



Legislation, Regulatory Affairs & Communications
Committee

Proposal to Upgrade Metropolitan Room at Vista del Lago Water Education Center

Item 6a

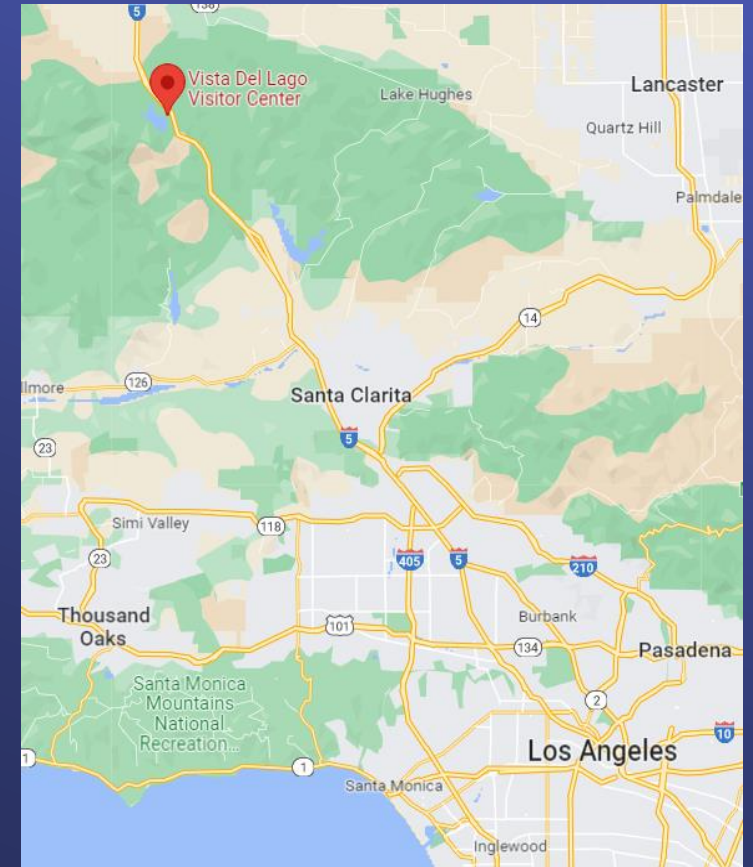
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Vista del Lago Visitor Center

Overview

Facts

- State's largest water education facility (owned and operated by DWR)
- Constructed in 1993 at Pyramid Lake
- Features exhibits, theater, school program and tours
- Average of 150,000+ visitors annually

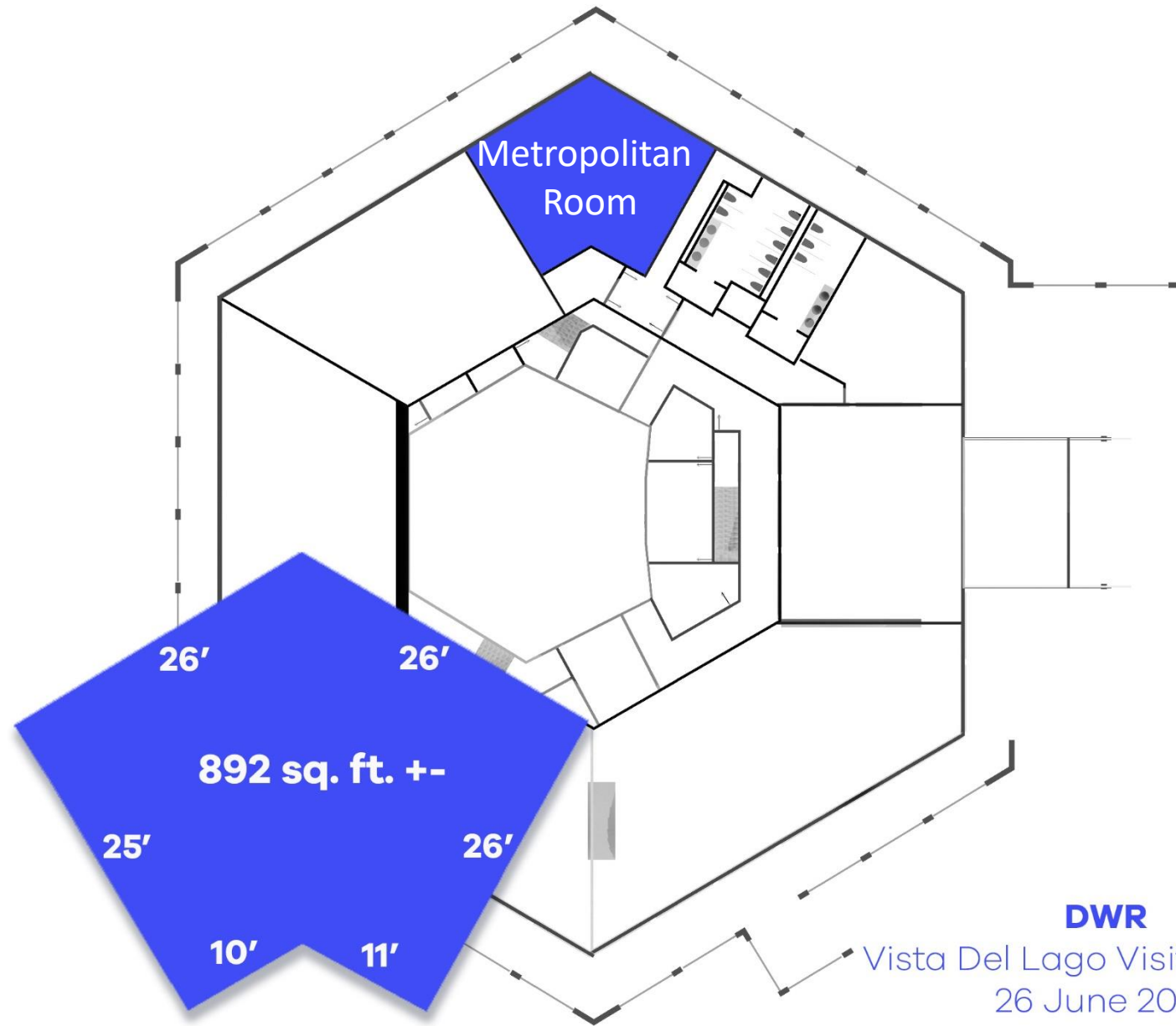


Water Education Displays, Exhibits



Metropolitan Room

Vista del Lago



DWR
Vista Del Lago Visitor Center
26 June 2023

Metropolitan Room

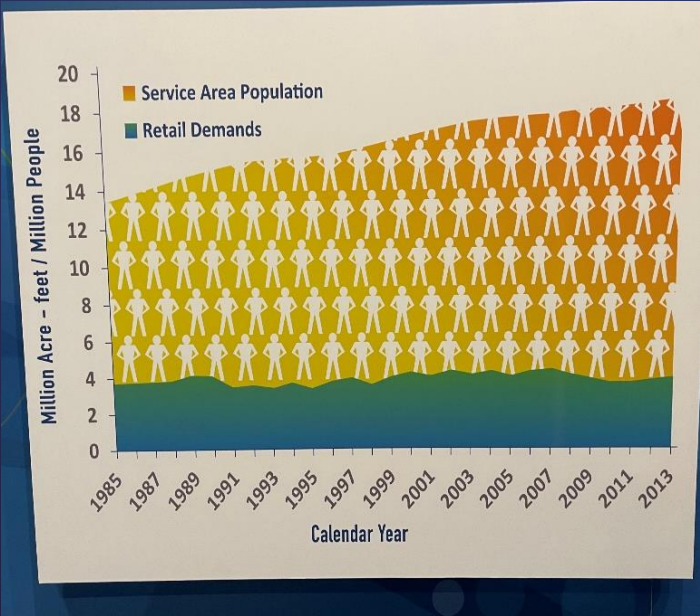
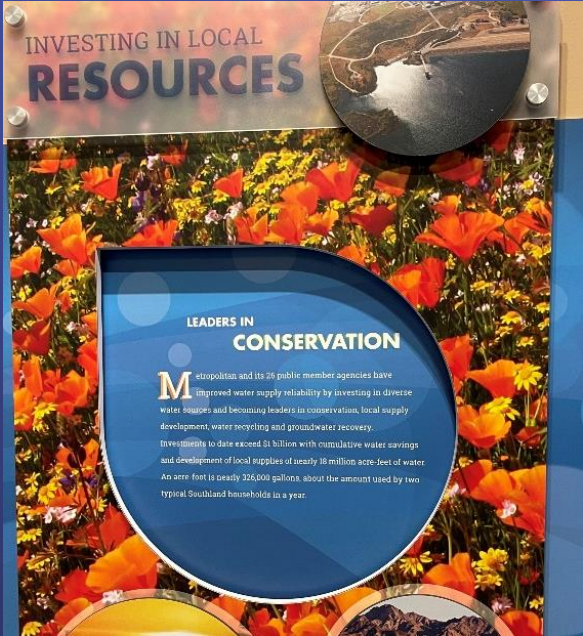
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- Metropolitan's only educational display center that is open to the general public
- Current displays in Metropolitan Room are many years old. Need updating to reflect GM/Board priorities



Vista del Lago

Metropolitan Room



DWR Upgrades

Vista del Lago

DWR Plans to Upgrade the Center

- Exhibits to be fabricated and installed 2025-2026
- Multi-million-dollar investment of multimedia and interactive displays



Water Replenishment
District's Albert Robles
Center, Pico Rivera

Opportunities for Metropolitan

Use Vista del Lago to Share Messages



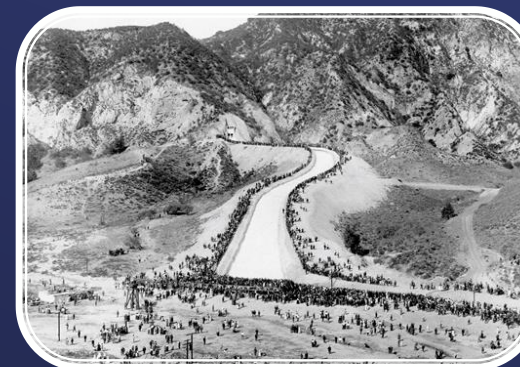
Climate adaptation



Pure Water Southern
California



Conservation and
water efficiency



Fourth Aqueduct



Call to Action

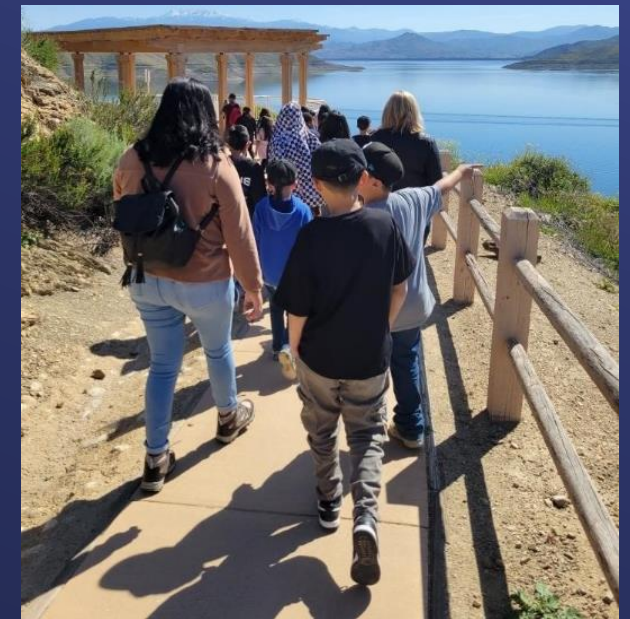
Exhibits
May Be
Replicated
Elsewhere

Future Opportunities to Integrate with other Educational Displays, Outreach

- Diamond Valley Lake
- Pure Water Southern California
- Field Trips and other Outreach



Learning Center at
Pure Water Southern California



Student Field Trips at DVL

Your Input Requested

Board Direction for Metropolitan Room

Options

1. Upgrade room to multimedia approach
- consistent with DWR plans (\$1-1.2 m)
 - \$60,000 for pre-design
 - \$140,000 for design in early 2025
 - \$800,000-\$1 million for production/installation in FY 2025-26
 - Represents a 10+ year investment in education
2. Maintain low-cost investment
 - Use in-house resources to update photos and static exhibits

Metropolitan Room at
Vista del Lago

Next Steps

- With board direction, staff will continue planning efforts to upgrade Metropolitan Room and coordinate with DWR
- Return to Committee with updates and for approval to award contract consistent with the Board-approved budget



