 Angelenos through free and accessible programs such as environmental education, youth eco-workforce, monthly habitat restoration days, river cleanups and community education events.

3rd Annual River Fest \$3,000

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 3rd Annual River Fest on August 10, 2024, helped promote water supply and water conservation education.

<u>Earth Day Habitat Restore and Renew Project</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Earth Day Habitat Restore and Renew Project on April 26, 2025, helped promote water conservation and water resources education.	
<u>Generation STEAM - San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
The San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering provided a full spectrum of hands-on STEAM activities to the region's diverse young population. Metropolitan partnered with Generation STEAM to promote water conservation and water management education.	
<u>Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) – 2025 Earth Day Celebration</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
IEUA's free Earth Day Celebration educates students and the community on water-use efficiency and environmental stewardship through educational booths and interactive activities. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Earth Day Celebration promoted water conservation and water resources education.	
<u>Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair (LACSEF) - 2025 LACSEF</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
LACSEF is an organization dedicated to increasing literacy and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education and related fields for over 900,000 middle and high school students throughout the county. Metropolitan was a sponsor of the fair that hosted hands-on workshops designed around engineering of water conservation systems, capture of rainwater, and the impact of water runoff analysis.	
<u>Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) - Community Forum</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
LANI revitalizes neighborhoods by engaging people and building vibrant public spaces. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Community Forum promoted water conservation and water resources education.	
<u>MiniNature Reserve – Oxnard Public Library Native Reserve</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
MiniNature Reserve is an environmental nonprofit with a mission to restore nature in urban Southern California. They achieve this by working with volunteers to transform spaces into thriving habitats for locally native plants at their community nursery. These transformed areas, known as "MiniNature Reserves," are created in partnership with other organizations to support urban restoration sites. The objective is to educate the public on how to use native plants for food, art, and practical items. As part of this effort, Metropolitan sponsored the Oxnard Public Library Native Reserve to promote water conservation and water resources education.	
<u>Monte Vista Water District - Splash into Waterwise Spring</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
Monte Vista Water District (MVWD), a county water district formed in 1927, provides retail and wholesale water supply services to a population of more than 130,000 within a 30-square mile area, including the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, portions of Chino and the unincorporated area lying between the cities of Pomona, Chino Hills, Chino, and Ontario. MVWD hosted a water educational annual expo, a family friendly event that promoted the benefits of using California native plants, efficient water conservation techniques and ways to maximize water savings inside and outside of the home. Those in attendance had the opportunity to visit with waterwise gardening experts from the local community and learn about the latest water efficient landscapes, products, programs, and services. Metropolitan's sponsorship helped promote water conservation education.	
<u>National Water Research Institute (NWRI) – Children's Water Education Festival</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
NWRI collaborates with water utilities, regulators, and researchers in innovative ways to help develop new, healthy, and sustainable sources of drinking water. The mission of the Children's	

Water Education Festival is to educate students about water-related and environmental issues that support Next Generation Science Standards. It teaches youth that they can make a difference in protecting water resources and the environment. Metropolitan's sponsorship helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Nature Collective – Pollinator & Indigenous Plant School Waterwise Garden \$3,000

Nature Collective developed an environmental education experience that showcased California native plants. With sponsorship from Metropolitan, the project funded the design, materials, and installation of new or expanded gardens at one or two EUSD elementary schools. The funding also supported the delivery of lessons and activities focused on pollinators, indigenous plants, and water conservation, enriching the schools' existing classroom curriculum.

Niguel Botanical Preserve – Earth Day 2025 \$3,000

The Niguel Botanical Preserve is an 18.1-acre Mediterranean climate demonstration garden dedicated to displaying plants appropriate for use in the Southern California coastal region. The preserve offers educational walking trails featuring a large variety of drought tolerant plants, flowering shrubs, ground covers and trees. Metropolitan's sponsorship of Earth Day 2025 promoted water conservation and water resources education.

Oceanographic Teaching Stations – Keep it Clean, Keep it Green – Earth Day \$3,000

Oceanographic Teaching Stations manages the Roundhouse Aquarium Teaching Center to educate all generations about the importance of their oceans, beaches and tidelands. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Keep it Clean, Keep it Green – Earth Day Celebration promoted water conservation and water resources education.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden – Native Plant Festival \$3,000

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is the largest botanic garden dedicated to California native plants. The organization promotes botany, conservation, and horticulture to inspire, inform and educate the community about California's native flora. Metropolitan sponsored the Native Plant Festival to promote water conservation and water resources education.

Rivers and Lands Conservancy – California Native Plant Garden \$3,000

Rivers and Lands Conservancy (RLC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting the community to natural, wild and open spaces of Southern California through land conservation and water stewardship. Metropolitan partnered with RLC to promote water conservation and water resources education.

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum – Science, Engineering & Waterwise Night \$3,000

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum (SDCDM) is a leader in water education in San Diego County and continues to provide educational onsite and offsite experiences in science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math (STREAM). Metropolitan partners with SDCCDM to promote water supply and water resources education.

South Bay Parkland Conservancy - Native Pollinator Waterwise Garden Initiative \$3,000

The South Bay Parkland Conservancy (SBPC) has been committed to preserving open spaces and creating more parks in the coastal and adjacent cities of the South Bay of Los Angeles, California. In partnership with local small businesses and schools, SBPC has begun a native pollinator initiative to encourage residents to plant native plants and seeds to conserve water and to provide a habitat for pollinators including human food producers. Metropolitan's sponsorship promotes water conservation and water resources education.

Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association (SCCAEPA)
- Youth Environmental Summer Camp **\$3,000**

SCCAEPA's mission is to promote environmental awareness and members' communications and to participate in and serve the environmental science and Chinese American communities. The organization has more than 500 members who are scientists, engineers, professors, students and environmental professionals working in sectors of government, municipalities, and consulting and engineering firms. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Youth Environmental Summer Camp helped support work to promote youth water education.

Sustainable Claremont – 2025 Earth Day Celebration **\$3,000**

Sustainable Claremont is a nonprofit organization that provides environmental outreach and education including free sustainability workshops and presentations, an urban forestry program, a community composting co-op and an annual Earth Day Celebration. Metropolitan partnered with Sustainable Claremont to promote water conservation and water resources education.

Tarzana Community and Cultural Center - Tarzana Native Plant Fair **\$3,000**

Tarzana Community and Cultural Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Tarzana and nurturing community engagement through environmental-themed activities. It offers educational resources for cultural and environmental programs. Metropolitan partnered with Tarzana Community and Cultural Center to promote water conservation and water resources education.

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District – WaterFest 2025 **\$3,000**

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is a special district that services 26 water retailers, which encompasses 18 cities and nearly one million people. Metropolitan's sponsorship of WaterFest 2025 helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Vallecitos Water District – Water Wise Demonstration Garden **\$3,000**

The Vallecitos Water District has provided water, wastewater, and reclamation services to San Marcos, parts of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista and other unincorporated areas in north San Diego County. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Water Wise Demonstration Garden helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Venice Chamber Community Foundation – String of Pearls – Native Pollinator & Water Education Corridor **\$3,000**

Venice Chamber Community Foundation is a group of local volunteers that work on projects to add drought-tolerant canopy and native plants in public spaces in the low-income parts of Venice. They engage neighbors about smart watering, the value of native plants and trees and its ties to biodiversity. Metropolitan partnered with Venice Chamber Community Foundation to promote water conservation and water resources education.

Weaving Earth

Weaving Earth is an educational non-profit organization that aims to strengthen relationships to self, community and the planet with programs that engage with nature, history and stories and supports systems change and social justice.

Walk of Resilience and Accountability **\$3,000**

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Walk of Resilience and Accountability on October 25, 2024, helped promote water conservation, supply, and resources education.

Waters Becoming **\$3,000**
Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Waters Becoming on April 21, 2025, helped promote water conservation and water resources education.

Western Municipal Water District - Water is Life **\$3,000**
Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County serves nearly one million wholesale and retail customers in western Riverside County. Metropolitan's sponsorship of "Water is Life" art contest promoted water supply and water conservation education

Westwood Greenway – Native Plant Habitat Transformations **\$3,000**
Westwood Greenway's mission is to advance sustainability and resilience citywide through advocacy, best practices, and community action through community engagement, empowerment, and education. Metropolitan supported this mission by sponsoring the two-day Native Plant Habitat Transformations workshop, which helped raise awareness about water conservation.

WETAP – 2025 Tap Water Day **\$10,000**
WETAP works to raise awareness, improve access and encourage the use of public drinking fountains and hydration stations. Their goal is to enhance public health, reduce social and economic disparities, and lessen reliance on single-use plastics to protect both the environment and public health. They also support public utilities in educating communities about the value and safety of publicly supplied drinking water. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Tap Water Day helped promote water supply and water education.

Whittier Museum – Whittier Historical Society – Flume Water Education Exhibit **\$3,000**
The Whittier Museum has served the local and surrounding communities as a place to explore and learn about the region's history. The museum hosts a variety of activities, including school field trips, visits from senior centers and adults with disabilities groups, community policing and neighborhood watch meetings. The Whittier Museum also has an exhibit dedicated to the early days of the city's method (flume) to transport water which provides insight and awareness to the community. Metropolitan partners with the Whittier Museum to promote historic water supply and water management education.

Group Manager's Community Outreach Activities

The following sponsorships are coordinated by the External Affairs Group Manager in the effort to lead policy objectives and program initiatives in coordination with the board, executive management and other groups within the organization.

American Fisheries Society CA-NV Chapter – 2025 Workshop **\$1,000**
The mission of the American Fisheries Society is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting fisheries professionals. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Workshop helped bring together fisheries professionals and students from across California to share information, build community and partnerships, educate, and address the natural resources challenges of their states.

Association of California Cities – 2024 Holiday Mixer **\$2,500**
The Association of California Cities represents the interests of Orange County cities on regional public policy issues. The Association provides educational programming to support policy development that is collaborative, and advocacy that is service orientated. Metropolitan partners with Association of California Cities to provide a networking event on public policy.

Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment – 2024 AWWEE Conference \$3,000

The mission of the Association of Women in Water, Energy, and Environment (AWWEE) is to foster a community dedicated to the advancement of women in the fields of water, energy, and environment. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2024 AWWEE Conference supported this mission by helping to connect, educate, and empower women across these vital fields. The conference served as a platform for industry leaders to recharge, reimagine the future of women in these industries, and strengthen their professional community. Attendees benefited from valuable networking opportunities, along with practical tools and strategies to support well-being in the workplace.

California African American Water Education Foundation – Annual Contribution \$5,000

California African American Water Education Foundation's mission is to catalyze deeper investments into the water systems that serve, employ, and conduct business with the African American population. Metropolitan's annual contribution supports awareness and understanding of public policy issues of interest to ratepayers.

California Trout (CalTrout) – 26th Annual Gala and Auction \$2,500

The CalTrout mission is to ensure healthy waters and resilient wild fish for a better California. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 26th Annual Gala and Auction helped preserve, sustain and promote working agricultural landscapes in the Sacramento Valley that support ecosystem function and provide landscape-scale habitat benefits for fish, bird and wildlife populations.

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe – Gathering for Our Mountains \$1,000

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is one of the four Colorado Indian Tribes with reservation land along the Colorado River. Metropolitan is working with the Chemehuevi on Colorado River issues and partnering on a potential green energy project on their land. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Gathering for Our Mountains event demonstrates our support for building tribal relationships and their commitment to managing land and water resources on the CRIT reservation. Our continued existing partnership is for water resources management and green energy.

Climate Resolve – Coolest in LA Gala \$5,000

Climate Resolve builds collaborations to champion equitable climate solutions by connecting communities, organizations, and policymakers to address a global problem through local action. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Coolest in LA Gala supported Los Angeles climate leaders.

Coro Southern California – Water and Energy Focus Week, Women in Leadership Luncheon, and Crystal Eagle Awards Gala \$10,000

Metropolitan's sponsorship provided for direct engagement of Metropolitan staff with program fellows during the Water and Energy Focus Week, Women in Leadership Luncheon, and Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians – Peace and Dignity Run \$5,000

Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI) is a Native Sovereign Nation that has exercised its governance since prior to the establishment of Spanish, Mexican and American governments. Today, FTBMI is governed by two branches of government entrusted with the duties of defending the Constitution and the rights of the people. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Peace and Dignity Run helps promote MWD's efforts in the region to address climate change, particularly the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water. Our partnership with FTBMI also provides an opportunity for MWD staff and Directors to interact and exchange ideas and information about climate resiliency with international participants.

Heal the Bay – One Water Day **\$10,000**

Heal the Bay is an environmental nonprofit dedicated to making coastal waters and watersheds in Greater Los Angeles safe, healthy, and clean. Metropolitan's sponsorship of One Water Day convened leaders working toward a sustainable water future and committed to protecting and conserving water in Los Angeles.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy - Water & Tribes Initiative **\$1,000**

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Water & Tribes Initiative enhances the capacity of Tribes to manage water resources, engage in water policy discussions, and support sustainable water use through collaborative problem-solving. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Water and Tribes Initiative helps support work of Tribes in the Colorado River Basin on critical water supply and management issues.

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy - City of Justice Awards Dinner **\$5,000**

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the City of Justice Awards provided an opportunity to share information about district priorities with elected officials, business and labor leaders, philanthropists and activists.

Los Angeles Conservation Corps - 2025 Corps Luncheon **\$5,000**

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps creates equitable opportunities for young people to build resilience in themselves, their communities and the environment through a program of work, education and support. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Corps Luncheon supported wildfire recovery work.

Los Angeles Sentinel - Taste of Soul Family Festival **\$12,500**

Metropolitan sponsored the Taste of Soul Family Festival, which is the largest one-day street festival in Los Angeles and reached hundreds with information about workforce opportunities and water conservation programs and rebates. This event was co-sponsored with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Los Angeles Waterkeeper - 2024 Making Waves **\$5,000**

Los Angeles Waterkeeper's mission is to fight for the health of the region's waterways, and for sustainable, equitable and climate-friendly water supplies. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2024 Making Waves honored those who have made a positive impact on the LA River's health and resiliency.

Museum of Latin American Art – 2024 Gala and Auction **\$7,500**

Museum of Latin American Art expands knowledge and appreciation of modern and contemporary Latin American art through its collection, exhibitions, educational programs, and cultural events. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2024 Gala and Auction honors leaders that have made strong contributions in water supply, water quality and conservation.

Oceanographic Teaching Stations – SPLASH 2025 **\$2,500**

Oceanographic Teaching Stations manages and operates the Roundhouse Aquarium. Its mission is to create the next generation of leaders, advocates, and marine scientists who care and are responsible for the ocean and natural environment. Metropolitan's sponsorship of SPLASH 2025 helps raise funds for marine science programs. These programs are vital for students in underserved communities who may not have access to educational experiences. While the focus is supporting work specific to marine conservation, there is a tie in with climate change impacts to water resources, coastal areas and ecosystems.

Orange County Coastkeeper - Toast the Coast **\$3,000**

The mission of Orange County Coastkeeper is to protect swimmable, drinkable, fishable water and promote watershed resilience throughout their region. Metropolitan's sponsorship of Toast the Coast

supported critical initiatives such as enforcing clean water laws, advocating for sustainable projects and monitoring local water bodies.

Pacoima Beautiful – Environmental Justice Awards \$2,500

Pacoima Beautiful is a grassroots environmental justice organization that provides education, impacts local policy, and supports local arts and culture to promote a healthy and sustainable San Fernando Valley. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Environmental Justice Awards honors individuals and organizations leading the way in environmental justice. It is an opportunity to celebrate their efforts and shine a spotlight on their commitment to a more just and sustainable future.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District - 2025 Santa Ana River Symposium \$1,000

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is a regional agency that imports water into the service area through participation in the State Water Project and manages groundwater storage within its boundaries. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2025 Santa Ana River Science and Conservation Symposium helped provide a forum for researchers and conservation practitioners to gather, provide updates, and facilitate collaboration on the important conservation issues of the Santa Ana River Watershed and throughout Southern California.

San Diego Coastkeeper - Seaside Soiree \$1,500

San Diego Coastkeeper protects and restores fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters in San Diego County and works to support sustainable water management and a healthy environment that supports high biodiversity, resilient ecosystems and thriving neighborhoods. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Seaside Soiree supported the Birch Aquarium's interactive exhibits and an opportunity to network with fellow ocean enthusiasts on Southern California's water resources.

Verdexchange - 18th Annual California Conference \$18,000

Verdexchange works to spur growth of the green economy and the use of clean energy, driving the region's trillion-dollar global energy and climate change marketplace. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Annual California Conference provided opportunities to engage with leading private and public market makers who supply, procure, manufacture, finance, regulate and endorse advanced energy, water, transport and green build technologies.

Water Education Foundation – Colorado River Symposium \$5,000

The Water Education Foundation promotes water understanding and fosters dialogue to support informed, collaborative decisions. Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Colorado River Symposium highlights progress and new initiatives in the basin, while recognizing the challenge of developing post-2026 operating agreements. The partnership also offers key networking opportunities for policymakers and stakeholders from across the Colorado River Basin.

WaterReuse Association

The WaterReuse is the nation's only trade association solely dedicated to advancing laws, policy, funding and public acceptance of recycled water. WaterReuse represents a coalition of utilities that recycle water, businesses that support the development of recycled water projects and consumers of recycled water.

2024 WaterReuse California Annual Conference \$6,000

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the 2024 WaterReuse California Annual Conference on September 15-17, 2024, featured numerous technical sessions and panels on reuse issues in the state and honored key leaders in the California water reuse sector.

2025 WaterReuse Annual Symposium \$6,000

Metropolitan sponsored the 2025 WaterReuse Annual Symposium, on March 16-19, 2025, an

event that attracts water professionals and water reuse practitioners globally for knowledge-sharing, networking, and collaboration.

Western Science Center - Science Under the Stars \$5,000

The mission of the Western Science Center is to advance knowledge of the region's natural history and cultural heritage, with an emphasis on the importance of water to life. Metropolitan's sponsorship of Science Under the Stars contributes to the research and work of the Western Science Center.

Community Relations Community Outreach Activities

The Community Relations Team in the External Affairs Member Services & Public Outreach Section manages communications, outreach and engagement to support Metropolitan's initiatives for new and existing in-region water infrastructure projects. The following sponsorships supported these efforts related to Pure Water Southern California.

Aquarium of the Pacific – Pure Water Southern California Sponsorship \$5,000

The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach is a public aquarium and a non-profit organization that aims to instill a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems. The sponsorship helps support outreach related to the public review of the Pure Water Southern California Draft Environmental Impact Report. It includes an opportunity to have a Pure Water booth, signage displayed in the visitor center, and information featured in their newsletter.

City of Lakewood – 2025 Concerts in the Park \$752

Metropolitan sponsored a community event in the City of Lakewood as part of the outreach for Pure Water of Southern California.

Coro Southern California – Coro Fellow Spring Project \$7,000

Metropolitan partnered with Coro Southern California to sponsor a Coro Fellow's Spring project to assist Metropolitan in planning and implementing outreach for Pure Water Southern California.

Council for Watershed Health

CBO Participation CAMP4W Gathering \$3,900

Metropolitan sponsored CBO participation in the CAMP4W Gathering. This half-day event, held on June 3, 2024, brought together several community-based organizations to share information about CAMP4W, gather feedback on the plan and planning process, and discuss ways to incorporate community input.

ReDesign LA CBO Tour and Meeting for CAMP4W \$12,500

Metropolitan sponsored the ReDesign LA Community-Based Organizations Tour and Meeting for CAMP4W, which involved organizing a December 4, 2024, meeting with 22 members from various community-based organizations representing diverse communities. The meeting included a visit to Metropolitan's Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and Water Quality Lab to learn about Metropolitan's operations and priorities, discuss CAMP4W, and gather community input on water quality, reliability, and the CAMP4W initiative.

Water Revolution Symposium \$11,200

Metropolitan sponsored the Water Revolution Symposium on October 15, 2024. This sponsorship introduced community members to water recycling and current and future projects happening in their community. The symposium included a tour of the Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center and presentations by Metropolitan staff. Additionally, Metropolitan hosted a booth to share information about Pure Water Southern California.

Ho'oilina Foundation – 2025 Heritage of Aloha Festival \$5,000

The Ho'oilina Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization. Their mission is to establish and conduct a cultural, educational and recreational enterprise that promotes, supports and perpetuates the Polynesian culture, practices and traditions. Metropolitan hosted a booth to share information on Pure Water Southern California and the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts – Earth Day 2025 \$5,000

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD)'s mission is to protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management. Metropolitan sponsored LACSD's Earth Day 2025 with a booth, activities and messaging related to Pure Water Southern California.

Southern California Water Coalition – Pure Water Sponsorship \$15,000

Southern California Water Coalition is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, made up of leaders from a variety of businesses, cities, agricultural groups, labor unions, environmental organizations, water agencies, as well as the general public. Together, they are dedicated to informing and educating Southern Californians about their water needs and their state's water resources. Metropolitan's Pure Water sponsorship funded a direct potable reuse educational video.

INTEGRATED OPERATIONS PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**Vibration Institute \$260**

The Vibration Institute disseminates practical information on evaluating machinery behavior and condition without commercial interest. The Institute offers education, training, certification and opportunities for exchanging technical knowledge, information, procedures and data that are offered through meetings, publications, formal training and networking

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California (AICC) \$1,000**

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce provides opportunities for networking and support of American Indian-owned businesses in California. It is a statewide organization with chapters in Southern California, San Diego County, and Northern California. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage "Native Owned businesses" to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional or construction contracts.

Asian American Architect & Engineers Association (AAa/e)

The Asian American Architect & Engineers Association provides a platform for empowering professionals working in the built environment in personal and professional growth, business development and networking, and leadership in our community.

Asian American Architects and Engineers (AAa/e) 46th Annual Awards Banquet \$2,400

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association 46th Annual Awards Banquet in Los Angeles recognizes corporations that consistently provide opportunities and foster an environment for Asian American entrepreneurs to flourish.

Asian American Architects and Engineers (AAa/e) Annual Scholarship Luncheon \$1,100**Asian Business Association – Various Chapters**

The Asian Business Association promotes and advocates on behalf of the chapter region's Asian-Pacific

American business community. The association provides resources for economic growth and helps businesses to compete effectively in the local and global marketplace. Through memberships with chapters from the Inland Empire (ABA-IE), Los Angeles (ABA-LA), Orange County (ABA-OC), and San Diego (ABA-SD) Metropolitan is provided the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts.

Asian Business Association—Inland Empire Awards & Installation Event **\$1,000**

Asian Business Association – Los Angeles 2025 Program Sponsorship **\$2,000**

Asian Business Association—Orange County Women's Leadership Awards **\$2,000**

Asian Business Association – San Diego Small Business Networking Event **\$2,000**

Associated General Contractors (AGC) Construction Expo Event **\$1,500**

The Associated General Contractors has advocated for the Construction industry for the last 100 years, addressing labor and compliance issues, building networks and competencies, meeting the workforce needs and investing in the future of businesses. AGC helps Metropolitan reach Small Business, Disabled Veteran Businesses, Disadvantaged Businesses, LGBTQ, and Women-Owned Businesses in bid opportunities.

Black Business Association of Los Angeles (BBA-LA) Annual Conference **\$2,000**

The Black Business Association of Los Angeles provides Metropolitan the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts.

Black Chamber of Commerce - Orange County (BCC-OC) Awards Dinner **\$1,500**

The Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County was founded to create access to capital and procurement opportunities; to provide a vehicle for disseminating relevant information; and to support and contribute to the general welfare and progress of the African American community in Orange County through economic development. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts.

Business Life Magazine 35th Annual Women Achievers Awards Lunch **\$975**

Business Life Magazine is a business journal magazine serving the region and strives to include the multicultural business entrepreneur as their readers. Business Life understands that many of the new business start-ups are multicultural and women-owned businesses that need news and information that is relevant and informative to their needs.

California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) Matchmaking Conference **\$2,500**

The California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) is the leading regional Hispanic and ethnic business organization in the nation. Through its advocacy, education, and empowerment programs, the CHCC brings California's small business community issues and needs to the forefront of the California and national economic agenda. A non-profit organization that advocates for business in the state and helps businesses develop long-term commitments and engagement with its Corporate Partners and members. The mission of the CHCC Partnership and Membership Program (CPMP) is to create and continuously promote the growth of Hispanic and diverse businesses and communities for the common benefit of its members and corporate partners.

Colorado River Indian Tribes Mega Throw Cultural Networking Event \$3,500

The Colorado River Indian Tribes include four distinct Tribes – The Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo. There are currently about 4,277 active Tribal members. The reservation stretches along the Colorado River on both the Arizona and California side.

Council for Supplier Diversity - San Diego Council Connection Event \$0

The Council for Supply Diversity is dedicated to expanding business opportunities for women, minorities, and service-disabled veteran business enterprises, in an effort to add economic value to the supply chain while increasing economic opportunities for the diverse business community. The Council for Supply Diversity believes that diverse business development is a key component of reducing poverty, lowering unemployment, increasing wealth, and integrating American society. There was no cost for Metropolitan's participation in this event, as access is included with the annual membership reported on the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Annual Organizational Memberships Report.

Filipino American Chamber of Commerce -Orange County (FACC-OC) Awards Gala \$1,500

The Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County provides Metropolitan the opportunity to develop strategic relations with local business owners and encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts.

Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAACC) Annual Economic Awards Dinner & Reception \$2,500

Established in 1991, the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAACC) advocates for African American-owned businesses, promoting economic growth and development focusing on legislative advocacy as well as developing business opportunities and strategic alliances. The organization provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. The event honored the African American and small business community and recognized Metropolitan for its nomination for the Utility Company of the Year Award.

Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses (HCSB)

The Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses was formed in 2022 in the Greater Inland Empire region of Southern California and is committed to being the leading resource and voice of Hispanic and diverse small businesses in this region and beyond to ensure the success of our local small business communities.

Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses Hispanic Heritage Month Latina Awards \$3,500

Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses Spheres of Sustainability Summit \$1,500

Latin Business Association (LBA) 2025 Annual Women's Business Conference \$500

The Latin Business Association promotes business growth and provides advocacy and business education. The membership represents more than 800,000 Latino businesses in California providing high-quality events, innovative programs and services, and useful and tangible resources that enhance business growth.

Los Angeles Latino Business Chamber of Commerce (LALCC) Small Business Conference \$2,500

The Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit leading organization dedicated to organizing and uniting Latino business owners to grow and create positive economic impact. The LALCC accomplishes this through procurement, technical assistance, strategic planning, advocacy, access to leaders, economic development, and business education. The mission is to facilitate economic structure and policy initiatives that empower Latino business development and foster economic growth across Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Sentinel -Taste of Soul Family Festival \$12,500

Metropolitan sponsored the 20th Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival, which is the largest one-day street festival in Los Angeles and reached hundreds with information about workforce opportunities and water conservation programs and rebates. The event was co-sponsored with External Affairs.

MiraCosta College Foundation Small Business Development Center – Annual Sponsorship \$2,000

The San Diego & Imperial Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network is primarily funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration via a cooperative agreement and the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development via grants. Southwestern Community College is the agreement and grant holder for the San Diego & Imperial SBDC network and provides significant support. The San Diego & Imperial SBDC Network provides a vast array of no-and-cost support to entrepreneurs and small businesses through their nine locations/subcontractors.

Municipal Water District of Orange County - Orange County Water Summit \$800

Sponsorship of the Orange County Water Summit allows Metropolitan to educate local elected officials, community leaders and water experts on water issues and water policy.

National Association of Minority Contractors - Southern California (NAMC-SC) 30th Anniversary Leadership Event \$2,000

The National Association of Minority Contractors of Southern California (NAMC-SC) provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on Metropolitan's contracts or to serve as subcontractors or construction contracts.

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) – Various Chapters

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) – Inland Empire supports business and economic issues affecting women-owned businesses. The association provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. Chapter memberships include Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, and Ventura County.

National Association of Women Business Owners – Inland Empire \$2,000

The National Association of Women Business Owners - Inland Empire sponsorship allows Metropolitan to attend the board installation of new member leaders and come together to support new board and committee members and reconnect with community business partners.

National Association of Women Business Owners - California (NAWBO-CA) Propel Event \$2,000**National Association of Women Business Owners – Los Angeles Annual Procurement and Matchmaking \$2,000****National Association of Women Business Owners – Orange County Remarkable Woman Awards \$2,000****National Association of Women Business Owners – San Diego Conference & Awards Event \$1,000****National Association of Women Business Owners – Ventura County Small Business Certification and Procurement Panel \$2,000**

National Association of Women In Construction - Los Angeles (NAWIC-LA) \$2,000

The National Association of Women in Construction of Los Angeles (NAWIC) object is to unite for their benefit women who are actively employed in the various phases of the construction industry. NAWIC promotes cooperation, fellowship, and a better understanding among members; promotes education and contributes to the betterment of the construction industry; and helps members develop an awareness of the legislative process and legislation related to the construction industry.

National Latina Business Women Association

The National Latina Business Women Association provides Metropolitan with the opportunity to encourage local small business owners to bid on contracts or to serve as subcontractors for purchasing, professional, or construction contracts. Memberships include Inland Empire (NLBWA-IE) and Los Angeles (NLBWA-LA) chapters.

National Latina Business Women Association – Inland Empire Business Conference & Awards \$1,500**National Latina Business Women Association – Los Angeles Chapter Health & Wellness Event \$1,500****Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (RHCC) Lunch Event Series \$2,000**

The Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was established in 2000 to advocate for Hispanic-owned businesses and elevate their economic and policy concerns within California's public decision-making arena. It supports new firms, promotes corporate partnerships, encourages U.S.–Latin America trade, and monitors business-related policies.

Small Business Diversity Network- Corporate Advisory Board Meeting \$5,000

The Small Business Diversity Network (SBDN) is a non-profit organization that supports underserved small businesses in the U.S. The small businesses include minority, women, veterans, LGBT, and disabled-owned businesses. SBDN's mission is to provide innovative programming, invaluable training, impactful events, networking opportunities, resource navigation, and access to procurement.

Southwest Veterans Business Resource Center (SWVBRC) Annual Veteran and Small Business Trade Show \$1,000

Southwest Veterans Business Resource Center works with communities and businesses to serve Veterans, active-duty members, and spouses through outreach and education programs and enlists the support of members of local communities to increase Veterans awareness of the value of obtaining a VA card and receiving the earned benefits.

U.S. Green Building Council - Los Angeles (USGBC-LA) Green Gala and Sustainable Innovation Awards \$2,500

The U.S. Green Building Council – Los Angeles is a non-profit organization representing green building and promoting sustainability professionals in building infrastructure in and around the Greater Los Angeles Region. USGBC-LA collaboratively and inclusively engages local communities to improve sustainability in the Los Angeles region through initiatives such as Build Climate Resilience, Foster Learning & Collaboration, Invest in Communities, Promote Health Buildings, and Support Corporate Sustainability events.

Veterans In Business Network (VIBN) Matchmaking & Tactical Networking Conference \$2,500

The Veterans in Business (VIB) Network is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that advocates for all Veteran Businesses including SDVOSBs and DVBES. VIBN provides free business resources,

educational seminars, and outreach opportunities, thereby facilitating opportunities for Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises to work with Metropolitan.

Veterans Advocacy Group – Veteran’s Appreciation Event **\$1,500**

The Veterans Advocacy Group of America is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting veterans.

Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBEC-West) Annual Strategic Procurement Opportunity Conference **\$2,000**

The Women’s Business Enterprise Council (WBEC) is a national advocate of women-owned businesses and is the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States and works to foster diversity in the world of commerce with programs and policies to expand opportunities in the marketplace for women business owners.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, RESILIENCE & INNOVATION

Braid Theory, Inc. **\$4,000**

Braid Theory is a venture advisory and accelerator based at the Port of Los Angeles. The organization focuses on weaving together entrepreneurs, industry influencers, and corporate partners to accelerate the adoption of transformative technology, drive market growth, and create profitable collaborations.

Ideas Worth Doing in LA (TEDxManhattan Beach) **\$6,000**

IWD-LA is an extension of TEDx, responsible for self-organizing events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. These events combine to spark deep discussion and connection.

US Green Building Council California **\$10,000**

USGBC is a nonprofit network of sustainability-minded professionals and advocates, developers, architects, students, and more-working to build resilient, equitable communities. “People first, Sustainability always.”

Octane - Tech Innovation Forum, Fast Pitch Events and Women’s Leadership Forum **\$6,000**

Octane leads a diverse innovation community accelerating access to capital, resources and solutions while providing high-value support to their partners and clients. Metropolitan’s sponsorship provided many benefits throughout the year. Several groups across Metropolitan attended the Tech Innovation Forum and Fast Pitch events, engaging with top-tier speakers, explore emerging trends and participate in networking opportunities, making it a vital hub for staying ahead in the rapidly evolving tech ecosystem.

ENGINEERING SERVICES GROUP

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Los Angeles Younger Member Forum **\$500**

ASCE Metro LA Branch hosted the ASCE Engineers Week Girl Day event at Metropolitan’s Headquarters, one of several events to help inspire future generations of female engineers from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds. It provided opportunities for students in grades 6-12 to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics through professional panels and engineering craft activities.

Coalition for Environmental Protection **\$25,000**

Coalition for Environmental Protection Restoration and Development promotes projects that showcase the potential benefits of collaboration between private and public sectors in environmental protection, restoration, and development. The organization partners with different entities to establish model

templates that can cater to current and future scientific and technical requirements to provide accurate information to the public.

TREATMENT AND WATER QUALITY

American Water Works Association (AWWA) \$25,000

American Water Works Association (AWWA) deals with issues and policies related to the procurement, treatment and delivery of water. The local unit is the California-Nevada section. A number of Metropolitan employees are members of the Association and are actively involved in the activities on the international and national level. Metropolitan has been a member since 1944

Water Research Foundation \$15,000

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is a non-profit, educational organization that funds, manages and publishes research on technology, operation and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse and stormwater systems to ensure high quality water and improved public water services. The WaterReuse Research Foundation merged with the Water Environment Research Foundation in July 2016, which were then integrated with WRF in January 2018. Metropolitan has benefited from WRF's program in several areas, including development and compliance with regulations such as the disinfectants/disinfection by-products rule and the various surface water treatment rules, monitoring and control strategies for taste and odor compounds and cyanotoxins, detection and treatment of microbial pathogens, perchlorate and chromium 6 research, and water reuse development.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Alliance for Water Efficiency

The Alliance for Water Efficiency serves as a North American advocate for water-efficient products and programs and provides information and assistance on water conservation efforts. The symposium offers an opportunity for Metropolitan to continue staff professional development, to build industry relationships and share ideas. Sponsorship of the event includes the opportunity to attend and participate in a variety of promotional and recognition activities prior to and during the symposium.

2025 Water Efficiency & Conservation Symposium \$10,000

2024 Water Efficiency & Conservation Symposium \$10,000

CalDesal

Metropolitan is a founding member of CalDesal and currently serves on the Executive Committee. CalDesal conducts legislative and regulatory actions, outreach, white papers and related activities for seawater desalination, brackish groundwater desalination and salinity management. CalDesal is Metropolitan's primary vehicle for addressing desalination issues and plays a vital role in preserving desalination as an option for Southern California's diversified resource portfolio.

2025 Annual Conference \$1,250

Sponsors CalDesal's annual conference and includes complimentary registrations.

2025 Spring Mixer \$1,250

Sponsors CalDesal's mixer held during the spring ACWA conference and coinciding with CalDesal's spring board meeting.

2024 Fall Mixer \$1,250

Sponsors CalDesal's mixer held during the fall ACWA conference and coinciding with CalDesal's fall board meeting.

California Data Collaborative (CaDC) – 2024 California Water Data Summit \$10,000

The California Water Data Summit is an annual event hosted by the California Data Collaborative (CaDC) that brings together water managers, researchers, policymakers, and innovators to share insights and best practices on using data to address California's water challenges. Metropolitan's sponsorship provides the opportunity to speak at the summit, to have several staff members in attendance, and to be recognized in promotional and marketing materials before and during the event. The 2024 CA Water Data Summit featured both policy-based and technical-focused panels about topics including governance and standardization of data systems, data pipelines and workflow automation, technologies for climate resiliency, and water efficiency regulations.

California Irrigation Institute – 2025 CII Conference \$5,000

The California Irrigation Institute is the leading membership organization for irrigation equipment and system manufacturers, dealers, distributors, designers, consultants, contractors and end users to stay informed of important trends, topics and best practices in the industry. Metropolitan sponsored and attended the annual conference, which provides an opportunity for staff to learn about the latest trends, technologies and issues in the agriculture and landscape irrigation industries. This aligns with the priority to advance long-term reliability and water resilience, specifically to increase outdoor water use efficiency.

California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP) - Peer-to-Peer Training Workshop \$10,000

CalWEP's mission is to maximize urban water efficiency and conservation by supporting and integrating innovative technologies and practices; encouraging effective public policies; advancing research, training and public education; and building collaborative approaches and partnerships. This aligns with the priority to advance long-term reliability and water resilience. Sponsorship of the event enabled staff to attend the conference and make a presentation on Metropolitan programs.

Multi-State Salinity Coalition (MSSC) - 2025 Summit \$3,000

Metropolitan is a founding member of MSSC and serves on its Board. MSSC funds operations through annual summit registrations and conference sponsorships. Sponsorship strengthens contacts with stakeholders such as the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

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None to report.