



Legislation and Communications Committee

4/13/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Update on Education Programs

Executive Summary

Metropolitan has a strong commitment to educating teachers and K-college students on conservation, sustainable water supplies and careers in the water industry. The presentation will provide an update on current education programs, including student field trips and competitions, teacher workshops, and career awareness initiatives that support Metropolitan's long-term water reliability and public engagement goals.

Fiscal Impact

Education programs are funded through the External Affairs Operations and Maintenance budget. Current activities are being implemented within approved budget allocations.

Applicable Policy

MWD Act Sec. 130.5(b) – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall place increased emphasis on sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective water conservation, recycling, and groundwater storage and replenishment measures.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

Not applicable

Details and Background

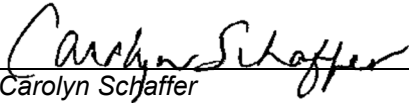
For over four decades, Metropolitan has committed to educating the next generation of water stewards, innovators, employees and water advocacy leaders across Southern California about the importance of conservation and sustainable water supplies. The Education Team supports standards-based water education programs for water resources, water quality, and conservation, as well as career awareness. The team works with member and retail agencies, educational associations, institutions and teachers to provide supplemental materials, resources, workshops, field trips, in-services and classroom presentations for pre-K, elementary and secondary schools, and colleges and universities.

Recent highlights include:

- Ongoing Diamond Valley Lake and Pure Water Southern California field trips serving K–12 and college students.
- The Water Reuse Youth Summit, which engaged secondary student teams in engineering, water quality and public perception challenges aligned with real-world water issues.
- Water Engineering for Good, promoting problem-solving and collaboration on water challenges for secondary students.

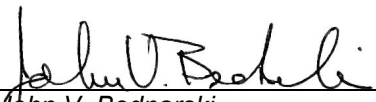
- Teacher institutes focused on emerging water issues and classroom-ready activities, equipping educators with up-to-date information and resources to share with colleagues and students.
- Expanded partnerships with member agencies, school districts and higher education institutions to strengthen water learning and workforce pipeline development.

These initiatives support Metropolitan’s commitment to public education, long-term resource stewardship and preparing the next generation of water leaders.



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