

# General Manager's Monthly Report



*Shutdown work on Weymouth treatment basins*

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# Message from the General Manager

Metropolitan's mission is simple in words, but extraordinarily complex in action. Only after joining Metropolitan have I begun to fully appreciate that complexity. My understanding has grown through witnessing the coordinated operation and maintenance of our sprawling system, visiting some of our six pumping plants, five water treatment plants, 24 dams and reservoirs, 15 hydroelectric facilities, and more than 1,000 miles of canals, tunnels, siphons and distribution pipelines. And it has grown by meeting many of our 1,800 employees, who work cohesively to operate this system, plan for the future, ensure we are complying with the law, help the public understand their water supply, administer our contracts and payments, and conduct myriad other necessary daily tasks.

Yet I am also learning that our ability to successfully and reliably deliver water supplies to Southern California extends beyond our vast infrastructure and expert staff. Our success is also rooted in countless critical partnerships that Metropolitan has forged across California and the Southwest.

Built over decades, these partnerships ensure we can deliver a full Colorado River Aqueduct when needed. They increase our storage and maximize the effectiveness of our conservation and local resource programs. They help protect watersheds and water quality. And they have been equally beneficial to the agencies on the other side of the handshake – achieving goals that could not have been achieved without collaboration.

The depth of our partnerships is grounded in the confidence and trust other agencies have in Metropolitan. In the coming months, we will be talking a lot with our board about much-needed investments in the reliability of our infrastructure and in additional staff. These are critical investments on their own. They are also investments in our ability to build and maintain partnerships. Such partnerships will become increasingly valuable as we navigate challenges ahead, such as climate-stressed supplies, new invasive species, evolving regulations and subsidence. Finding creative ways to collaborate with other agencies will be key to responding to these challenges and continuing to deliver water reliability to Southern California.



Shivaji Deshmukh  
General Manager



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established regional cooperative of 26 cities and public water agencies, which collectively serve nearly 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and supports its members through the development of increased conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

Following are important highlights for this month on three goals of the GM Business Plan.



*Parker Dam*

**Goal: Develop Post-2026 Guidelines and Negotiate Implementation Agreements**

As we approach the next benchmark of negotiations over the future of the Colorado River, Metropolitan continues to push for a consensus approach to the sustainable management of the River and its reservoirs. Seven states and Mexico are reliant upon an agreement that will provide for responsible water use and a fair framework to respond in times of scarcity.

In January 2026, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for post-2026 operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. None of the five alternatives analyzed by the Bureau are endorsed by any of the Basin States, and at this point, implementation of any alternatives would likely lead to lengthy litigation.

Mother Nature is making apparent what’s at stake in the negotiations. The Colorado River Basin is experiencing dry and warm winter conditions and precipitation falling more as rain instead of snow due to climate change. The result is record-low snowpack, deteriorating water supply forecasts for spring runoff, and concerns over further declines in reservoir levels at Lake Mead and Lake Powell.



*Hoover Dam/Arizona Spillway, courtesy Connie Castle, Dept. of Interior*



**Working towards  
Consensus**

## **Goal: Achieve Equitable Supply Reliability for State Water Project-Dependent Areas**

Metropolitan celebrated the start of construction of the \$280 million Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project to bring additional sources of water to Southern California communities hit particularly hard by the state's last drought. Two new pump stations at the existing Venice and Sepulveda Canyon pressure control facilities will be installed to allow Metropolitan to reverse flows in its system if needed during severe California droughts. Colorado River water and water stored in Diamond Valley Lake can be pushed into northern Los Angeles and southern Ventura counties, reversing normal flows in the existing Sepulveda Feeder pipeline.

When this project is complete, expected in early 2029, Metropolitan will be able to deliver up to 22,000 acre-feet of additional water annually to the State Water Project-dependent area during severe droughts. The Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project helps fulfill Metropolitan's commitment to reliability for those communities.

This is Metropolitan's first project using the progressive design-build method since the state legislature granted the agency the authority to use such alternative methods to expedite completion of construction projects. With progressive design-build, Metropolitan awards a single contract for both design and construction, which allows designers, builders and owners to work collaboratively from the very beginning and creates opportunities to deliver projects more effectively and efficiently.

This project is part of Metropolitan's climate adaptation strategy and another investment in flexibility and preparedness to better position our communities when the next drought inevitably hits.



*Directors and executive management provide event support*



*Overview of pump station site improvements*

**Goal: Complete EIR and Planning for Board to Consider Pure Water Southern California**

Three important planning milestones were reached for the Pure Water Southern California program this month.

Our Board of Directors approved guiding principles that define key parameters for establishing PWSC partnerships. If PWSC is approved, the principles will guide development of term sheets with member agencies, Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. The term sheets are an integral part of future agreements, however the principles do not affect the timeline for execution of agreements.

Following more than four years of environmental analysis, public outreach and input, our board will consider certifying the Pure Water Southern California Final Environmental Impact Report at its Feb. 10 meeting. The board also will consider adopting certain Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approving Pure Water for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act. Any decisions regarding implementation of PWSC, including phasing or staging of funding, design, construction, and operation, would be made by the board at subsequent meetings.

During the EIR process, the PWSC team identified potential impacts associated with construction and operation, along with measures to address impacts where feasible. The Final EIR includes staff responses to all public comments received during the public comment period and was posted on the PWSC website.

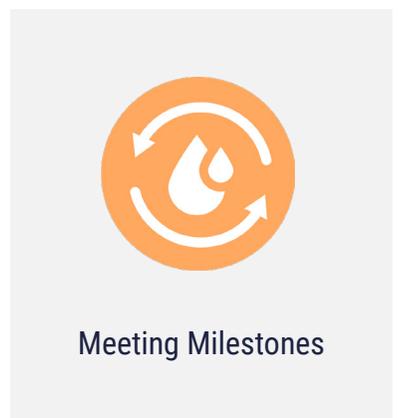
Gov. Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature certified the PWSC under SB 149, the CEQA judicial streamlining process. The 2023 law is designed to help critical infrastructure projects move forward without lengthy court delays, while maintaining CEQA’s environmental standards. The certification of PWSC means if the project’s final EIR faces any legal challenges, it will benefit from expedited judicial review.



*Public tours in English/Spanish introduce visitors to PWSC*



*Gateway to the PWSC demonstration facility*



## Member Agency Cybersecurity Summit

By Larisa Campos, Information Technology Group, Team Manager – IT Administration

### INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY

Cybersecurity is a critical business and governance issue with direct implications for operational continuity, public trust, and risk management. As threat actors become more sophisticated, the potential consequences of inadequate cybersecurity could result in service disruptions, data compromise, and severe financial impact. A strong and consistent cybersecurity posture across our member agencies is essential to ensuring there are consistent and measurable controls in place that will mitigate risk to community water systems while protecting shared systems and data. This collaborative effort is essential in ensuring the reliability of water services to the communities we serve now and into the future. Leadership engagement and alignment are key to advancing cybersecurity as a core organizational priority.



Knowledge sharing in cybersecurity at second annual summit

### IMPORTANCE TO METROPOLITAN

Metropolitan hosted the second Member Agency Cybersecurity Summit on January 29, 2026, with 35 Metropolitan member agencies, municipalities, and special districts participating. The goal of the summit was to share what we do, how we got to where we are, and where we are headed on our cybersecurity journey. Through transparency, collaboration, and shared lessons learned, we aimed to empower our member agencies with practical tools, actionable guidance, and relevant information needed to implement and sustain sufficient cybersecurity hygiene. By fostering a common baseline of understanding and capability, this summit supported agencies at varying levels of cybersecurity maturity while reinforcing a shared responsibility for strengthening our collective cybersecurity posture.

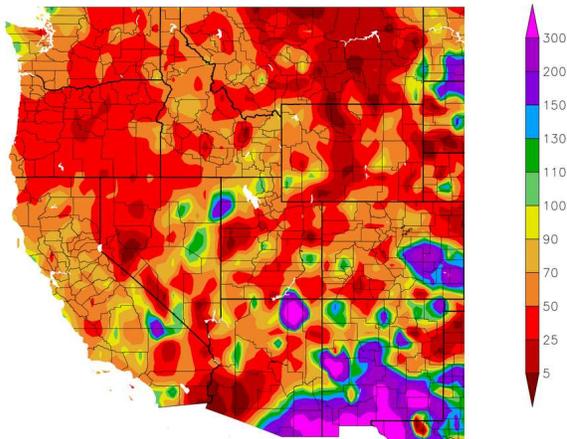
### MEMORABLE MOMENT

A memorable moment from the event was the Cybersecurity Operations/SCADA Monitoring/IT/OT Convergence Panel. The technical session explored how modern security operations centers monitor and defend SCADA and OT Networks, and the unique challenges of integrating them with IT environments. The discussion included monitoring strategies, data flows, visibility gaps, and the evolving security architecture required to protect converged environments.

# January 2026 Report

Extended Report: [mwdh2o.com/WSCR](http://mwdh2o.com/WSCR)

**Below normal precipitation in January 2026**  
(Map show percentage of normal precipitation)

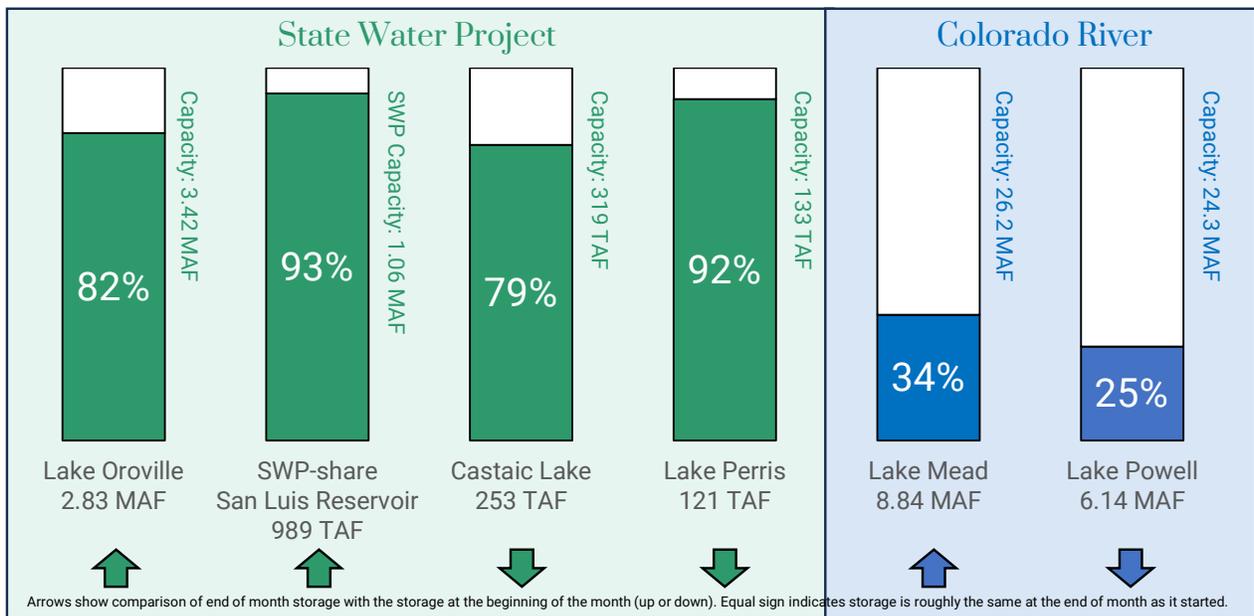


High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC)  
<https://hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps#>

State Water Project allocation for calendar year 2026 was increased to 30% of Table A on January 29, 2026. This increase was based on the hydrologic conditions as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Below normal precipitation in California in January. Northern Sierra 8 Station Index received 6.7 inches (73% of normal) while the San Joaquin 5 Station Index received 5.5 inches (71% of normal). Snow drought continues with snowpack 44% of normal in the Northern Sierra with 7.2 inches of snow water equivalent as of January 31, 2026.

The Upper Colorado River Basin cumulative rain was 90% of the long-term median but snowpack is only 63% of normal for January 31<sup>st</sup> and 0.1 inches below the historical minimum for the date.



# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

## Monthly Operations At-A-Glance

January 2026

30-day window: December 15–January 14

### Distribution \* denotes change compared to previous 30-Day period

30-Day Member Agency Deliveries

**2,190 AF/Day**

Change in Deliveries\*

**▼ -790 AF/Day**

Recorded **December** Deliveries to Member Agencies  
Consumptive and Replenishment

**83 TAF**

Forecast **January** Deliveries to Member Agencies  
Consumptive and Replenishment

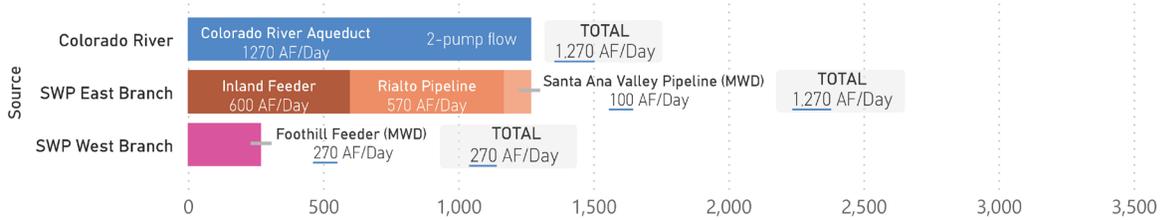
**74 TAF**

Recorded **December** Deliveries utilizing water programs  
(CYC, RCYC, CUP, CCOP)

**0 TAF**

### Supply

30-Day Average by Source (AF/Day)



### Storage

Data as of January 14, 2026

Lake Mathews

166,800 AF

▲ 4,210 AF\*



Lake Skinner

40,800 AF

▲ 3,820 AF\*



Diamond Valley Lake

760,400 AF

▼ -910 AF\*



### Hydropower

30-Day Total Generation:  
**0.0 GWh**

30-Day Total Generation by Plant

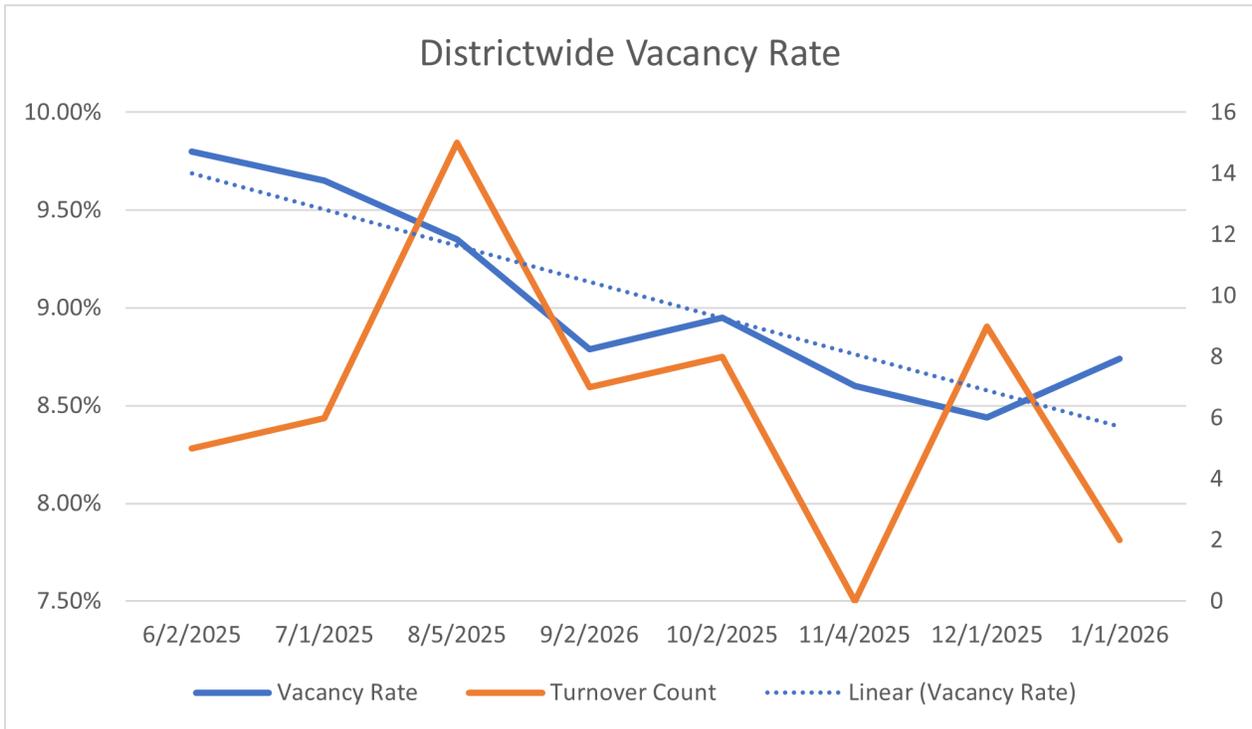
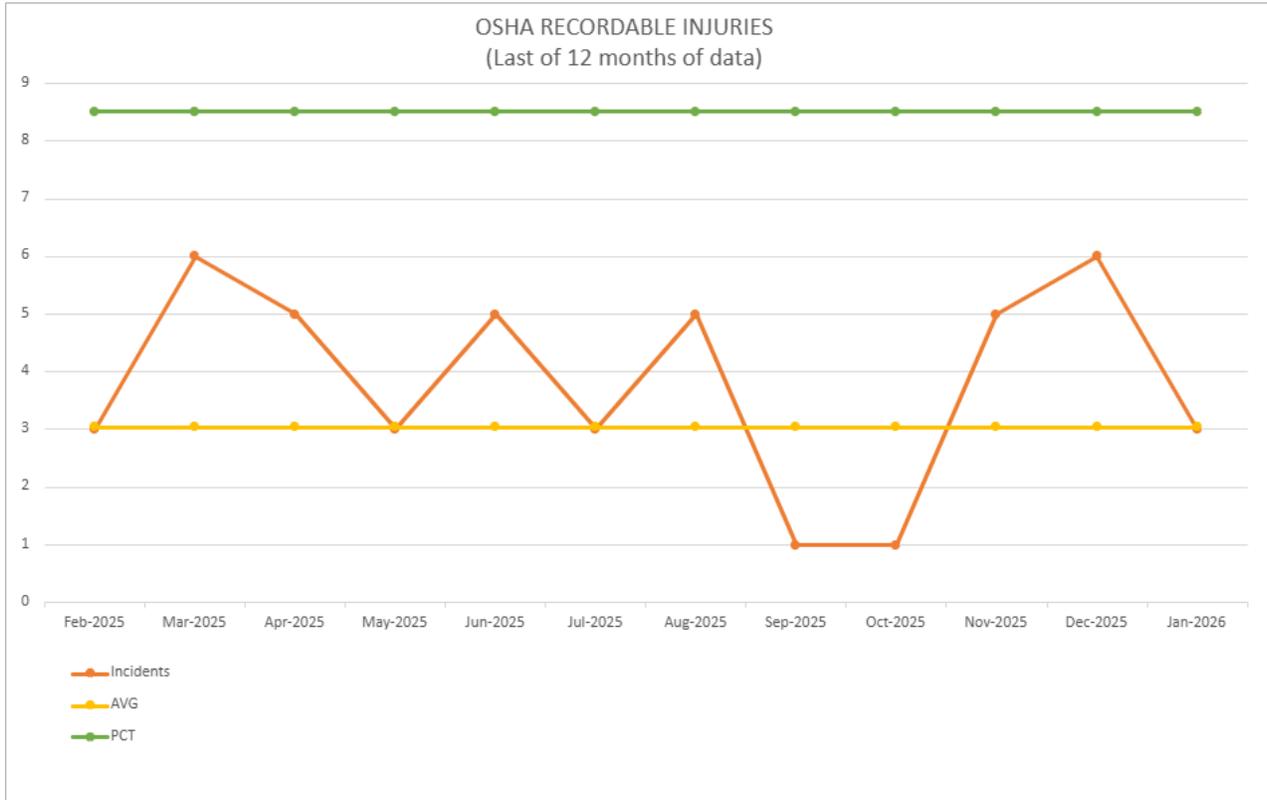
None in Operation

30-Day Average Power:  
**0.0 MW**

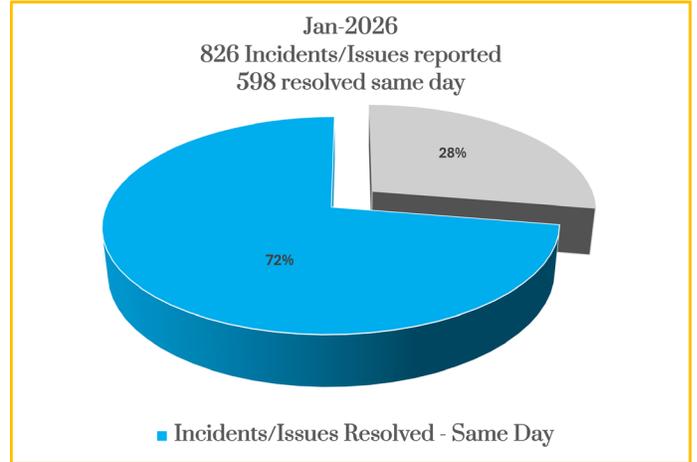
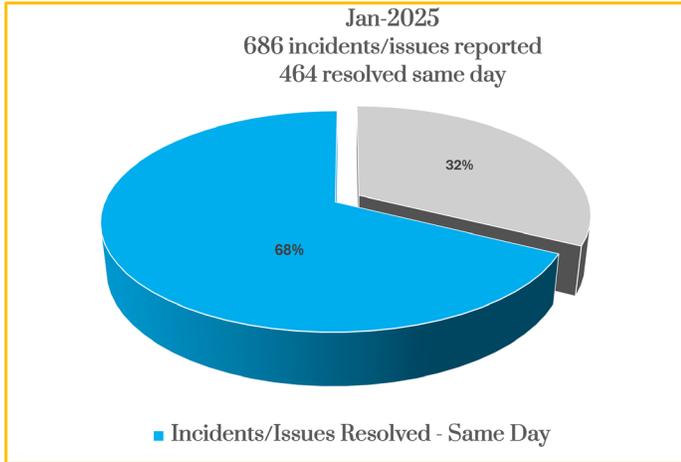
### Water Quality

Plant Name	Targeted Blend (% SPW)	Current TDS (mg/L)	TTHMs (µg/L)	Flow-Weighted RAA TDS (mg/L)
	As of 1/14/2026	As of 1/14/2026	As of 1/5/2026	
Weymouth	50%	426	23.0	527
Diemer	50%	417	45.0	511
Skinner	50%	403	63.0	529
Jensen	100%	281	43.0	294
Mills	100%	287	52.0	223

TDS = Total Dissolved Solids    TTHM = Total Trihalomethanes    RAA = Running Annual Average

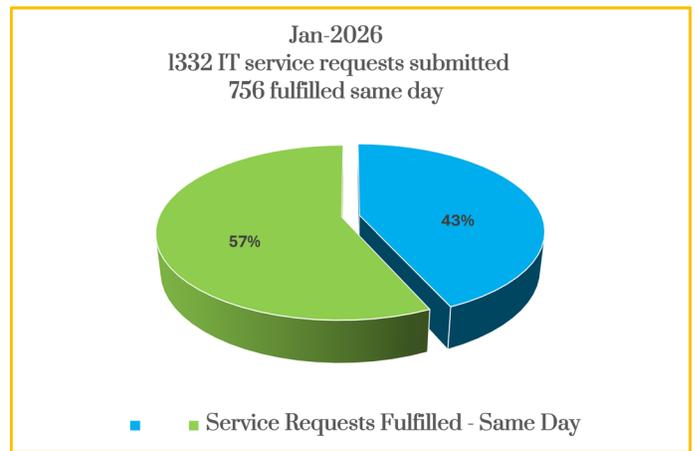
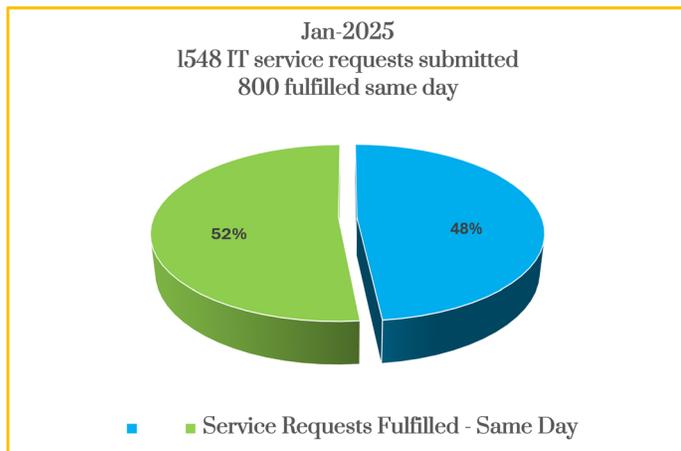


## IT Incidents/Issues Reported and Resolved within Same Day Jan-2025 vs Jan-2026



□ **IT Service Request:** An unexpected interruption/error is encountered and reported by an IT customer while using an IT application or system or a device.

## IT Service Requests Submitted and Fulfilled Same Day Jan-2025 vs Jan-2026



□ **IT Service Request:** A formal request by an IT customer for something standard, such as a password reset, new hardware, or software access, that follows a routine fulfillment process.



Metropolitan's mission is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

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