

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# **Board Report**

## **Information Technology Group**

### • Information Technology Group Monthly Activities for July 2024

#### Summary

This report provides a summary of activites related to the Information Technology Group for July 2024.

#### Purpose

Informational

#### **Detailed Report**

Metropolitan's Information Technology Group hosted the first-ever Member Agency Cybersecurity Summit on July 11, 2024. The Summit was an opportunity to address the critical areas of concern in cybersecurity that affect our operations and service delivery. Interactive sessions and panel discussions were held to discuss the latest cybersecurity challenges and advancements relevant to water utilities. Keynote speakers and panelists presented a range of topics that focused on awareness and threat assessment to the informational technology/operational technology networks, financial infrastructure, and supply chains. Discussions also focused on building a resilient "program design" based on each organization's needs to quickly identify risks, mitigate vulnerabilities, and reduce mean-time resolution. Strong collaboration and dissemination of information among agency stakeholders creates an added layer of protection. The member agencies will continue to collaborate and share best practices each month. Metropolitan's Information Technology Group plans to broaden participation at the 2025 Cybersecurity Summit.

