



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Water Resource Management Group

• Water Resource Management April Activity Report

Summary

The Water Resource Management Group, April 2026 Activities as of April 15, 2026

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Execute the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) Implementation Strategy to Integrate Climate Adaptation District-Wide

Metropolitan held two Water Efficient Landscaper Dual Certification Program classes in conjunction with the San Diego County Water Authority and Burbank for 40 and 45 landscapers, respectively. Metropolitan, in partnership with SoCalGas, held a professional landscape class for more than 60 professionals. The class was presented by Green Gardens Group and focused on Assembly Bill 1572: Tools for Converting Commercial Properties.

Staff attended several Earth Day events supporting member agencies and customers throughout Metropolitan's service area through tabling and presentations to highlight Metropolitan's conservation programs and efforts.

Provide Organizational Stability and Deliver Operational Excellence

Metropolitan staff chaired a two-day meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum) Work Group held in the offices of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) in Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting agenda included (1) the draft 2026 "Triennial Review" document; (2) a report that ongoing operation of the Paradox Valley Unit at 2/3-capacity has yielded no unusual seismic or well pressure results; (3) U.S. Geological Survey proposals for scientific work in support of the Forum; (4) planning for a Notice of Funding Opportunity in 2027 to provide USBR funding for salinity control projects in the Colorado River Basin; and (5) updates from key federal agencies involved in the salinity control program.

Metropolitan staff attended regular meetings of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP). Meetings focused on changes to the MSCP that will be required once the post-2026 operational guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead are in place.

Metropolitan finalized the annual accounting for the water Metropolitan is storing for the Imperial Irrigation District. After accounting for all system assessment and evaporation charges, the end-of-2025 balance is 241,468 acre-feet.

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Metropolitan staff reviewed the first draft of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 2025 Water Accounting Report and provided comments to USBR. By reviewing this document, Metropolitan ensures an accurate accounting of its Colorado River water supplies.

Following Board authorization, staff moved forward with executing an amendment to the November 13, 2024, California Forbearance Agreement. The amended forbearance agreement was signed on March 20, 2026, and covers Metropolitan's amended System Conservation Implementation Agreements (SCIA) related to both the Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) fallowing program and the Bard Water District (Bard) seasonal fallowing program. Under the amended SCIA for the Bard seasonal fallowing program, the conservation activities covered by the SCIA expanded from a potential 3,000 acres to a potential 6,000 acres, increasing the conservation volume from up to 5,700 acre-feet per year to up to 11,400 acre-feet per year in both 2025 and 2026. Under the amended SCIA for the PVID fallowing program, conservation activities covered by the SCIA were extended to cover the period of August 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

On April 13, 2026, Metropolitan held its public hearing for the draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and draft 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) at the Board's One Water and Adaptation Committee meeting. Metropolitan had posted its drafts for public review on February 6, 2026 and invited the public to comment through its social media platforms. Comments received were considered for the final draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP, which will be presented to the Board for adoption in May 2026. The adopted 2025 UWMP must be submitted to the State no later than July 1, 2026.

On April 28, 2026, Metropolitan staff provided a water supply update at Rancho California Water District's Annual Farm Managers meeting.